



Secretary General's Oceans Compact

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Background

- Late 2011 Secretary General requested Chair of High Level Committee for Programmes to draft an Oceans Compact
- Focus the resources and expertise of the UN system to deliver its ocean mandates more coherently and efficiently
- Also platform for collaboration and acceleration of progress in improving ocean health
- Action plan to outline short, medium and long-term strategies for cross-sectoral coordination and cooperation
- Consistent with Rio+20 "Future We Want"

Progress to Date

- Late 2011 - SG request
- 2011 to August 2012 - drafting of the Compact by group of UN with UN System and member states' inputs
- August 2012 - Compact launched at Yeosu Expo
- October 2012 - Agreed Road Map to follow up
- Mar 2013 - call for nominations for Advisory Group

1 Goal

3 Objectives

- **Healthy oceanic for prosperity**
- Protecting people and improving the health of the oceans
- Protecting, recovering and sustaining the oceans environments and natural resources and restoring their full food production and livelihoods services
- Strengthening ocean knowledge and the management of oceans



Features

- Capacity building in ocean affairs
 - Implementing existing agreements
 - Tools - marine spatial planning, ICZM, monitoring & assessment, surveillance
- Knowledge sharing
- Sustainable livelihoods and economic development
- Improve ocean governance at global, regional, national levels
- Protection against pollution and ecosystem degradation

Way Forward

- Action Plan
- Resource Mobilization Strategy
- Advisory Group
 - Time bound
 - Government representatives, private sector, civil society, high-level policy makers, scientists, ocean experts, NGOs
- Executive Heads of the UN system

Road Map

Task

- 1 Define TORs & form constitution Oceans Compact Advisory Group (OCAG)
- 2 Identify support for running the OCAG
- 3 Periodical & informal Briefings with Member States and major stakeholders' groups
- 4 Prepare indicative calendar of events for HL engagement stakeholders
- 5 Draft of for the elements of an Action Plan
- 6 first OCAG meeting
- 7 First drafts of Action Plan & Resource Mobilization Strategy
- 8 Near Final draft Action Plan & RMS
- 9 Second meeting of OAG to finalize AP & RMS
- 10 Action Plan and Resource Mobilization Plan is approved SG and launched
- 11 Action Plan and Resource Mobilization Plan are implemented by stakeholders and UN Agencies
- 12 Reporting



Advisory Group

- Governmental representatives, high-level policy-makers, scientists, leading ocean experts, private sector representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations;
- Executive Heads of involved UN system organizations (ex-officio).
- Bring together all ocean stakeholders and contribute to developing a new focus and direction for the work on ocean issues
- Advise on strategies for mobilizing resources needed for implementation
- Catalyze UN system-wide cooperation and arrangements in support of the OC
- Time bound

Links to Other Processes/Initiatives

- Global Partnership for Oceans
- Post-2015 Development Agenda