Background Note

Session IX: Promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes

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Apart from the contributions stemming from the work of the Communities of Ocean Action (COAs) and the inputs submitted by voluntary commitment (VC) holders, there are various relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes in support of the implementation of SDG14. For example, such initiatives and processes might include the ongoing process towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Global Sustainable Blue Economy Conference and the Our Ocean Conference series.

Recognizing the importance of this issue, the General Assembly in its resolution 73/292 decided that the 2020 Ocean Conference should, inter alia, share ongoing efforts, successes and challenges between relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes with a view to promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination, as well as preventing unnecessary duplication of efforts, to ensure further efficiency and effectiveness in support of Goal 14.

Guiding questions to frame the discussion:

- What are the relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes and how are they linked to each other?
- What would you suggest as appropriate means or channels to promote collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?
- How can the 2020 Ocean Conference promote the collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?
- How can COAs and VC holders contribute to the promotion of collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?