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The United Nations Environment Programme and the European Commission are implementing the project "Integrated Management and Governance Strategies for Delivery of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals". It aims at exchanging practical experiences and synthesize guidance on: (i) effective application of area-based management measures; and (ii) policy interactions and institutional arrangements to support the implementation of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals in different regional and national contexts. Currently, project activities are under implementation and practical experiences in these two subject areas are being collected to draw up lessons from practical experiences.

The United Nations member States have started preparing for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Goal 14 to be organized in June 2017 in New York, the United States of America. A meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in New York on 15-16 February 2017 to start identifying elements of the political outcome document of the Conference and agree on the themes of the Partnership Dialogue. The UNEP-EC project aims at providing information on applications of area-based management measures and policy interactions and institutional arrangements that would guide policy-makers in the implementation of the SDG 14 targets and ocean-related targets of the other SDGs. .

As part of the project, this workshop will be held with the following objectives:

1. To share lessons learnt and experiences on core elements that enable area-based management, policy interactions and institutional arrangements relevant to the implementation of Ocean-related SDGs at national and regional levels;
2. To identify additional experiences that may be used for the UNEP-EC project purposes;
3. To discuss factors that enable area-based management, policy interactions and institutional arrangements and barriers that prevents their adoption by national and regional bodies;
4. To formulate and agree on a set of conclusions and recommendations on effective use of area-based management and policy interactions and institutional cooperation for Ocean related SDG that would be further elaborated in a form of guidance for policy-makers.

The proposed programme of the workshop is as follows:

Day 1		
0900-0930	Opening of the workshop Statement by UNEP, including UNEP input to the SDG14 conference preparation Statement by European Commission Introduction of the participants	 Coordinator, UNEP Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Branch Head of Unit , EC DG ENV
0930-0945	Introduction of the UNEP-EC project	UNEP/EC

	Objective of the workshop	UNEP
0945 – 1100	2030 Agenda and Ocean-related SDGs BBNJ and SDGs Aichi Targets and Sustainable Ocean Initiative Presentation on regional ocean governance and ocean related SDGs EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Maritime Spatial Planning Directive Questions and answers	UNDESA UNDOALOS CBD IDDRI and IASS EC
1100-1115	Coffee/tea break	
1115-1230	Overview of terms, definitions and typology on area-based planning /management tools Introduction to area-based management tools and their potential to support implementation of ocean-related SDGs Discussion	UNEP-WCMC UNEP
1230-1400	Lunch	
1400-1530	Practical experiences on area-based planning/management tools MSP international practices Discussion on enabling factors and barriers	Presentation of experiences EC or UNESCO-IOC
1530-1545	Coffee/lunch break	
1545-1615	Discussion on strengthening the enabling conditions for Area based Management Tools under the cross sectoral ocean management	
1615-1730	Experiences of cross sector cooperation Fisheries and environment	Abidjan Convention/CSRP GFCM HELCOM

Day 2		
0900-0930	Recap of Day 1	EC/UNEP
0930-1100	Experiences of cross sector cooperation – Continued. ISA/IMO, River basin organization Mediterranean Sustainable Development Commission	 OSPAR Black Sea Commission MAP
1100-1120	Coffee/tea break	
1120-1230	Cross sector cooperation – integrated ocean policy Integrated Ocean Policy ROPME Regional EBM Plan Discussion on enabling factors and barriers	 CPPS ROPME
1230-1430	Lunch	
1430 – 1540	Discussion on conclusions and recommendations for further action	EC/UNEP
1540 – 1600	Coffee/tea	
1600-1730	Discussion on conclusions and recommendations for further action – Cont.	EC/UNEP

ANNEX 1: area-based management tools to be reviewed in the project

- Integrated Coastal Management
- Marine/maritime spatial planning
- Marine Protected Areas, Locally Managed Marine Areas, Fish refugia
- Ridge-to-reef, integrated island management approaches
- Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs), Shipping lanes
- Fishing closures, Designated fishing zones, Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems, Gear restriction

ANNEX 2: policy interactions and institutional arrangements case studies

- Mediterranean Sustainable Development Strategy and Commission (Mediterranean Action Plan);
- Mediterranean cooperation on protection of marine ecosystems between GFCM, MAP and others (IUCN, WWF, MedPAN, ACCOBAN) (GFCM)
- Helsinki Commission Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group or Fisheries Working Group (Helsinki Commission)
- Memorandum of Understanding on the oil pollution response and cooperation among the Northwest Pacific Action Plan member States (Marine emergency response centre supported by UNEP and IMO)
- Black Sea Commission and Danube Commission cooperation (Black Sea Commission)
- 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy and African Ocean Governance Strategy (UNEP)
- CPPS Integrated Ocean Policy discussion (CPPS to be prepared in Spanish with support from IASS)
- ROPME Ecosystem based Management strategy and cooperation with RICOFI (ROPME and/or UNEP)
- Pacific Oceanscape Initiative and ocean policy integration (PIF through SPREP)
- Abidjan Convention and Sub-regional Fisheries Commission cooperation on ecosystem approach (Commission Sou Regional des Peches)
- OSPAR cross sectoral cooperation framework, including OSPAR-NEAFC Collective Arrangements, OSPAR-IMO MOU. OSPAR-ISA MOU (OSPAR)