

Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Regular Process)

Multi-stakeholder Dialogue / Capacity-building Partnership Event

24 – 25 January 2019

Conference Room 3, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Agenda

Day 1

10 am - 1pm

Opening

1. Mr. Gert Auväärt and Ms. Juliette Babb-Riley, Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process.
2. Ms. Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs.

Keynote address

3. Mr. Ariel Troisi, Chair of the Group of Experts on Capacity Development, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission.

Segment 1: The importance of integrated assessments for decision-making

Moderator: Ms. Judith Gobin, Department of Life Sciences, University of the West Indies

4. Panel presentations:

- a. Mr. Julian Reyna, Dean, College of Maritime Studies and Environmental Sciences, Universidad Del Pacifico, Guayaquil, Ecuador: “The importance of Integrated Assessments for decision-making (science and policy perspectives) – two successful examples”.
- b. Mr. Murray Roberts, University of Edinburgh; European ATLAS project: “Creating partnerships for capacity building in ecosystem assessment at ocean basin scale – case studies from the Atlantic”.
- c. Mr. H.M.K.J.B. Gunarathna, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and Development and Rural Economy, Sri Lanka: “An integrated approach for Master Plan Development - Project to Increase Aquaculture Production Through Conservation and Development of the Aquatic Eco-Systems Associated with Lagoons and Inland Waters of Sri Lanka”.

- d. Ms. Joana Akrofi, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): “The importance of integrated assessments for decision making (science and policy perspectives)”.

5. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

3 - 6pm

Segment 2: Capacity gaps and needs related to the conduct of integrated assessments

Moderator: Mr. Osman Keh Kamara, member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process

6. Panel presentations, Part 1:

- a. Mr. Alan Simcock, Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process: “Synthesis of gaps and needs identified for enhanced participation in, and use of the assessments and other outputs of, the Regular Process”.
- b. Ms. Caridad Canales Davila, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: “Assessment of capacity development needs of the countries in Asia and the Pacific for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: a regional perspective” (remote presentation).
- c. Ms. Karen Evans, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere and member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process: “Capacity and capability gaps: needs for marine assessments”.
- d. Mr. Roger Wang, “The imperative for multi-level cooperation in adapting to sea-level rise: a case study in San Francisco Bay”.
- e. Mr. Maruf Hossain, Professor, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh: “Status and the Needs to Meet the Goals and Commitments of SDG-14 (Life Below Water) and Global Marine Assessment-2 (Regular Process) by UN: Bangladesh Perspective” (pre-recorded presentation).

7. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

8. Panel presentations, Part 2:

- a. Ms. Francesca Santoro, Lead programme specialist in Ocean Literacy, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: “The Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR) as a tool to assess global and regional capacity in ocean research and the IOC programme on Ocean Literacy.”
- b. Ms. Fernanda de Oliveira Lana, Federal Fluminense University (UFF) and National Focal Point of Brazil for the UN Regular Process: “Sustainable Fisheries and climate change data through international cooperation regional priorities: past, present and future”.
- c. Ms. Nguyen Thanh Thao, Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE): “International cooperation and coordination, for key environmental issues in Viet Nam”.

- d. Mr. Wahid Moufaddal, Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME): “Role of near real-time satellite data acquisition and web-based monitoring in regular assessment of state of the marine environment” (pre-recorded presentation).

9. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

Day 2

10 am - 1pm

Segment 3: Multi-stakeholder discussion on opportunities, best practices and lessons-learned for enhancing the science-policy interface

Moderator: Ms. Doris Oliva, Institute of Biology, University of Valparaiso

10. Panel presentations, Part 1:

- a. Ms. Veronica Koroma, Senior Environment Officer, Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone: "The preparation of the First State of the Marine Environment report for Sierra Leone: the pathway to improved marine and coastal zone management in West Africa".
- b. Ms. Iryna Makarenko, Black Sea Commission: “Role of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in the Regular Process, preparation of integrated assessments and capacity building activities”.
- c. Mr. Miguel Iñiguez, Argentina, Alternate Commissioner (scientific) of the International Whaling Commission and Member of the Pool of Experts: “Capacity building projects on the topic of tourism and whale watching in the framework of south-south cooperation”.

11. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

12. Panel presentations, Part 2:

- a. Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, HELCOM Secretariat: “The Baltic Sea as a time machine for the future coastal ocean”.
- b. Mr. Kedong Yin, Professor, School of Marine Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University: “Science-Driven Management Decision Making in Formulating Sewage Treatment Strategy”.
- c. Mr. Ivar Baste, IPBES bureau member and co-chair of the IPBES capacity-building task force: “Lessons learned for enhancing the science-policy interface”.

13. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

3 – 6pm

Segment 3: Multi-stakeholder discussion on opportunities, best practices and lessons-learned for enhancing the science-policy interface (cont.)

Moderator: Ms. Karen Evans, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere, member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process

14. Panel presentations, Part 3:

- a. Mr. Andrew Hudson, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): “GEF IW: LEARN and LME: LEARN: South-South and North-South Cooperation for Improved Transboundary Waters Management”.
- b. Ms. Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: “The Science-policy interface: linking global to local scales”.
- c. Mr. Ariel Troisi, Argentina, Chair of the Group of Experts on Capacity Development, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: “IOC capacity development approach, including in relation to the operationalization of the Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology (CGTMT)”.
- d. Mr. Luciano Hermanns, AOCEANO (Brazilian Oceanographers Association): “A cooperation bridge between Brazilian oceanographers and international institutions”.

15. Interactive discussion/dialogue.

Segment 4. Way forward

16. Ms. Juliette Babb-Riley, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process.

17. Interactive discussion/dialogue on the way forward, opportunities and challenges.

Closing

18. Mr. Gert Auväärt, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process.