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Provisional agenda

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10. SOI Global Dialogue Reception

Time	Activity	Moderator/Presenter
07:45–08:30	1. Registration of the participants and Coffee/Tea Break	
08:30 – 08:40	2. Welcome, opening remarks and family photo. Opening Statements by: i) Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UNEP Executive Director ii) H.E. Ms. Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister of Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, Sea and Fisheries	Tatjana Hema, Regional Seas Branch (RSB) Head (OiC) to welcome participants and give the floor to the ED and the Minister to deliver their opening remarks
08:40 – 08:50	3. Introductions and organization of the meeting 3.1 Organization of work. 3.2 Adoption of the agenda	RSB Head (OiC) will act as overall meeting moderator and introduce the agenda.
8:50 – 10:30	4. Status of implementation of the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (RSSD) 2022-2025	Moderator Yegor Volovik, Coordinator, NOWPAP Jared Bosire, Coordinator, Nairobi Convention Margot Don, University of Wollongong RSCAP Secretariats interventions
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:50 -13:00	5. Regional Seas Strategic Directions (RSSD) 2026-2029/30	Moderator Mamadu Kane, Executive Secretary, Abidjan Convention Susan Gardner, Director, Ecosystems Division Margot Dons, University of Wollongong, Australia Fabrice Bernard will address the Coastal Adaptation Vision Paper; Conservatoire du littoral (France) RSCAPs and Partners
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 -15:30	6. Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) contribution to enhanced ocean global agenda	Moderator: Dominic Pattinson, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Mahesh Pradan, Coordinator, COBSEA Tatjana Hema, RSB Head (OiC) and MAP-Barcelona Convention Coordinator RSCAPs, Partners interventions
15:30 - 16:30	7. Partnerships and Resource mobilization 7.1 Sustainable financing and collaboration with MEAs	Moderator Irina Makarenko, Programme Officer, Black Sea Commission Torsten Thiele, expert in sustainable blue finance & Founder of the Global Ocean Trust Adonai Herrera-Martinez, Director of Environment and Sustainability, EBRD Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
16:30 – 17:45	7.2 Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue i) Introduction by co-facilitators (5 minutes) ii) Background and update on the SOI Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies (5 minutes), CBD Secretariat iii) Theme presentation—Insights and opportunities for cooperation and coordination in implementing the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (10 minutes) iv) Panel discussion (25 minutes) v) Moderated discussion (30 minutes)	Joe Appiott, Coordinator for Marine, Coastal and Island Biodiversity, CBD Secretariat Chris Corbin, Coordinator, Cartagena Convention Secretariat and Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) Stefán Ásmundsson, Special Advisor on Ocean Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland Merete Tandstad, Senior Programme Coordinator, FAO Mark Dickey-Collas, Chair, IUCN-CEM-Fisheries Expert Group (FEG) Charlotte Salpin, Senior Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)

		Ahmed Al Mazrouai, Secretary, Regional Commission for Fisheries (RECOFI)
17:45 - 18:30	8. Wrap- up and closure of the meeting i) Meeting outcomes ii) Date and venue for the next meeting iii) Closure of the meeting	Tatjana Hema, RSB Head (OIC) Dr. Wahid Moufaddal, Expert, ROPME
18:30 – 19:00	9. Award ceremony for new World Restoration Flagships, organized by the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, Ecosystems Division, UNEP (Winter Garden Room)	UN Decade on Ecosystems Restoration
19:00-21:30	10. SOI Global Dialogue Reception	CBD Secretariat and France