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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sixth East Asian Seas (EAS) Partnership Council Meeting was held at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Conference Center, Makati, Philippines from 23 to 25 June 2014. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines co-hosted the Meeting. The Meeting was attended by representatives from 9 Country Partners, 11 Non-Country Partners, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, and an observer from Thailand.

The Partnership Council focused on the following critical issues: (a) Developing PEMSEA's Brand; (b) Updating of the SDS-SEA and setting of post-2015 Targets; (c) PEMSEA's progress towards becoming a self-sustaining international organization; (d) the East Asian Seas Congress and Ministerial Forum 2015; and (e) Knowledge Management, among others.

The Council made decisions regarding:

- Development and promotion of PEMSEA's brand;
- Preparation of a regional Knowledge Management platform;
- Organization of a Technical Working Group on the updating of the SDS-SEA and setting of post-2015 targets;
- Adoption and implementation of a refined Strategy and Implementation Plan for Achieving a Self-Sustained PEMSEA;
- Preparations for the EAS Congress 2015 and the Fifth Ministerial Forum; and
- Adoption of the work plan and budget for the GEF/WB MSP on Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development of LMEs of East Asia and their Coasts.

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INTRODUCTION

- i. The 6th EAS Partnership Council Meeting was held at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Conference Center, Makati, Philippines from 23 to 25 June 2014. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines co-hosted the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by representatives from nine PEMSEA Partner Countries, namely: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. A representative from Thailand was present as an observer. Eleven representatives from Non-Country Partners were in attendance, namely: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB); Coastal Management Center (CMC); IOC/WESTPAC; Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM); Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP); Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL); Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF); Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML); and PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG).
- iii. Representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Manila and the UNDP Regional Centre Bangkok, as well as The World Bank were present on behalf of the sponsoring organizations. The PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) served as the Secretariat for the Meeting.
- iv. The full list of participants is found in Annex 1.

1.0 OPENING CEREMONY

1.1 Summary of Opening Ceremony Speeches

- i. On behalf of the EAS Partnership Council and the Executive Committee, Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng, Council Chair, opened the Meeting by welcoming all the participants to the 6th EAS Partnership Council Meeting. Amb. Seet-Cheng expressed her sincere thanks to Dr. Chua Thia-Eng for his guidance as well as the other former and current members of the Executive Committee for their support. The Council Chair emphasized that while PEMSEA has gained its international legal personality, a number of key challenges need to be addressed if PEMSEA is to become a self-sustaining, highly competent and globally recognized organization.
- ii. In line with this, Amb. Seet-Cheng highlighted the need for PEMSEA to examine its goals, assess what has been accomplished, identify lessons learned and plan for its post-2015 agenda. In particular, the Council Chair highlighted the need to: establish a strong PEMSEA brand; identify various mechanisms for financial

- sustainability; strengthen ownership of PEMSEA; and update the SDS-SEA in line with global developments and targets. In closing, Amb. Seet-Cheng urged all the Country and Non-Country Partners for their active engagement in the meeting discussions.
- iii. On behalf of the Government of the Philippines and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Usec. Analiza Rebueta-Teh, delivered the welcome speech of DENR Sec. Ramon Paje. Usec. Teh expressed warm welcome to the members of the EAS Partnership Council and PEMSEA's sponsoring organizations. Usec. Teh highlighted the importance of the 6th EAS Partnership Council as the first Council meeting under PEMSEA's fourth phase and as a full-fledged international organization.
 - iv. Usec. Teh congratulated PEMSEA for the approval of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA Project on Scaling up the Implementation of the SDS-SEA, as well as the GEF/World Bank/PEMSEA Project on Applying Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development of Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia and Their Coasts. In line with this, she emphasized the need to level up the engagement of Partners and to weave these new plans and targets into the Partners' long-term strategy, finance and core operations in order to sustain PEMSEA's financial capability.
 - v. In line with PEMSEA's ongoing transformation, Usec. Teh underscored the continuous commitment by the DENR and the Government of the Philippines to PEMSEA, including the hosting of the PEMSEA Resource Facility and implementation of the SDS-SEA. Usec. Teh also informed the Council that the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) has been ratified by the President of the Philippines and submitted to the Philippine Senate Foreign Relations Committee for final review and approval.
 - vi. In line with the implementation of the SDS-SEA in the Philippines, Usec. Teh highlighted some of the major accomplishments and initiatives of the Philippines on coastal and marine development and governance, including: identification of key policy concerns to be addressed and implementation of policy reforms as part of the Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project (ICRMP) in the Philippines; the National Greening Program which supports ICM implementation; development and implementation of climate proofing policies, plans and programs, etc. Finally, Usec. Teh expressed confidence that PEMSEA can achieve self-sustainability with the strong support of its Country and Non-Country Partners.
 - vii. On behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, PRF Executive Director, welcomed the participants to the Meeting. Mr. Ross emphasized how the East Asian Seas region is now leading the initiatives on sustainable coastal and ocean development. In particular, he emphasized the growing global recognition on the impacts of integrated coastal management (ICM) at the local level and the framework provided by the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) in the region. Mr. Ross acknowledged the strong support that UNDP and GEF have provided over the past 20 years, and affirmed PEMSEA's continuous collaboration with these organizations as SDS-SEA implementation is further scaled up.

- viii. Mr. Ross highlighted that while the achievements of PEMSEA have been impressive, there remains a number of actions to be taken in order to meet the SDS-SEA targets made at the Haikou Declaration in 2006. In particular, he emphasized that as part of ICM scaling up, 55 new sites will be established in the next five years, thereby bringing the total coastline coverage to 25 percent, exceeding the 20 percent target set for 2015. In coordination with the PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG), scaling up of ICM sites as well as further standardization of ICM practices and products will be achieved.
- ix. Complementary to the SDS-SEA implementation is the World Bank/GEF Medium-sized project on Knowledge Management which aims to establish a knowledge management platform for the EAS region that will contribute in the consolidation and replication of good practices and scaling up of investments in sustainable development.
- x. Mr. Ross emphasized that PEMSEA is currently at a crossroads. In order to achieve financial self-sustainability by 2017, it is critical for PEMSEA to remain at the forefront and to have a clear picture of where it wants to go and how to get there. On this note, Mr. Ross encouraged all the Country and Non-Country Partners to actively participate in the critical discussions of the meeting.
- xi. The full text of Opening Ceremony speeches is attached as Annex 2.

1.2 Organizational Matters

- i. The Secretariat introduced the principal reference documents for the Meeting.

A. COUNCIL SESSION

- i. Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng chaired the Council Session.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Discussion Highlights:

- 2.1 The Chair presented the agenda and the schedule for the meeting.
- 2.2 The meeting noted the need for the timely dissemination of meeting documents to enable the Country and Non-Country Partners to fully prepare for the meeting discussions in accordance with Section 6.5 of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance.

Recommendations:

The Council Session recommended that:

- 2.3 The PRF disseminate the EAS Partnership Council Meeting documents 30 days before the meeting date in accordance with the PEMSEA Rules of Governance.
- 2.4 The 6th EAS Partnership Council Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

3.0 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE 5TH EAS PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL, 13TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, AND 14TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AND STATUS OF ACTIONS TAKEN (PC/14/DOC/03)

Discussion Highlights:

- 3.1 Decisions and recommendations of the previous Council and Executive Committee meetings have been implemented as directed. Ongoing activities related to PEMSEA's transformation and self-sustainability, updating of the SDS-SEA, and organization of the EAS Congress 2015 were scheduled for discussion under relevant agenda items of the 6th EAS Partnership Council meeting.
- 3.2 The Terms of Reference for the designated Chair Emeritus, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, distributed as an additional agenda item, were endorsed to the Council by the Executive Committee.
- 3.3 The representative from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF), RO Korea, requested clarification on the following points:
 - a. Distribution of 14th Executive Committee Proceedings;
 - b. Proposed CBD/ACB/PEMSEA events at CBD COP12 meeting, with MOF, RO Korea, as possible co-sponsor;
 - c. Status and timeline of the Headquarters Agreement;
 - d. Status update on the Selection and Recruitment of PRF Executive Director;

- e. Clarification on the PEMSEA Senior Advisors and EAS Partnership Council Chair Emeritus for Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, including: source of fund; differences in roles of Senior Advisors and Chair Emeritus; linkage of the Senior Advisors and Chair Emeritus to the Executive Committee and the PRF; type of services to be provided by the Senior Advisor and Chair Emeritus (technical or secretariat); and
 - f. Venue of the 15th Executive Committee Meeting.
- 3.4 The following responses were provided by the Council Chair and members of the Executive Committee:
- a. The 14th EC proceedings were posted on the PEMSEA website. However, as requested, in the future, the EC proceedings will be circulated by the PRF to all Partners 15 days from the culmination of the respective EC meetings;
 - b. The PRF will provide further details to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) on the proposed Investors Roundtable that is being planned as a side event of CBD COP12. In addition, a formal letter will be sent to the MOF inviting their consideration to co-sponsor the Investors Roundtable.
 - c. The Headquarters Agreement (HQA) has been ratified by the Philippine President in November 2013 and has been submitted to the Philippine Senate Foreign Relations Committee for review prior to final approval by the Philippine Senate. It was emphasized that while the final approval by the Philippine Senate is still pending, the ratification of the HQA by the Philippine President has already accorded PEMSEA with international legal personality. The HQA has taken effect and provisions are already being observed by the Philippine government. It is expected that the HQA will be tabled for final review and approval upon resumption of the session of the Philippine Senate on July 27, 2014.
 - d. The Executive Committee acted upon the decision of the 5th EAS Partnership Council and contracted Mr. Ross for a one-year period to serve as Executive Director, commencing 1 January 2014. It was noted that requests had been sent to Country Partners to help identify qualified individuals who can apply for the Executive Director's post. The search for qualified candidates will continue and countries were invited to submit their best candidates. It was further emphasized that it is critical for candidates to have a deep understanding of the East Asian Seas region and have a strong background on coastal and ocean management and governance.
 - e. The 5th EAS Partnership Council meeting decided to defer the designation of PEMSEA Senior Advisors. The expanded 13th EC meeting decided to confer the honorary position of EAS Partnership Council Chair Emeritus to Dr. Chua Thia-Eng in recognition of his contributions to the development of PEMSEA. The meeting was informed that the expenses of the Chair Emeritus for his participation in meetings and events (i.e., transportation and accommodation costs) will be covered under the PRF Core Group operations and services.
- 3.5 The Chair suggested that the delegation from RO Korea submit a written request for clarification on these matters to the PRF Secretariat, so that the Secretariat

can provide a more comprehensive response. The RO Korean delegation agreed to the suggestion.

Recommendations:

The Council Session recommended that:

- 3.6 The PRF distribute the proceedings of the Executive Committee meetings to all Partners in accordance with the timeframe specified in PEMSEA Rules of Governance.
- 3.7 The EAS Partnership Council await the results of the MOF of RO Korea internal consultations regarding the invitation to co-sponsor the investor's roundtable meeting in CBD COP12, as well as the possible organization of the 15th EC meeting in RO Korea, and advise the PRF accordingly on the final decision.
- 3.8 The PRF, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Philippines, continue to pursue the final approval of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) by the Philippine Senate and that the PRF inform all Partners upon approval of the HQA by the Philippine Senate.
- 3.9 The Country Partners nominate qualified individuals who can be considered for the Executive Director post.
- 3.10 The Terms of Reference for Dr. Chua Thia-Eng as Chair Emeritus be approved with minor edits (Annex 3).

4.0 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR (PC/14/DOC/04)

- 4.1 The Council Chair prioritized the following key initiatives and issue areas in 2013 to early 2014:
 - Exploration of other streams of funding for PEMSEA's self-sustainability in view of inadequate voluntary contribution;
 - Development of PEMSEA's brand as a necessary step in elevating the value and ownership of PEMSEA;
 - The updating of the SDS-SEA and aligning it and its strategic post-2015 targets with recent global commitments and targets; and
 - Organization of the EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum 2015 as culminating event to launch the PEMSEA brand, the updated SDS-SEA and post-2015 targets for the region.

Recommendation:

The Council Session recommended that:

- 4.2 The Council Chair Report be adopted as presented.

5.0 REPORT OF THE PRF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PC/14/DOC/05)

- 5.1 The PRF Executive Director presented the major accomplishments of and challenges encountered by the PEMSEA Country and Non-Country Partners, as well as the PRF in line with the implementation of the SDS-SEA Regional Implementation Plan 2012-2016.

Recommendations:

The Council Session recommended that:

- 5.2 The PRF Executive Director's Report be adopted.
- 5.3 PEMSEA Country and Non-Country Partners provide additional information and inputs to the Accomplishment Report by corresponding with the PRF on or before 31 July 2014.
- 5.4 The PRF finalize and publish the report taking into consideration the inputs from the Country and Non-Country Partners.

B. TECHNICAL SESSION

- i. The Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Chul Hwan Koh, Technical Session Chair.

6.0 DEVELOPING PEMSEA'S BRAND (PC/14/DOC/06)

Discussion Highlights:

- 6.1 In accordance with the recommendation of the 14th EC Meeting (April 2014), the PRF with the technical support of Coalescent Services, LLC, initiated the development of a PEMSEA brand that is integral to achieving PEMSEA's financial self-sustainability. The initiative highlights the need for PEMSEA to have a clear articulation of its visions, brand positioning, and value to its customers. The development of the PEMSEA brand also aims to achieve better understanding and appreciation of PEMSEA's value to the region and generating a sense of pride and purpose within the organization, and create opportunities for partnership and avenues for sustainable financing.
- 6.2 As part of the Technical Session, a two-hour workshop was conducted to solicit the insights of Partners in developing PEMSEA's brand. The Council members were divided into six break-out groups and discussed the following:
 - o Biggest issues faced by the organization/country on coastal management;
 - o PEMSEA's comparative advantage in addressing these issues;
 - o Experiences that illustrate PEMSEA's commitment and expertise; and
 - o 3 verbs and 3 adjectives that best describe PEMSEA and present the words in poster form.
- 6.3 Overall, the result of the group discussions showed significant linkage and relevance to the PEMSEA vision of "protect and sustain the health of the Seas of East Asia for present and future generations". The various inputs manifested the following perception of the Partners on PEMSEA as an organization and how it addresses its vision: a strong focus on partnership; strong leadership; best practices and expertise; and a flexible approach.
- 6.4 The following were also highlighted as areas wherein PEMSEA delivers value: connecting local and global issues; shared mission and coordination for the region; engaging multiple stakeholders; objective, science-based expertise; harmonization; clear framework and flexibility; and working around politics.
- 6.5 The group discussions highlighted PEMSEA as a "Regional connector" with its capacity to make connections at the local and national level, across countries and sectors, and connect policy with institutions, implementation plans, science and technological innovations.
- 6.6 Based on the outputs of the workshop, a synthesis will be developed and used as input in developing the blueprint for developing PEMSEA's Brand.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 6.7 The PRF and the consulting team process the results of the branding workshop and prepare a brand guidance report, which can be used as a blueprint for building PEMSEA's brand.
- 6.8 The Executive Committee be requested to oversee and guide the development of PEMSEA branding inter-sessionally.
- 6.9 The PEMSEA branding update be presented to Council at its next meeting in June/July 2015.
- 6.10 The PEMSEA brand be launched during the EAS Congress 2015.

7.0 COLLABORATIVE SESSION ON KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (PC/14/DOC/07)

Discussion Highlights:

- 7.1 The World Bank/GEF Medium-sized Project entitled *Applying Knowledge Management to Scale up Partnership Investments for Sustainable Development of Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia and their Coasts* was initiated in January 2014 to strengthen and scale up KM applications and services across regional, national and local programs in support of SDS-SEA objectives and targets. In line with this, several discussions with the World Bank investment projects have been undertaken and a number of knowledge products and services have been identified which will be built into the PEMSEA knowledge management (KM) system (i.e., electronic library and knowledge portal, online directory, web-based participatory monitoring and evaluation and state of coast reporting, web-based investment opportunities window, communities of practice and support services, and new partnership).
- 7.2 As part of the design and development of the KM system and collaborative planning, the Technical Session re-convened the six breakout group discussions guided by the following questions:
 - o Do you see a need or potential added value for a PEMSEA regional KM system that is focused on scaling up good practices and investments for sustainable development of LMEs and their coasts?
 - o What particular products and services would you like this regional KM system to provide?
 - o How would you see your organization contributing/participating in the development and operation of the KM system?
- 7.3 Discussions of six breakout groups concluded that:
 - o The added value of a regional KM system: gateway for information; localization of KM; thematic and geographical community of practices; web-

- linking; directory of experts; broad networking; adapting good practices from other countries and regions; cost-time efficiency; and access to training;
- Products and services suggested for the regional system: online moderated forums; marketplace for business and investment projects; file-sharing protocols with security procedures; customized solutions; portal for training opportunities and harmonization of partner's training programs; electronic library of case studies categorized into priority issues; ICM toolkits; list of service providers and consultants; online training modules and materials; online helpdesk with access to communities of practice; global trends and updates; online journal and newsletters; etc
- Partners are willing to contribute in the development and operation of the system in the following ways: sharing of roster of experts; outsourcing of KM of other GEF programmatic approaches; dissemination and promotion; providing inputs to portals, case studies, good practices, reports; designation of focal persons to link to the KM system; conduct training courses; linking national and local knowledge hubs with the KM system; etc.
- The provision of information and value-added knowledge products and services to the public and private sectors via the KM system represents a potential source of revenue for PEMSEA. However, it was noted that arrangements between PEMSEA and the suppliers of data and information would need to be formalized, including terms and conditions regarding data use, dissemination, etc.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 7.4 The PRF incorporate the outputs of the collaborative KM planning workshop into the design of the KM system, taking into account the potential uses, linkages and knowledge products and services that were identified by the six working groups.
- 7.5 The PRF interact with Country and Non-Country Partners regarding possible linkages to existing knowledge platforms and databases, and existing and new KM products and services for inclusion in a regional knowledge platform.
- 7.6 The PRF present the beta version of the KM platform (e-library and knowledge portal) to the 7th EAS Partnership Council Meeting

8.0 UPDATING THE SDS-SEA AND SETTING OF POST-2015 TARGETS (PC/14/DOC/08a and PC/14/DOC/8b)

- 8.1 As requested by the 5th EAS Partnership Council Meeting (July 2013), the PRF, with technical support from a consulting team comprised of two legal specialists, Ms. Stella Regina Bernad and Ms. Alaya De Leon, and with input and guidance from Dr. Antonio La Viña, Council Session Co-Chair, developed an inception report on the updating of the SDS-SEA and setting of post-2015 targets.
- 8.2 Findings of the initial assessment or inception report were presented to the Technical Session by Ms. De Leon, focusing on new and emerging international instruments, objectives and targets, including the UN Sustainable Development

Goals, and their relation and possible impact to the SDS-SEA, with identification of gaps and shortcomings in the SDS-SEA that require updating.

- 8.3 As part of this initiative and as recommended by the 14th EC meeting, the PRF prepared the terms of reference for the Technical Working Group (TWG) to update the SDS-SEA targets and setting post-2015 targets. Mr. Guo Yinfeng, Programme Specialist of the PRF, introduced the terms of reference for the TWG.

Discussion Highlights:

- 8.4 Updating the SDS-SEA and post-2015 targets is critical to the sustainable coastal development for the EAS region up to 2030 commensurate with SDGs. In this regard, a participatory approach should be adopted to ensure consensus-building among Country, Non-Country Partners and collaborators.
- 8.5 The original SDS-SEA served as a good regional model in the efforts toward sustainable development. It is therefore crucial to ensure that the updated SDS-SEA will be a comprehensive document that will be highly utilized and respected by the international community.
- 8.6 The following gaps are identified by the Country and Non-Country Partners in addition to those elaborated in the inception report:
- Commitments of national governments in the EAS region to global and regional instruments need to be reviewed, including the Ocean Compact, Ocean Declaration, MARPOL Annex 5, GPA in relation to nutrient, marine debris and sewage, UNESCO-ASEAN agreement, etc;
 - SAPs and strategies of YSLME, WCPFC, BOBLME, SCS, SSS, ATSEA, CTI and objectives and action programs therein;
 - Use of available scientific information to support the process, including 5th IPCC assessment, new knowledge, probabilistic risk assessment, scientific modeling and findings, at global, regional and national levels, in the areas of climate change adaptation in addition to those identified in the previous PEMSEA documents;
 - National consultation process of SDG; and
 - Information networking as a cross-cutting theme.
- 8.7 Given the time constraints of the update process, qualitative targets can be considered for areas with uncertainties about baselines at the regional level.
- 8.8 The work plan for the updating of the SDS-SEA and the Technical Working Group needs further details to provide better guidance to Country and Non-Country Partners and to ensure that required activities and documents are completed and approved in time for adoption by the Fifth Ministerial Forum.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 8.9 The inception report be completed, taking into account the comments from the Technical Session regarding the scope and coverage of the international and regional instruments being reviewed and included in the updating process.

- 8.10 The PRF and the consulting team develop a working paper on proposed revisions and additions to SDS-SEA, taking into account the information gathered and assessed during the inception phase, for dissemination to the Partners and to the TWG on SDS-SEA updating.
- 8.11 The TOR for the TWG on SDS-SEA updating be adopted as presented.
- 8.12 The PRF issue invitations to Country and Non-Country Partners requesting nominations for membership on the TWG by 31 July 2014 at the latest.
- 8.13 The PRF review and revise the work plan and schedule for completing the SDS-SEA updating process, taking into account the internal consultation and approval processes that need to be undertaken in the respective countries prior to the submission of the updated SDS-SEA to the Ministerial Forum in 2015.
- 8.14 The Executive Committee be requested to oversee the work program and outputs of the SDS-SEA updating inter-sessionally, and report the progress/results to the next Council meeting.
- 8.15 The Country and Non-Country Partners be requested to actively participate in the SDS-SEA review and update process and facilitate the internal review and approval process.

9.0 EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS 2015 (PC/14/DOC/09)

Discussion Highlights:

- 9.1 The Meeting noted with appreciation, the confirmation from the Government of Vietnam regarding the hosting of the East Asian Seas Congress and Ministerial Forum 2015. Dr. Dang Huy Ram, Director of Vietnam Administration for Seas and Islands (VASI), informed the meeting that the EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum will be conducted from November 17-21, 2015, and that internal consultations regarding the venue will be finalized by early July 2014.
- 9.2 The EAS Congress 2015 is scheduled from November 17 to 21, 2015 in Vietnam. The VASI/MONRE of Vietnam is in the process of finalizing the selection of the most suitable venue for the EAS Congress.
- 9.3 The EAS Congress is a crucial event and activity for PEMSEA and requires the active engagement of all Country and Non-Country Partners as well as collaborating and sponsoring organizations.
- 9.4 The EAS Congress will serve as a culminating event to launch the ongoing efforts related to the branding of PEMSEA, the adoption of the updated SDS-SEA and strategic targets, as well as other initiatives/projects.
- 9.5 Holding the GEF IW Conference in conjunction with the EAS Congress provides a good opportunity to link the discussions at IW Conference with Congress

sessions. It is important however to ensure that the schedule of activities are well-organized and are preferably limited within the Congress five-day schedule.

- 9.6 The EAS Congress should continue to serve as a venue to further promote and strengthen cooperation between and among the countries of the EAS region focusing on key and emerging challenges and actions in sustainable coastal and ocean development in the region.
- 9.7 The following Country and Non-Country Partners indicated initial interest to organize events/sessions during the EAS Congress:
 - China: workshop on “21st Century Maritime Silk Road”.
 - ACB and PEMSEA: marine protected areas through ICM in support of SDS-SEA.
 - OPRF and OPINEAR: a session related to linking science, policy and action.
 - UNDP: In line with the planned integration of IW Conference with the EAS Congress, to organize a workshop focusing on ICM initiatives in various regions and to share PEMSEA’ s ICM model and experience (i.e., Western and Central Pacific, South Asia, Caribbean, Africa, etc.)
 - OPRF: In relation to UNDP’s proposal, a possible cooperative session will be explored with EMECS on ICM initiatives.
- 9.8 Maximizing the use of social media in the publicity and promotion of the EAS Congress will help reach wider audience and minimize promotional costs.
- 9.9 In developing a Declaration or Agreement for the Ministerial Forum, it is important to keep the document simple and focused, building on the previous Declarations and strengthened commitment for the updated SDS-SEA.
- 9.10 Countries and agencies that have hosted or assisted in past Congresses may share their experiences to Vietnam and to future hosts of the EAS Congress to help countries prepare for the Congress events.
- 9.11 The ultimate objective of the EAS Congress is to ensure quality sessions and discussions.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 9.12 VASI/MONRE complete the selection of the EAS Congress venue and inform the PRF as soon as possible to facilitate promotions and preparation for the EAS Congress and Fifth Ministerial Forum.
- 9.13 The PRF pursue discussions with Country and Non-Country Partners on innovations/improvements in the Congress program as well as workshops or sessions that they may co-organize at the EAS Congress, in accordance with discussions during the Technical Session
- 9.14 The Country and Non-Country Partners be requested to take an active role in the organization and conduct of the EAS Congress, convening or co-convening

workshops, identifying and providing keynote speakers, and other organizations and tapping agencies, institutions and networks that may also have interest in the EAS Congress.

- 9.15 The PRF develop a more detailed, innovative EAS Congress programme taking into consideration the inputs coming from Partners.
- 9.16 The PRF, with support from the EC, pursue consultations with Countries on possible host for EAS Congress 2018.
- 9.17 The PRF explore alternatives to signing a Ministerial Declaration during the EAS Congress 2015, in collaboration with the EC, the Council and the Host Government.

10.0 COLLABORATIVE PLANNING: PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

Discussion Highlights:

- 10.1 The Non-Country Partners presented their respective programs and initiatives for 2014-2015 contributing to SDS-SEA implementation. The key potential areas of collaboration identified are as follows:
 - Collaboration and participation as partners in a project that is being developed by SOA of China and PEMSEA focusing on the development and demonstration of an ocean-based blue economy through ICM;
 - Knowledge Management (ACB's e-library and friends of biodiversity database, and subdatabase on COPs, NOWPAP's database on marine environment quality)
 - Case studies and ICM experiences
 - Marine science technology research and applications
 - Training on marine spatial planning
 - Valuation of ecosystem services
 - ICM trainings
 - Oil spill response exercises, capacity building and tools/resources
 - Capacity building and education programs (i.e., ballast water, ecosystem modelling, etc.)
 - Policy forum on coastal and ocean governance
 - Platform for enhancing scientific inputs into ICM programs
 - Achievement of Dongying Declaration targets by local governments implementing ICM (i.e., increase in PNLG membership, SOC reporting, and ICM Code and Recognition)
- 10.2 UNDP Regional Centre Bangkok also presented a number of potential areas of collaboration with PEMSEA, including:
 - 2nd phase of ATSEA Project
 - Sulu-Celebes Sea LME Project
 - Pacific Ridge to Reef programme
 - ICM in South Asia
 - IWRM in EAS region

- 10.3 The summary of presentations from the Country and Non-Country Partners is attached as Annex 4.

Recommendations:

The Technical Session recommended that:

- 10.4 The PRF summarize the collaborative activities identified in the various presentations by Country and Non-Country partners, and to share the information with Partners.
- 10.5 The PRF work with the Partners to further develop and implement collaborative activities with and among Partners as identified, in the context of scaling up the implementation of the SDS-SEA.

C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION

- i. The Intergovernmental Session was chaired by Usec. Analiza Rebuelta Teh, Intergovernmental Session Chair.

11.0 PROGRESS TOWARDS BECOMING A SELF-SUSTAINING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (PC/14/DOC/11)

Discussion Highlights:

- 11.1 The consultancy firm Coalescent Services, LLC, represented by Mr. Ryan Whisnant, presented a report on Strategy and Implementation Plan for Achieving a Self-sustained PEMSEA. Various mechanisms for generating sustainable financing were discussed, in line with the initiatives to achieve PEMSEA's self-sustainability by 2017.
- 11.2 The issue on voluntary contributions from Country Partners has been tackled for several Council Meetings. However positive response on this aspect has not met the target agreed to in the PRF Re-engineering Plan in 2011. It was emphasized that voluntary contributions are crucial to cover the basic operational costs of the PRF Core Group. The Countries were urged to identify gaps and triggers that would help overcome this shortfall.
- 11.3 The meeting considered other potential mechanisms for achieving financial sustainability, namely:
 - o Development of projects
 - o Designation as an implementing partner of UNDP
 - o Establishment of an Endowment fund
 - o Organization of a PEMSEA Business Network
 - o Provision of Advisory Services
 - o Roll-out of PSHEMS and ICM Certification
- 11.4 The Country Partners provided the following inputs during the discussions:
 - o The PEMSEA Trust Fund may be depleted significantly if the situation will not change.
 - o Tap Non-Country Partners to support the PRF Secretariat Services' operations.
 - o In CTI, the six partner countries are providing compulsory contributions to the initiative, which can also be considered for PEMSEA's case.
 - o Consider dividing the shortfall in the voluntary contributions among the Country Partners as an option.
 - o PEMSEA's framework is based on partnerships. Thus, compulsory contributions from Partners may be inconsistent with the partnership principle.
 - o Compulsory contributions may be considered later after the value of PEMSEA is institutionalized among the Country Partners.
 - o Singapore is committed to contributing an annual voluntary contribution of US\$20,000 and will explore other ways to contribute to PEMSEA.
 - o RO Korea expressed concerns on the current level of voluntary contributions by the Country Partners in obtaining a financially sustainable future for

PEMSEA. RO Korea will maintain the current level of voluntary contribution to PEMSEA and will not be able to increase the amount at this time. RO Korea thinks positively of the idea of PEMSEA being an implementing organization for projects of international organizations.

- Thailand and Indonesia will both convey the matter to their respective ministries.
- Vietnam has not come to a final decision following the high level mission to Vietnam to discuss the ownership of PEMSEA. Vietnam can provide counterpart support in the organizational aspects of the PEMSEA program in Vietnam, including participation in meetings and conduct of joint activities.
- Cambodia will endeavor to provide in-kind support through hosting of meetings and other activities of PEMSEA.
- China confirmed that it will maintain the current level of support to PEMSEA.
- While PEMSEA is identifying measures to fill in the gaps to achieve financial sustainability, the PRF staff can be issued short-term contracts in order to avoid long-term financial commitments by the organization.
- Philippines through DENR has continuously provided support to PEMSEA over the past years by maintaining the office facility and amenities.

11.5 UNDP Manila indicated that PEMSEA's competency in ICM can be utilized to bring in revenues from other sources. PEMSEA can provide advisory and technical services to the countries and other interested entities in the preparation of project proposals on ICM and further provide support on their subsequent implementation.

11.6 The proposal for the establishment of the PEMSEA Endowment Fund needs further review in view of the current difficulty in securing voluntary contributions from the Country Partners.

11.7 A combination of the proposed options and mechanisms need to be explored to achieve self-sustainability, including the hopeful engagement of the business sector in ICM implementation.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

11.8 The PRF proceed with the implementation of the Strategy and Implementation Plan for Achieving a Self-Sustained PEMSEA and consider comments, after further review of the document by the Country Partners, in refining the Strategy and Implementation Plan.

11.9 The Executive Committee oversee the implementation of the Strategy and Implementation Plan and provide feedback to the Council on the progress made on implementation.

12.0 FIFTH MINISTERIAL FORUM FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (PC/14/DOC/12)

Discussion Highlights:

- 12.1 Country Partners expressed concurrence on the proposed new and revitalized program and format for the Ministerial Forum to facilitate more engagement and interaction of Ministers with various stakeholders (national and local government leaders, scientists or academe, youth, business/corporate sector).
- 12.2 Apart from the key and emerging issues on coastal and ocean governance in the East Asian Seas region, the Ministerial Forum should also serve as a venue to familiarize Ministers with the business matters of PEMSEA including the challenges and initiatives toward self-sustainability.
- 12.3 As part of the preparation for the Ministerial Forum, it is important to consider possible difficulties in the English language and the possible need for interpreters or translation facilities.
- 12.4 The proposed session on “Ministers meet CEOs” provides a good opportunity to:
 - Introduce the PEMSEA brand, PEMSEA’s key accomplishments and future initiatives to the business sector;
 - Engage business managers/leaders and CEOs who have initiatives related to coastal and ocean development; and
 - Showcase PEMSEA’s competence particularly in the area of ICM and port certification.
- 12.5 The EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum also provide a good opportunity to engage various foundations and introduce them to the ICM initiatives in the PEMSEA countries.
- 12.6 The role of Country Partners as well as Non-Country Partners is crucial in engaging the business or corporate sector from the region in the EAS Congress and Ministerial Forum.
- 12.7 To further raise the profile of PEMSEA and the EAS Congress, it would be good to conduct the signing of bilateral and multilateral agreements or arrangements with PEMSEA Country and Non-Country Partners as well as collaborators during the EAS Congress.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 12.8 The proposed framework program and format for the Fifth Ministerial Forum be adopted taking into consideration the additional suggestions from the meeting, with a view to making the Forum more productive, interactive and meaningful.
- 12.9 National Focal Points assist in preparing and securing the participation of their respective Ministers to the Ministerial Forum.

- 12.10 The Country and Non-Country Partners assist the PRF in the preparations for the Ministerial Forum by sharing information on possible contacts and networks particularly from the business sector, corporate sector and foundations.
- 12.11 Ministerial Forum should be organized consistent with its nature as the highest policymaking body of PEMSEA.
- 12.12 The PRF explore the possibility of using the EAS Congress as a venue for signing of various agreements/arrangements between and among Country and Non-Country Partners and other collaborators.

13.0 PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON GEF/WB PROJECT (PC/14/DOC/13)

- 13.1 The activities and major outputs in the inception phase, as well as the work plan and budget for the WB/GEF MSP on Applying Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development of LMEs of East Asia and their Coasts (2014-2016) were presented.
- 13.2 The delegate from Vietnam requested for PEMSEA National Focal Points to be informed of the GEF/WB KM Project as well.

Decision:

The PSC decided that:

- 13.3 The work plan and budget for the GEF/WB MSP on Knowledge Management for Sustainable Development of LMEs of East Asia and their Coasts be adopted as presented, taking note of the council members' request to be closely involved in the implementation.

14.0 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2014 (PC/14/DOC/14)

Discussion highlights:

- 14.1 In accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Committee, a complete corporate PEMSEA Annual Work Plan and Budget is submitted to the Intergovernmental Session to ensure transparency in the management of all PEMSEA funds. While PSC for specific projects will entail separate project work plans and budgets.
- 14.2 The budget shortfall in PRF Core Group operations for 2013 and 2014 is covered by the PEMSEA Trust Account, as approved by the Executive Committee. Given the limitations in voluntary contributions and possible impact on the Trust Account, it is important to keep the countries informed and to include the status of the PEMSEA Trust Account in future reporting of work plan and budget.

- 14.3 The budget of the PRF Core Group escalated in 2013 and 2014 in view of the following activities:
- Preparations for the EAS Congress 2015;
 - Preparations and initiatives related to PEMSEA branding; and
 - Updating of the SDS-SEA and convening of TWG meetings for the SDS-SEA and post-2015 targets.
- 14.4 The Meeting noted with appreciation the voluntary support provided by China, Japan, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor-Leste and the Philippines. It was noted that the Timor-Leste support is allocated to capacity-building initiatives in Timor as directed in previous Council discussions, while the in-kind support from the Philippines pertains to PEMSEA office building and facilities.
- 14.5 It is crucial to pursue or explore wider range of fund sources in order to support the increasing PRF Core Group operations/activities.
- 14.6 The representative from Japan requested the PRF to seriously consider cost-saving, taking into account the shortfall of income for the PRF Core Group's operation.
- 14.7 The representatives from Japan and RO Korea, sought further clarification with regard to the source of fund for costs to be incurred by the EAS Partnership Council Chair Emeritus in support of PEMSEA or PRF activities. RO Korea added that if the fund is related to the contribution portion of the government then the TOR for Chair Emeritus should have been presented in the Intergovernmental Session for review prior to the Council Session. The Secretariat explained that the activities of the PEMSEA Chair Emeritus are in support of the PRF Core Group operations and as such related costs (i.e., travel, accommodation and meals) will be included in the PRF Core Group budget in 2015.
- 14.8 Earlier dissemination of meeting documents was emphasized to allow internal review of PEMSEA's Annual Work Plan and Budget prior to final approval. The representative of RO Korea, in particular, emphasized the need for Country Partners to receive all meeting documents at least 30 days in advance for review prior to the EAS Partnership Council meeting. As the dissemination of the Work Plan and Budget 2014 was delayed, RO Korea requested for another two weeks following the Council meeting in order to thoroughly review and give their opinion on the work plan and budget pursuant to their internal government protocol.
- 14.9 The representative of RO Korea further requested for PRF to provide more detailed information with regard to the number of personnel covered by the estimated budget under the PRF Core Group and the Technical and support staff.
- 14.10 It was requested that the 2013 financial report of PEMSEA as audited by KPMG Philippines, the external auditing firm, and approved by the PEMSEA Audit Committee, be disseminated to PEMSEA Country Partners for information.

Decisions:

The Intergovernmental Session decided that:

- 14.11 Country Partners be given a two-week period to further review the proposed Work Plan and Budget for 2014. Should there be no comments or response received by July 9, 2014, the proposed Work Plan and Budget for 2014 will be considered approved.
- 14.12 The PRF share substantive comments on the 2014 Budget and Work Plan with Country Partners.
- 14.13 The status of the Trust Account expenditures be included in future reporting of Work Plan and Budget.
- 14.14 The PRF share the audited 2013 financial report to all Country Partners.

15.0 Other Business

- 15.1 The representative of RO Korea requested the PRF to prepare a summary of recommendations/decisions at the end of each Partnership Council Meeting session for adoption by the Partners.
- 15.2 The Secretariat distributed the recommendations from the Technical Session and presented the draft decisions from Intergovernmental Session to the meeting. The Intergovernmental Session adopted the recommendations/decisions as presented, with minor clarifications.

16.0 Closing Ceremony

- 16.1 The Intergovernmental Session Chair, Usec. Analiza Teh, expressed her gratitude to all the Country Partners for their active participation in the meeting.
- 16.2 The Council Chair, Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng expressed her sincere thanks to all the Partners for their inputs in the meeting. The Council Chair also expressed her gratitude to the PRF Secretariat and the Government of the Philippines for their preparations to the meeting.
- 16.3 The Intergovernmental Session Chair declared the Council Meeting closed at 5:00 pm, 25 June 2014.

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ANNEX 2
OPENING CEREMONY SPEECHES

**Opening Remarks of Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng
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Honorary Members and observers of the East Asian Seas Partnership Council, welcome to this Sixth Meeting.

On your behalf, I wish to thank the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines for hosting our annual meeting in Manila and the PEMSEA Resource Facility for the excellent meeting preparations and secretariat support to the Council

As the torch is passed down to me, I would like to thank Dr. Chua Thia-Eng for his guidance in the development and transformation of PEMSEA throughout the years, as well as to the members of the Executive Committee for their equal dedication to PEMSEA. The evolution of PEMSEA in the past two decades into an international organization has been a difficult albeit collective effort of the Country and Non-Country Partners of the region and from our sponsoring international organizations and various collaborators – as well as the untiring efforts of the leaders and staff of the PEMSEA Resource Facility.

The path leading to the transformation has been a long and difficult one. We had to overcome various political, financial, and institutional challenges. Although PEMSEA has finally gained its international legal personality, there are many challenges yet to overcome in order to be recognized globally as a respected, competent professional and self-sustaining organization in coastal and ocean governance. In the next three days, we will tackle these one-by-one.

While rapid transformations are taking place within PEMSEA, even more rapid and exciting changes are taking place in the global setting. By 2015, each and every country and international organization will have to take a look at themselves and assess how they have contributed to the indicators set in the Millennium Development Goals. PEMSEA is no exception. In fact, our East Asian Seas Congress will be taking place in the same year, and this will also mean that we will need to examine our own goals, assess what has been done, learn from our lessons, and plan for our Post-2015 agenda.

On this note, we will look deeper into the following questions: who we are, what we want to achieve, and how to get there.

First off, we will take a look at who we are.

Throughout the session we will examine PEMSEA's identity and the brand that we want to establish as we build PEMSEA into a stronger international entity. We will take a look at how our services can better answer the needs of our stakeholders and how we can promote long-term solutions for coastal and ocean sustainability. We will also take a look into more opportunities for partnerships and collaboration. But before blazing into this familiar path, we will take a look at ourselves – how PEMSEA is of our own doing; how it is both by us and for us. We will look into our ownership of this PEMSEA as a regional mechanism and discuss how it can serve our individual and collective concerns.

Next, we will take a look at what we want to achieve.

We want meaningful partnerships and collaborations, and to establish a strong organization that is financially and operationally sustainable. In the next days, we will tackle how we can better make use of knowledge in promoting partnerships when we discuss how knowledge management can promote partnership investments..

Lastly, we will take a look at how do we get there. This Council will look into various options and mechanisms that can be explored to strengthen PEMSEA' and the actions that need to be taken to achieve a self-sustaining PEMSEA.

The East Asian Congress and the Ministerial Forum in 2015 will also be tackled in the course of our discussions. Of course, as most of you know, this is a platform where brilliant minds of both young and old gather to discuss what can be done to promote sustainability in coastal and ocean issues in the many different spheres of governance. This is an avenue where we come together to discuss the many different paths to facilitate effective coastal and ocean governance and sustainability.

In preparation for 2015, we will review and update our SDS-SEA targets based on the relevant conventions that will be taking place next year and examine how we have managed to make dent in our sphere.

I wish to thank you all for your presence in this meeting today, and reassure you that while the road ahead may be challenging, it will be most certainly exciting. Let us all have a productive, proactive, engaging and enjoyable Partnership Council Meeting.

**Welcome Remarks of Hon. Ramon J.P. Paje
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Philippines**

Her Excellency Mary Seet-Cheng,
Ambassador of Singapore and Council Chair of PEMSEA;

Members of the Executive Committee of PEMSEA;

Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross,
PRF Executive Director;

Representatives of Country and Non-Country Partners

Representatives of the GEF, UNDP, UNOPS, and the World Bank;

Fellow workers in government, observers, and guests;

Good morning and welcome to the Sixth East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting! Today, as I speak on behalf of the Philippines — this year's host country, I cannot contain my joy and my pride, knowing that we are to convene this first Council Meeting under the 4th phase of PEMSEA, as a full-fledged international organization.

This is a remarkable achievement and fulfilment to all of us; realizing that our hard initiatives and our tremendous efforts to device, adapt, and innovate our means to protect and conserve the East Asian Seas, over the past 21 years, have really paid off.

Our long and meaningful partnership has achieved so much for us. It did not only serve as the key in bringing our governments' attention, business communities' interests, and different society groups' cooperation into addressing environmental challenges in the East Asian Seas Region, but even more, it laid the groundwork toward reaching this higher calling and greater potential of ensuring our Region's environmental stability and sustainability.

Last year's Council Meeting and year-round celebrations of PEMSEA's 20th Anniversary were quite meaningful and unforgettable. The activities allowed us to look back and acknowledge our humble beginnings. They gave us moments to reflect the many challenges we faced and the many obstacles we hurdled for our main goal of protecting and conserving our seas and coasts. They made us realize our strength and potentials that have grown out of our perseverance and two decades of partnership. Nonetheless, in such pervading mood of achievement and fulfilment, they also made us to understand the greater responsibilities that await our coming years as an independent organization.

As our former Council Chair and would be PEMSEA Chair Emeritus, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, advised us: We need to scale up our SDS-SEA implementation and expand our partnership if our aspiration is to be the leading international organization promoting ICM across the Region. Likewise, he emphasized that such aspiration can only be achieved if we have the capacity, the competence, and the professionalism as that of a self-sustained organization.

So as we see, our Council Meeting today and for the next two days is most crucial. The GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA Project on Scaling up the Implementation of the SDS-SEA 2014-2019 has already been approved, and the GEF/World Bank/PEMSEA Project on Knowledge Management is about to start. Therefore, there is a need for us in this Council Meeting to level up our ongoing discussions concerning our new plans and new projects with various partners and collaborators. There is a need also for us to weave these new plans and actions into the fabric of our organization's long-term strategy, finance, and core operations so that we can be able to determine how we can sustain our organization's future leadership and financial capability.

On the part of the Philippines, we show our full support to the organization by continually fulfilling our commitment to host the PEMSEA office. The President of the Philippines, His Excellency President Noynoy Aquino, has already ratified the Headquarters Agreement of PEMSEA last November 2013. It has been forwarded to the Philippine Senate and is currently tabled in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Agenda for final approval.

But there is no greater support that a Country and Non-Country Partner can give to PEMSEA other than his deep commitment to the implementation of the SDS-SEA. His strong engagement to the ICM programs and projects in the regional, national, and local levels, as well as his meaningful collaboration with other Country and Non-Country partners are vital in fulfilling PEMSEA's mandate of ensuring the stability and sustainability of marine and coastal resources in the Region.

I suppose, scaling up the SDS-SEA implementation necessitates three important things: (1) revisiting policies, plans, and programs to assess their effectiveness and relevance to the changing times; (2) aiming for higher program objectives and bigger targets to produce high impact outcomes; and (3) climate proofing the policies, plans, and programs in order to sustain efforts of adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project or ICRMP of the Philippine government, in its objective to review policies on biodiversity conservation has identified significant policy concerns that need to be addressed. Addressing such policy concerns is imperative for they are vital in the sustainable management of four "extremely high" marine biodiversity corridors of national and global importance. In the course of the ICRMP implementation, plans and programs were scaled up too: ICRMP plans were developed and adopted by LGUs; municipal coastal database were established; watershed and mangrove reforestation were carried out; ICRM Centers were constructed; baseline and research studies were conducted; biodiversity conservation sub-projects were implemented; aquatic, land-based, and ecotourism enterprises were established; and social and environmental services and facilities were provided in the communities.

Policy reforms are also being carried out in the DENR Bureaus. For instance, the Forest Management Bureau, in its task of formulating and monitoring ENR sector policies, plans, and programs, has conducted a series of regional and national consultation workshops in updating and "climate proofing" the Philippine Forestry Master Plan. It has drafted policies and guidelines for the guidance of its field offices and sector's directions.

In terms of aiming for higher program objectives and bigger targets, the Philippines has the National Greening Program or NGP as its banner program. The NGP, which significantly supports our ICM implementation, has successfully reforested 683,482 hectares of open, denuded, and degraded lands in just three years or halfway of its program implementation. Nine thousand four hundred and forty-seven (9,447) hectares of these reforested lands were planted with mangroves. Likewise, it has generated a total of 1,182,764 jobs for poor people living in upland and coastal areas.

And last, climate proofing of policies, plans, and programs is a must in this era of climate change. Tragic incidents happen as a result of today's normal extreme weather conditions. Therefore, governments like ours are compelled to scale up our efforts to protect humans and nature against the fatal and destructive impact of climate change.

The Philippine government, in light of the Yolanda Tragedy and other recent natural calamities, was compelled to create yet another big project, called the Mangrove and Beach Forest Development Project. The project, with an allocation of US\$ 22 million or PhP 1 billion, aims not only for more scientific technique in mangrove and beach forest development, but more so, to enhance the country's defense against natural disasters such as the recent Super Typhoon and Storm Surge Yolanda.

These are only some of our government's key reforms that scale up the SDS-SEA implementation. It is our hope that they would serve as encouragement and motivation to other PEMSEA Partners so that they, too, will strengthen their engagement and implementation of the SDS-SEA strategy.

Our partnership over the past 21 years demonstrates our deep commitment to our organization. I say "our" because we need to realize that PEMSEA is "us" now. PEMSEA is not anymore a project that we are involved with, nor just a regional mechanism that we ought to be engaged with. PEMSEA is a full-fledged international organization now, and we are its members that collectively own it. Therefore, whatever we give or do to PEMSEA, we give or do it to ourselves.

In this Council Meeting, there are two important questions that need to be raised: First- how can we, Country Partners, Non-Country Partners, and supporting prominent world organization leaders, work together to improve our SDS-SEA implementation and ensure the stability and sustainability of our Region's coasts and seas? Second- as partners, likewise members of the PEMSEA organization, what can we contribute to make our organization self-sustaining in terms of leadership and financial capability?

Today, we are joined by our newly elected leaders, by our country and non-country partner representatives- who, in our long years of working together, have become our close friends. Some of us have been with PEMSEA since it was conceptualized as an international water project, while others joined us in time to strengthen and build PEMSEA into what it is now. Our friendship, our meaningful collaboration, and our teamwork — in sum, our strong partnership, is the reason why we are here in this 4th stage of PEMSEA.

That is why I cannot see any reason why we cannot reach the fifth stage — the stage where we can truly say — we are an absolutely self-sustained organization.

We have done our best in the past; we can also do our best in the present and future. Especially that PEMSEA is “us” now, we have greater reason to give more and do more.

Thank you very much. Again, I welcome you all to the 6th Partnership Council Meeting.
Mabuhay tayong lahat!

ANNEX 3

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DR. CHUA THIA-ENG
AS CHAIR EMERITUS**

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Purpose:

1. To provide advice to and share experiences with the EAS Partnership Council and Partners, especially with regard to strategic visioning and partnerships, coastal and ocean governance, and corporate governance;
2. To promote the objectives and targets of SDS-SEA to global players, national governments at the most senior levels across the EAS region and key donors; and
3. To provide advice on knowledge development and to promote the wider recognition, and use of PEMSEA ICM system and services in support of organizational sustainability and effective and efficient coastal and marine management programs

Conditions of Appointment:

1. Not remunerated for his activities on behalf of the PEMSEA, nor does he expect remuneration.
2. The term of appointment is for three (3) years.
3. Make himself available on a reasonable and appropriate basis, and participate in PEMSEA initiatives at least once during the term of appointment.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The Chair Emeritus may perform the following duties and responsibilities at the request of the PEMSEA Executive Director:

1. Advise the EAS Partnership Council on ways and approaches to aligning SDS-SEA with global ocean objectives and targets, mainstreaming SDS-SEA into national and local development agenda, and results and impact of ICM programs in sustaining coastal and marine ecosystem services while building a blue economy;
2. Provide strategic and operational guidance to the Executive Committee, the EAS Partnership Council and PRF on matters concerning the transformation and self-sustainability of PEMSEA;
3. Counsel that PRF on the preparation of innovative policies, codes, guidelines, case studies and other knowledge products prepared by PEMSEA to facilitate SDS-SEA implementation among wider communities and stakeholders in coastal and ocean governance;

4. Participate in outreach activities to promote the use of PEMSEA services and knowledge products to governments, private sector, international organizations and other interested parties within and outside the EAS region;
5. Represent PEMSEA in national, regional and global forums and events to share strategies, objectives and experiences of PEMSEA as a regional partnership mechanism for coastal and ocean governance and sustainable development for the Seas of East Asia;

Privileges

The Chair Emeritus will be conferred the following privileges:

1. Privileges and immunities granted in the Headquarter Agreement between PEMSEA and the Government of Philippines for officers of the EAS Partnership Council;
2. Administrative support from the PRF as per officers of the EAS Partnership Council;
3. Reimbursement of all costs and out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of duties, including with respect to accommodations, meals and travel in accordance with PEMSEA administrative rules and operating practices; and
4. Receipt of all appropriate PEMSEA mailings and notices.

ANNEX 4

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTRY AND NON-COUNTRY PARTNERS ON COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

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COUNTRY PARTNERS

CAMBODIA

Mr. Long Rithirak, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, indicated that they will be initiating the scaling up of ICM implementation to cover all four coastal provinces in the country. Activities will include:

- Setting up the mechanisms for implementation at the national and local levels, getting commitments of partners for implementation; and
- Building capacity of local implementers on management and technical aspect for ICM implementation.

There are technical aspects that the country needs in order to effectively implement site-specific activities under the ICM program. The partners were requested to consider support in the following areas:

- Environmental Sensitivity Index Mapping to cover all coastal provinces;
- Coastal use zoning review and updating;
- Comprehensive economic valuation of marine and coastal resources;
- Technologies on water pollution control and monitoring in coastal areas; and
- Capacity for water quality monitoring.

CHINA

Mr. Liang Fengkui, Associate Counsel, Department of International Cooperation of State Oceanic Administration of PR China, highlighted the joint initiative between PEMSEA and SOA as a collaborative planning effort in the proposed project entitled *Developing and Demonstrating an 'Ocean-based Blue Economy through ICM*. The project feasibility study will commence in 2014.

The project's goals are:

- to promote and facilitate the implementation of policies and programs of national and local governments across the region in support of blue economy through scaling up the implementation of PEMSEA's Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia or SDS-SEA;
- to boost investments from the public and private sectors to protect, rehabilitate, manage and sustain coastal and marine ecosystems in the region and their products and services, in parallel with increasing the stewardship of local governments and communities; and
- to strengthen the role of the governments and the business community/corporate sector in building a blue economy at the local, national and regional levels.

INDONESIA

Mr. Djaka Dwiputra, Head of the Sub-division for Developments, Office of the Assistant Deputy for Coastal and Marine Degradation Control of the Ministry of Environment, presented the following priority targets for Indonesia for 2014-2015, as discussed in a recent consultation workshop:

- Completion and review of the draft National Ocean Policy and strengthening of national coordination mechanism for sustainable coastal and ocean governance/ICM implementation;
- Initiation of ICM development and implementation in at least 16 coastal provinces in Indonesia, building on ongoing ICM and related efforts;
- Development of ICM Learning Sites to address specific issues, including climate change adaptation/disaster risk reduction and management and sea turtle protection and habitat conservation in Sukabumi Regency; improving effectiveness of MPAs through ICM in Bali; sustainable fisheries and alternative livelihood development in Tomini Bay and/or Lombok; pollution reduction/IRBCAM in Jakarta Bay-Ciliwung River; and innovative financing mechanisms such as carbon estimation and financing related to community-led mangrove rehabilitation in partnership with private sector in Tangerang, Banten;
- Enhancing capacity of local governments to conduct environmental monitoring and implementation of the SOC Reporting system in Indonesia; and
- Setting up of ICM Learning Centers in key regions in Indonesia to support local ICM scaling up, including preparation of ICM capacity development program and training materials and conduct of trainings for local governments.

JAPAN

Mr. Kunihiko Kitabayashi, Director for International Ocean Affairs Ocean Division, Policy Bureau, Ministry of Land, Information, Tourism and Transport, Japan, presented some of the key initiatives of Japan on coastal and ocean development:

- Japan has passed the revised Basic Plan on Ocean Policy for the period 2013-2017, which includes promotion of the development and comprehensive management of coastal areas and marine resources. The Plan also stresses the importance of coordination between and among agencies and support for comprehensive management of coastal zones by local governments.
- The Japanese Diet has recently approved the ratification of IMO's Ballast Water Management Convention.
- The Japanese Government will continue to promote international cooperation within the framework of PEMSEA.

PHILIPPINES

Mr. Edwin Domingo, Overall Director, Foreign Assisted and Special Project Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines, highlighted some of the major collaborative activities being undertaken and completed in the Philippines that contributed to SDS-SEA implementation:

- PEMSEA's ICM framework was utilized in the course of implementing the ADB-funded Project Integrated Coastal Resources Management where among the outputs generated from the project included ICM plans of the priority LGUs and capacity strengthening on integrated information management system
- The coastal defense program focused on coastal reforestation and mangrove rehabilitation including the implementation of sustainable coral reef management program.
- Activities on marine key biodiversity areas (mKBAs) being funded by UNDP, GIZ and New Zealand includes capacity building for local communities.

Other key projects included the Philippine Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES) Project, UNDP's The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB), the UNDP/UNEP project on poverty and environment, study on nutrient loading from agricultural sources, geohazard mapping in coastal areas and the CTI with various component activities being implemented through UNDP, GIZ, ADB and WWF.

RO KOREA

The Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) is sponsoring the International Training Program and Workshop on Spatial Management Tools toward Creative and Viable Coastal Societies with KMI. The ROK delegation invited the Partners to the said training program.

SINGAPORE

Dr. Nguyen Thi Hong Nung, Manager, Coastal and Marine National Biodiversity Center Division, National Parks Board, Singapore, presented the evolution and application of ICM in the country. Urban development in Singapore is tied with coastal management, hence the adoption of an Integrated Urban Coastal Management approach guided by four (4) key principles of pro-active planning and management; whole-of-government approach; active partnership and science-based management.

IUCM implementation in Singapore has resulted to various key outcomes including:

- Organization of the Coastal Marine and Policy Committee and Technical Committee on Coastal and Marine Environment (2007)
- Recognition of ICM as an imperative for Singapore, marking the transition from an academic study into a management practice (2008)
- Conduct of Inter-agency ICM workshop on ICM Implementation and ICM Implementation Plan obtained high level endorsement (2009)
- Completion of coastal profile and legislative review (2010)
- Establishment of the institutional arrangement (2011)
- Communicating IUCM at the EAS Congress (2012)
- Singapore-PEMSEA MOU Signing and initiation of the State of the Coasts Report (2013)
- Review and evaluation of the next cycle of IUCM implementation and documentation through case study (2014-2015)

THAILAND

Mr. Suchat Sawangraruks, Senior Marine Biologist at the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources of Thailand shared the following actions contributing to SDS-SEA implementation in Thailand for 2015-2015:

- Ongoing development of a National Maritime Security Strategy, in which DMCR will propose consideration of SDS-SEA priorities and targets
- Review and approval of the draft bill for promotion of marine and coastal resources management
- Initiation of ICM development and implementation in 50% of coastal provinces in the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea coasts
- Establishment of ICM Learning Sites for addressing key issues in coastal and marine areas, such as CCA/DRRM and coastal erosion in Chonburi and local oil spill response in Rayong. Scoping of priority sites is ongoing and will be completed in 2014.

- Continuing implementation of the Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management System (PSHEMS) in Bangkok Port and Laem Chabang Port, and promotion of PSHEMS to private ports.
- Preparation of a regional oil spill contingency plan for the Gulf of Thailand and conduct of joint oil spill response exercises, in collaboration with Vietnam and Cambodia.
- Establishment of ICM Learning Centers in strategic locations in Thailand to provide technical and capacity-building support for development of local ICM programs. Consultations have been initiated with key universities, and a follow up workshop on the third quarter of 2014 will be undertaken to identify priority institutions to serve as ICM Learning Centers. In 2015, the ICM Learning Centers will be engaged to support development of ICM programs in priority sites.

TIMOR-LESTE

Eng. Lourenco Borges Fontes, Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) of Timor-Leste, introduced his colleagues, which includes the following: (1) Inspector General of MAF; (2) Director General of the National Directorate of Environment in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment, who also serves as GEF National Focal Point; and (3) the Focal Point of the National Directorate of Environment in the National Coordinating Committee to facilitate inter-Ministerial collaboration in the implementation of the PEMSEA programme in Timor-Leste. Mr. Fontes emphasized the need for other ministries to understand the SDS-SEA and PEMSEA in order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation.

Mr. Fontes presented the following priorities of Timor-Leste for 2014-2015:

- Participation in the PEMSEA regional partnership mechanism, including the PC Meetings and EAS Congress 2015
- Completion of the draft National Ocean Policy
- Continuing implementation of ICM in the Districts of Manatuto and Liquica and initiation of ICM program in Dili District to demonstrate how ICM can enhance the effectiveness of addressing various priority issues. In Dili District, collaboration with the ongoing ADB-Coral Triangle in the Pacific Project will be demonstrated by showing how the effectiveness of MPAs established in Atauro Island under that project can be further enhanced under the ICM program to be established through the PEMSEA Project. The development of ICM programs will also facilitate capacity building for local governments as Timor-Leste undergoes the process of decentralization and establishment of the local government system
- Support for development of a Fisheries Management Degree Program at the National University of Timor-Leste (NUTL) and development of capacity of NUTL to serve as ICM Learning Center for Timor-Leste
- Promoting ICM and integrated implementation of PEMSEA SDS-SEA, ATSEA Strategic Action Plan, and CTI regional and national programs of action
- Cooperation in the development of the PEMSEA-ACB Project on Scaling up the Coverage and Effectiveness of Marine Conservation Areas and Threatened Species Protection in South East and East Asia through ICM, in support of the implementation of Timor-Leste's National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan and achievement of targets under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

VIETNAM

- Scaling up of ICM in Vietnam started with 10 coastal provinces that signed the Declaration of Commitment to implement ICM in December 2010.
- Capacity development, including supporting regulations, technical guidelines and related policies will be developed to facilitate the expansion of ICM coverage to the 28 coastal provinces.
- More specifically, the following activities were identified for 2014-2015:
 - Application of marine spatial planning;
 - Development of a system of marine protected areas; and
 - Integration of issues related to biodiversity conservation, fisheries management, pollution reduction, natural disaster risk mitigation, climate change adaptation into ICM, including relevant foreign-funded projects.
- To facilitate implementation of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA project on SDS-SEA, the tripartite agreement between PEMSEA, VASI and priority local governments will be signed.

NON-COUNTRY PARTNERS

ACB

Ms. Sheila Vergara, Director of Biodiversity Information Management, ACB, highlighted some of their SDS-SEA-related tasks including the following:

- Strengthening the protection and management of 33 ASEAN Heritage Parks in the region. KfW (Germany) has committed to providing 10M Euros to work with Myanmar and Indonesia in promoting biodiversity targets.
- Assisting the countries in developing their 5th National Biodiversity and Strategy Action Plans (NBSAPs) which will be integrated into the Second ASEAN Biodiversity Report in 2015.
- Strengthening the inter-operability of information sharing mechanisms in the region to facilitate exchange and analysis of information. ACB is collaborating with the Asia-Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network (AP-BON) in support of the objectives of the Global Earth Observation: Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) to promote sharing of biodiversity information in the region to guide policy makers and other stakeholders.
- In relation to the Knowledge Management Project being undertaken by PEMSEA, the following were identified by the ACB as potential areas of collaboration:
 - Establishing an e-library. ACB currently has about 10,000 publications in its database. The database has an encoding platform, search mechanisms and PEMSEA may look into available/relevant resources for its e-library;
 - “Friends of biodiversity” database and sub-database of communities of practice; and
 - Production of cartoons on coastal and marine management which targets children.
- The ACB has a strong link with the Convention on Biological Diversity and is currently planning several events during the COP 12 meeting, including a presentation on the LifeWeb proposal and a Donor Roundtable. ACB has requested that participating countries submit their endorsements as the COP12 will only entertain presentation if all countries have endorsed the proposal.

CMC

CMC and PEMSEA will prepare and publish two (2) new publications that are aimed to provide lessons learned, good practices and insights into coastal and ocean governance in the Seas of East Asia, and to promote, strengthen ICM good practices and to scale up ICM implementation in the East Asian region. The publications are:

- Case Studies and Good Management Practices in ICM; and
- Redefining Coastal and Ocean Governance: Addressing Sustainable Development Challenges towards a Blue Economy in the Seas of Asia.

Project Activities/Accomplishments (to date)

- CMC and PRF brainstorming;
- Detailed outline of two publications and identification of possible contributors; and
- Regional Inception workshop.

Project Duration is 32 months (2.5 years), from April 2014 until November 2016; and project cost is US\$283,500, with co-financing from CMC at: US\$120,000 cash and ~\$100,000 (in-kind)

KIOST

Mr. Ungyul Yi, Senior Specialist, International Joint Research Promotion Center, KIOST, presented their research involving ultrasonic technology for detection of harmful algal blooms. KIOST also presented their other activities in scientific oceanographic research through a video presentation.

KMI

Ms. Jiyeon Choi, Associate Research Fellow, Marine Policy Division, KMI, informed the meeting of their 1st International Workshop on Marine Ecosystem Valuation and Spatial Management in November 2013, Seoul, ROK, with 40 participants from MOF, PEMSEA, China (SOA), Vietnam (VASI), Bogor Agricultural University (Indonesia), University of Aveiro (Portugal), Natural Capital Project, PacMARA, KOEM, KIOST, Universities, etc.

KMI will be holding an international training program on spatial management tools toward creative and viable coastal societies (2nd International Workshop on Marine Ecosystem Valuation and Spatial Management Tools) on 1-5 September 2014, in cooperation with PEMSEA, Natural Capital project (NatCap) and PacMARA,. They plan to invite into the training program 20 trainees, composed of 15 Koreans and 5 international participants from developing countries. The deadline for nominations is in August 2014. Inquiries and nominations from countries and other partners can be coursed through PEMSEA. KMI is also interested to convene a session during the EAS Congress on same topic, and possibly have the 3rd international workshop during the EAS Congress.

NOWPAP

In contribution to the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan Enabling Target 5 on Capacity Development and Knowledge Management, Dr. Alexander Tkalin, Coordinator of NOWPAP, provided the following areas of collaboration:

- NOWPAP POMRAC workshop with PEMSEA and other partners on Ecological Quality Objectives for the NW Pacific Ocean in 3 September 2014;
- Annual NOWPAP International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) campaign and workshop on marine litter management scheduled in September 2014;
- NOWPAP MERRAC joint oil spill exercises held every two years with one being planned on October 2014;
- Development of Regional Guidelines on ICM applications (using among others, the PEMSEA experience) by NOWPAP POMRAC. The Guidelines might be used at the POMRAC-PEMSEA workshop/training on ICM applications in 2015; and
- NOWPAP DINRAC databases in marine environment quality in the NW Pacific (<http://dinrac.nowpap.org>) open to public access.

OPRF

Dr. Keita Furukawa, Senior Research Fellow of OPRF, highlighted the activities of OPRF that contributes to the implementation of the SDS-SEA and ICM:

- Promotion of ICM at local level through:
 - Establishment of an experts committee for support research on model sites activities for ICM at local levels;
 - Supporting local governments on ICM initiatives at five model sites;
 - Organization of a domestic ICM symposium and a network workshop to share model sites' experience and promoting ICM initiatives in Japan (Tokyo, July 2014);
 - Supporting local governments on capacity building for ICM implementation by convening "Power up workshop for ICM" by inviting experts as lecturer and commentators (Tokyo, October 2014); and
 - Promotion to implement ICM education for undergraduate and post-graduate level in collaboration with universities (2014-2015).
- Convening Sixth meeting of the Ocean Policy Institute Network in the East Asian Region (OPINEAR) to share and learn policy on coastal and ocean governance in the region with collaboration of member institutes;
- Participate the third international conference on Small Islands and Developing States (SIDS 2014);
- Participate in the process on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2015) to include "Ocean" as one of the goals (2014-2015).

OSRL

Mr. Darren Waterman, Regional Director of OSR stressed the commitment of OSR in supporting the SDS-SEA and highlighted OSR's capability to support in the area of addressing oils spill and the improving the capacity to address oil spill through the following:

- Responding to/preparing for oil spills;
- Equipment locations;
- Recently merged with oil spill response provider;
- Global response network (industry funded);
- Updated MOU with Tier 2 response in Indonesia; help facilitate integration of Tier 3 response in Indonesia; working with local tier 3 operator; also with Malaysia;
- 3-D oil spill model;
- Shoreline response and clean up techniques; etc;

- New aircraft – 727 – to improve response capability;
- Wildlife response;
- Subsea incident response toolkit;
- Stockpile of dispersants; and
- Offset installation system (by 2015).

PML

Prof. Stephen de Mora, Chief Executive of PML highlighted the following activities of PML:

- PML-KIOST science office at PML (signed an agreement with the Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI), now known as KIOST, to establish a joint science office, based at the laboratory in Plymouth);
- Ecosystem modeling – work with KIOST and participated in the MEMORI workshop; wrote a proposal to produce a toolkit for model validation in data poor regions;
- Individual collaborations – with Hokkaido University, Japan, KIOST, NUS
- Conferences and training courses.

PNLG

In line with the implementation of the Dongying Declaration on Building a Blue Economy through ICM, Mr. Prak Sihara, President of PNLG, highlighted the commitments of the members of the PNLG to complete the following targets up to 2015 in support of the PNLG Strategic Action Plan and implementation of the SDS-SEA:

- Increase in PNLG membership to 100% by 2015 by securing 20 new members by 2015. Each PNLG member is in the process of promoting the concept of ICM to its neighboring local governments and securing a new PNLG member in order to reach the goal;
- State of the Coasts reporting has already been adopted and initiated by 25 members. Technical support is also being provided by the PRF to other members to enable them to initiate and develop their respective SOC reports; and
- ICM Code and Recognition system.

UNESCO/IOC WESTPAC

As part of the efforts to strengthen collaboration with Partners, Mr. Wenxi Zhu, Head of UNESCO/IOC Regional Office for WESTPAC, encouraged PEMSEA to develop a platform for further enhancing scientific input into the ICM programs. In line with the outcomes of Rio+20, there is also a need for member states to enhance scientific capacity.

The recently concluded conference of IOC WESTPAC highlighted the following conclusions: development of an Indo-Pacific ocean observation network; renewed commitment from the scientific community to monitor developments in coasts and oceans; and strengthen in-house efforts on capacity building for countries, etc.

IOC WESTPAC expressed continuous and enhanced collaboration with PEMSEA in the following areas:

- Updating of SDS-SEA;

- Joint organization of capacity building activities;
- Collaboration in the following special issues: HABs, alien species, etc.;
- IOC WESTPAC will organize an inter-governmental session in Thailand with support from DMCR-Thailand from 11 to 15 May 2015, and extended the invitation to PEMSEA to provide an update on status of SDS-SEA implementation, as well as in efforts in bridging the gap between science and policymakers/decisionmakers.

ANNEX 5
LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Council Session			
1.0	Organizational Matters	List of Documents	PC/14/DOC/01a
		List of Participants	PC/14/DOC/01b
2.0	Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Provisional Agenda	PC/14/DOC/02a
		Annotated Agenda	PC/14/DOC/02b
3.0	Summary of Recommendations and Decisions of the 5th EAS Partnership Council, 13 th Executive Committee Meeting, and 14 th Executive Committee Meeting and Status of Actions Taken	Implementation Status of Major Recommendations and Decisions of the 5 th EAS Partnership Council and 13 th and 14 th Executive Committee Meeting	PC/14/DOC/03
4.0	Report of the Council Chair	Report of the Council Chair	PC/14/DOC/04
5.0	Report of the PRF Executive Director	PEMSEA Accomplishment Report 2013-2014	PC/14/DOC/05
Technical Session			
6.0	Developing the PEMSEA Brand	Developing PEMSEA's Brand	PC/14/DOC/06
7.0	Collaborative Session on Knowledge Management	Knowledge Management	PC/14/DOC/07
8.0	Updating the SDS-SEA and Setting of post-2015 Targets	Review of SDS-SEA relative to new global commitments and targets beyond 2015	PC/14/DOC/08a
		Terms of Reference for the Working Group, Work Plan and schedule	PC/14/DOC/8b
9.0	East Asian Seas Congress 2015	Provisional Programme for the East Asian Seas Congress 2015	PC/14/DOC/09
10.0	Collaborative Planning: PEMSEA Partners' Activities in 2014-2015		PC/14/DOC/10 (Note: presentations from Country and Non-Country Partners)

Intergovernmental Session			
11.0	Progress Towards becoming a Self-Sustaining International Organization	PEMSEA's Progress Towards Becoming a Self-Sustaining International Organization	PC/14/DOC/11
12.0	Fifth Ministerial Forum	Fifth Ministerial Forum Framework Programme	PC/14/DOC/12
13.0	Programme Steering Committee Meeting on GEF/WB Project	GEF/WB Project on Applying Knowledge Management to Scale up Partnership Investments for Sustainable Development of LMEs of East Asia and their Coasts (2013-2016)	PC/14/DOC/13
14.0	Work Plan and Budget 2014	PEMSEA Work Plan and Budget 2014	PC/14/DOC/14

ANNEX 6

6TH EAS PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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June 23, 2014 (Monday)

A. Council Session

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | 1.0 | Opening Ceremony |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | | Group Photo and Coffee Break |
| 10:00 – 10:05 | 2.0 | Adoption of Meeting Agenda |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | 3.0 | Summary of Recommendations and Decisions of the 5th EAS Partnership Council (July 2013), 13th Executive Committee Meeting (October 2013), and 14th Executive Committee Meeting (April 2014) and Status of Actions Taken |
| 10:25 – 10:45 | 4.0 | Report of the Council Chair |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | 5.0 | Report of the PRF Executive Director |

B. Technical Session

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| 11:00 – 12:00 | 6.0 | Developing the PEMSEA Brand |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | | Lunch Break |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | | Continuation of Agenda Item 6.0 |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 7.0 | Collaborative Session on Knowledge Management |

June 24, 2013 (Tuesday)

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | 8.0 | Updating the SDS-SEA and Setting of post-2015 Targets |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | 9.0 | East Asian Seas Congress 2015 |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | 10.0 | Collaborative Planning: PEMSEA Partners' Activities in 2014-2015 |

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Continuation of Agenda Item 10.0
17:00 -17:10	Closing of Technical Session
19:30 – 21:30	Dinner

June 25, 2014 (Wednesday)

C. Intergovernmental Session

09:00 – 10:30	11.0 Progress Towards becoming a Self-Sustaining International Organization
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	12.0 Fifth Ministerial Forum
11:30 – 12:30	13.0 Programme Steering Committee Meeting on GEF/WB Project
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:30	14.0 Work Plan and Budget 2014-2016
14:30 – 15:00	15.0 Other Business
15:00 – 15:30	Decisions of the Intergovernmental Session
15:30 – 15:35	Closing of the Intergovernmental Session
15:35 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) Meeting
