



9th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions & Action Plans (RSCAPs) 29-31st December 2007 Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Session 1: Background, purpose & expected outcomes of the meeting

UNEP Regional Seas Programme Established 1974



Mediterranean | North-East Atlantic | North-East Atlantic | North-East Atlantic | North-West Pacific Red Sea & Gulf of Aden | ROPME Sea Area | South Asian Seas | South Pacific South-East Pacific | West & Central Africa | Wider Caribbean

18 Regional Seas Programmes, over 160 countries (14 Conventions and various Action Plans) The UNEP/RSP - a service and information center <u>http://www.unep.org/regionalseas</u>

Background – Global Strategic Directions, 2004-2007

2003 – 5th Global Meeting of the RSCAPs, Nairobi, Kenya. Regional Seas Coordinators agree on six global strategic directions.

2004 – 6th Global Meeting of the RSCAPs, Istanbul, Turkey. Chairs of the COPs/representatives endorse the global strategic directions and define a programme of work for their implementation.

Background – Global Strategic Directions cont'd

2005 – Continued implementation of the global strategic directions. 7th Global Meeting in Helsinki, Finland, focuses on sustainable financing for the implementation of the RSCAPs.

2006 – 8th Global Meeting of the RSCAPs, Beijing, People's Republic of China. Regions report on major highlights & progress in implementing the global strategic directions. See meeting report (RS.9/Inf.4)

Background – Global Strategic Directions cont'd

2007 – 9th Global Meeting of the RSCAPs.

Note: Working Paper **RS.9/5** – Summary reports on the implementation of the strategic directions (2004-2007)



es – 9th Global Meeting

ss **key global challenges** that could global Strategic Directions of the Regional 8-2012)

e practical and innovative approaches to m the Regional Seas into national ent planning and budgeting

v progress made in the implementation ent global RS Strategic Directions (2004agree on the focus of the next global Directions (2008-2012)