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Abstract of the presentation on capacity-building activities relevant to the
implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process
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UN-Oceans was established to: 1. Strengthen coordination and cooperation of
United Nations activities related to oceans and coastal areas; 2. Review the relevant
programmes and activities of the United Nations system, undertaken as part of its
collection to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of
the Sea (UNCLOS), Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation; 3.
Identify emerging issues, define joint actions and establish specific task teams to
deal with these, as appropriate; 4. Promote the integrated management of oceans at
the international level; 5. Facilitate, as appropriate, the inputs to the annual report
on oceans and the law of the sea of the Secretary-General; and 6. Promote the
coherence of United Nations system activities on oceans and coastal areas with the
mandates of the General Assembly, and the priorities contained in the Millennium
Development Goals, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and of governing
bodies of all members of UN-Oceans.

The 13 member organizations of UN-Oceans include UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO,
World Bank, FAO, UNIDO, IMO, UN-DOLOS, ISA, WMO, DESA, CBD and
IAEA. To help inform ICP regarding the work of the UN system in improving
management of oceans, coasts, SIDS, fisheries and other marine resources, this
presentation will highlight the capacity building programs and activities of each
UN-Oceans member.