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Guidance Note for the Working Group for RSSD (2017-2020) on Day 3

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1. The Visioning Workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland, 3-4 July 2014 identified the four main themes for the Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans in the coming future: **(1) governance; (2) pollution; (3) extraction (living and non-living resources); and (4) impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.**
2. It is proposed that the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020) be based on the four main themes.
3. According to the four themes, therefore, four (4) working groups will be formed in order to formulate the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020)
4. The chair of each working group will be designated from the chairs of sessions at the 17th Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Secretariats that are relevant to each working group. It is proposed that following people will be the chair of each working group:

Working Group	Chair Name
Governance	Mr. Darius Campbell
Pollution	Mr. Vincent Sweeney
Extraction	Mr. Abou Bamba
Climate change and Acidification	Mr. Gaetano Leone

5. The contact group will be formulated during the session 1 of the Day 1 (20 October 2015). From Day 1 to Day 2, each group will draft the Strategic Direction on the specific theme based on the discussions at the meeting. The worksheets for working group are attached as Annex 1.
6. At the end of Day 2 (21 October 2015), each chair of the working group will submit the drafted documents to Ms. Kanako Hasegawa.
7. Based on the draft prepared by the contact group, working groups will be formulated to finalise the draft Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020) during the Session 6.

Working Group: Governance

Group Member:

Guidance: Based on the draft prepared by the contact group, the working group is requested to prepare a draft Regional Seas Strategic Directions on **Governance** and the implementation plan based on the format below.

Strategic Direction on Governance: *Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans are more effective at taking consensus-achieved, results-based actions and enforce decisions that maintain or improve the quality of the marine and coastal environment in order to ensure increased human wellbeing¹*

Rationale: Visioning Workshop² identified that Governance is one of the four important themes for the future of the RSCAPs. Regional Oceans Governance paper (16th GMRS WP.2.RS) also highlights the importance of integrated ocean governance.

Implementation of the above Strategic Direction:

Element	Collective Goal	Action by UNEP	Action by RSCAPs	UNEP PoW	Relevant SDG target if any
Enhance institutional sustainability of the Regional Seas Programmes	Develop strategies for securing financial sustainability for at least two (2) regions			2016-2017 4 EA(a)/(b) 2018-2019 4 EA(b)	14.c

¹ UNEP/WBRS.17/INF5 Summary of the Visioning Processes in 2014

² UNEP/WBRS.17/INF5 Summary of the Visioning Processes in 2014

Improve internal governance efficiency	At least one (1) region will start developing national reporting system			2016-2017 4 EA(a)/(b) 2018-2019 4 EA(b)	14.c
Increase visibility of the Regional Seas programme	Three (3) regions reform and modernise their websites			-	-
Green economy in oceans	Three new (3) regions use green economy concept in their region			2016-2017 3 EA (b) 2018-2019 3 EA(a)	14.2 / 14.7
Governing marine protected area	Two (2) regions engage in capacity building on MPA governance			2016-2017 3 EA (b)	14.2, 14.5

Annex 1: Outcome of the Visioning Workshop on Governance

Theme	Outcome (5-10 years)	Impact (10+ years)
Governance	Competency and visibility of regional seas conventions and action plans in service to the decision making and action(s) by member states are increased through coordinated and collaborative actions	Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans are more effective at taking consensus-achieved, results-based actions and enforce decisions that maintain or improve the quality of the marine and coastal environment in order to ensure increased human wellbeing
	Effectiveness of decisions agreed in regional seas conventions and action plans is increased through strengthening of integrated cross-sectoral and inter-ministerial approach	

Annex 2: Proposal from UNEP on the theme of Governance

Suggested element	Potential target (2017-2020)	Relevant SDG target
Enhance institutional sustainability of the Regional Seas Programmes	Develop strategies for securing financial sustainability for at least two (2) regions	14.c
Improve internal governance efficiency	At least one (1) region will start developing national reporting system	14.c
Increase visibility of the Regional Seas programme	Three (3) regions reform and modernise their websites	-
Green economy in oceans	Three new (3) regions use green economy concept in their region	14.2 / 14.7
Enhanced environmental monitoring and data collection	Five (5) regions will adopt core regional seas indicators	14.1, 14.2, 14.7, 14a, 14c
Governing marine protected area	Two (2) regions engage in capacity building on MPA governance	14.2, 14.5

Working Group: Pollution
Group Member:

Guidance: Based on the draft prepared by the contact group, the working group is requested to prepare a draft Regional Seas Strategic Directions on **Pollution** and the implementation plan based on the format below.

Strategic Direction on Pollution: *Within Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans areas of responsibility, pollution inputs to the marine environment are reduced to levels that do not negatively impact the healthy functioning of ecosystems³*

Rationale: Visioning Workshop⁴ identified that pollution is one of the four important themes for the future of the RSCAPs.

Implementation of the above Strategic Direction:

Element	Collective Goal	Action by UNEP	Action by RSCAPs	UNEP PoW	Relevant SDG target if any
<i>Example:</i> <i>Enhanced environmental monitoring and data collection</i>	<i>Five (5) regions will adopt core regional seas indicators</i>	<i>Identify core indicators by 2017</i>	<i>Adopt the core indicator set by 2018</i>	2016-2017 3 EA (b) 2018-2019 3 EA (a)	<i>14.1, 14.2, 14.7, 14a, 14c</i>

³ UNEP/WBRS.17/INF5 Summary of the Visioning Processes in 2014

⁴ UNEP/WBRS.17/INF5 Summary of the Visioning Processes in 2014

<i>Improve implementation of Conventions, Action Plans and Protocols on pollutions</i>	<i>At least two (2) regions conduct capacity development workshops with UNEP</i>			2016-2017 4 EA (b)	
				2018-2019 4 EA (b)	
<i>Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA)</i>	<i>At least three (3) new regions formulate regional action plans on GPA-related issues</i>			2016-2017 3 EA (b)	
				2018-2019 3 EA (a)	

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