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Oceans in the 2030 Agenda: The role of Regional Governance

Side event during the UN Oceans Conference,
6 June 2017, 9.30 – 17.00,
Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Hosted by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Swedish Ministry of the Environment, United Nations Environment Programme

Together with the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

The degradation of the marine environment has outpaced the development of the international ocean governance landscape. A central challenge to achieving SDG 14 comes from the transboundary nature of both marine resources and threats to ocean sustainability: Neither fish stocks nor marine pollution are bound by national borders. Addressing these challenges requires collective actions by States to develop integrated approaches to ocean governance and solutions to shared problems. The 2030 Agenda provides the opportunity to address complex ocean sustainability challenges and to advance regionally coordinated cooperation across sectors and stakeholders.

This event will bring together representatives of relevant regional and international organisations, ocean governance practitioners from States, civil society and science to discuss the role of regional cooperation through which countries and competent organisations could work together towards the harmonised and cross-sectoral implementation of SDG 14 and other ocean related SDGs. It will include geographies such as: Western Indian Ocean, Pacific, North-East Atlantic, Mediterranean, or the Baltic.

The event will provide a venue during the UN Ocean Conference to engage in active discussions on regional cooperation and ocean governance, and for developing recommendations to the main conference on strengthening regional ocean governance for ocean SDG delivery.

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09.00–09.30	<i>Arrival of participants and registration</i>
09.30–10.00	Welcome addresses Moderator Alexander Müller , Managing Director, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Gunther Adler, State Secretary for the Environment, Germany■ Karolina Skog, Minister for the Environment, Sweden■ Erik Solheim, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme
10.00–11.00	Session 1: Advancing regional partnerships for SDG 14 implementation Opening statements and panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ João Aguiar Machado, European Commission, Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries■ Didier Dogley, Minister of the Environment, Republic of Seychelles, and Chair of the Nairobi Convention■ Klaus Töpfer, Founding Director, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability■ Dame Meg Taylor, Executive Secretary, Pacific Island Forum■ Arni Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, tbc
11.00–11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30–11.45	Setting the scene Moderator Teresa Ribera , Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations Implementing the 2030 Agenda for the Ocean and Coasts: The Role of Regional Ocean Governance <i>Findings from a new report launched on the occasion of the UN Ocean Conference and proposed next steps</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk, Deputy Director General, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development■ Julien Rochette, Director of the Ocean Agenda, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) and Sebastian Unger, Ocean Governance Lead, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

11.45 – 13.00

Session 2: Experiences of integrated regional ocean governance

Introduction to Session 2 by **Lisa Svensson**, United Nations Environment Programme

Institutional cooperation across sectors

Integrated solutions and good-practice examples from marine regions:

- North-East Atlantic: **Darius Campbell**, Executive Secretary OSPAR Commission, also speaking on behalf of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) Secretariat
- South-Eastern Pacific: **Julian Reyna**, Secretary-General, Permanent Commission for the South-Pacific (CPPS)
- Mediterranean Sea: **Anne-France Didier**, Ministry of the Environment, France

Land-ocean interactions – challenges and solutions

Integrated solutions and good-practice examples from marine regions:

- Western Indian Ocean: **Alain de Comarmond**, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment Republic of Seychelles, and **Dixon Waruinge**, Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention
- Baltic Sea: **Maria Laamanen**, Head of Delegation to HELCOM, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- East Asia: **Jerker Tamelander**, Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia, and **Jinjoo Sung**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

During lunch time: Presentation of relevant ongoing and new projects

Venue: Mezzanine

13.30 – 13.50

Supporting integrated regional ocean governance – Launch of a study on cross-sectoral cooperation, European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment and UN Environment

14.00 – 14.30

Launch of the IKI-Project Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance on the High Seas (STRONG High Seas): German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, and Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

14.30 – 15.15

Session 2 – Continued Capacity development and financing

Moderator **Johan Kuylienstierna**, Executive Director, Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI)

Short statements on regional examples (3–5min) followed by interactive discussion with the audience

- Micronesia Challenge: **Umiich Sengebau**, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Republic of Palau
- Benguela Current: **Lisolomzi Fikizolo**, Chief Director, Department of Environmental Affairs, Republic of South Africa, tbc
- South Pacific: **Cristelle Pratt**, Deputy Secretary-General, Pacific Islands Forum

15.15 – 16.15

**Session 3: How to advance regional governance for SDG 14 –
Invited call in's and discussion**

Introduction to Session 3 by **Sebastian Unger**, Ocean Governance Lead,
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

- Developing effective cross-sectoral collaboration within regions
- Towards interregional exchanges and learning processes
- Linking the regional level to the global follow-up and review process

16.15 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00

Conclusions and closing remarks by the co-hosts
