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Strategies and Approaches for Accelerating and Scaling up SDG14 Implementation

14 February, UN Secretariat, Conference Room 11, 6:15pm-7:30pm

SDG14 is one of the most ambitious of the 17 SDGs particularly in terms of the accelerated time frames for achieving several of the targets. Successful implementation of SDG14 requires replication and rapid scaling up of proven strategic approaches that can deliver on one or more SDG14 targets. Drawing from the UNDP/GEF International Waters and Biodiversity portfolios, this side event will present a series of short 'case studies' highlighting such proven approaches that have succeeded in reversing large scale dead zones, moved global tuna stocks towards sustainability, reduced the impacts of shipping on the marine environment, and introduced integrated, ecosystem-based approaches to sustainable ocean and coastal management at both local and multi-country scales. Speakers will highlight the strategic planning and other ocean policy and management tools and methodologies used, lessons learned and opportunities for replication and upscaling.

High Level Panel

Opening Remarks

- **Peter Thomson**, President, United Nations General Assembly
- **Isabella Lovin**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, Sweden
- **Helen Clark**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

Keynote

- **Hon. Siaosi 'Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni**, Deputy Prime Minister, Tonga, "Tonga's experience in applying Ridge to Reef approaches that Integrate Water, Land, Forest and Coastal Management to Preserve Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Improve Climate Resilience, and Sustain Livelihoods"

The event will be moderated by **Haoliang Xu**, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Programme.

Technical Panel

- **“Reversing large scale hypoxic areas caused by basin-wide nutrient pollution: The Danube/Black Sea story”** by Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **“Integrated Coastal Management as a Tool to Accelerate SDG14 Implementation: PEMSEA experience in East Asia”** by Adrian Ross, Executive Director, PEMSEA
- **“Sustaining the World’s Tuna Stocks: The Pacific Islands Experience”** by Tim Adams, Director of Fisheries Management, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
- **“Reducing Ocean Acidification and Marine Invasive Species Risk from the Shipping Sector: The Glo-X Approach”** by Fredrik Haag, Technical Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization
- **“Colombia’s experience in establishing and sustaining ecologically representative Marine Protected Areas”** by Captain Francisco Arias, Marine Research Institute of Colombia
- **“Large Marine Ecosystems as Management and Governance Frameworks for Transboundary Cooperation on SDG14: Experience of the GEF and UNDP”** by Andrew Hudson, Head, Water & Ocean Governance Programme, UNDP, and Laverne Walker, Senior Project Officer, UNDP/GEF Caribbean LME+ Project

Organizing Partners

The event is organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the following partners:

- *The Government of Sweden*
- *The Government of Tonga*
- *Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)*
- *Partnerships for Environmental Management in the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)*
- *International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*
- *Marine Research Institute of Colombia (INVEMAR)*
- *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*