

**Input from the UN Office for Project Management (UNOPS) to  
Concept note for the Partnership Dialogue 1: Addressing Marine Pollution**

Goal 14 starts with calling for prevention and significant reduction of marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities including marine debris and nutrient pollution. With eighty per cent of marine pollution coming from land-based activities, there is a need for major increases in investment in land-based structures, such as water-cleaning and reduction of run-off from land-based activities, such as industry and agriculture, including urban sewage and water treatment facilities.

Also, modern and resilient port facilities and anchorages will address not only the problem of waste management but equally importantly they can be built to withstand climate and ocean impact such as hurricanes and unexpectedly high tidal waves. New projects will further improve effectiveness and contribute to sustainability in trade and transportation, as well as processing and shipping of fish and other marine products, allowing access to marine resources and markets. All of this will require financing as well as project management for their implementation, not least in Small Island Developing States and least developed coastal States.