



PEMSEA EC Meeting Report 17

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Manila, Philippines**

**6–7 April 2016**





**17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting  
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**MEETING SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Marco Polo Ortigas, Manila, Philippines, on 6 to 7 April 2016. The meeting was attended by the EAS Partnership Council Chair, Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng; Intergovernmental Session Chair, Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh; Technical Session Chair, Prof. Chul Hwan Koh; and Council Co-Chair, Dr. Antonio La Viña.

Representatives from PR China, Philippines and RO Korea participated as observers. The PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF) served as secretariat for the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is attached as Annex 1. A full list of participants is attached as Annex 2.

**B. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation/Action</b>
<b>Agenda Item 1.0: Organizational Matters and Meeting Agenda (EC/17/DOC/01a&amp;b)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amb. Mary Seet-Cheng, Council Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Executive Committee and observers from China, Philippines and RO Korea.</li> <li>• Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, PRF Executive Director, welcomed the EC members, as well as the observers.</li> <li>• Mr. Ross introduced the provisional agenda and the meeting documents. The meeting suggested the inclusion of an additional item under Other Business, namely the recruitment and selection of a new Executive Director in view of the completion of the term of the current ED at the end of December 2017.</li> </ul>	The 17 <sup>th</sup> EC Meeting adopted the proposed agenda with the inclusion of an additional item under Other Business regarding the recruitment and selection of a new Executive Director.

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<p><b>Agenda Item 2.0: Summary of Major Recommendations and Decisions from the 16<sup>th</sup> EC and 7<sup>th</sup> PC Meetings, and Actions Taken (EC/17/DOC/02)</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Committee congratulated the Government of Viet Nam, and the PRF for the successful conduct of the EAS Congress 2015 and the Fifth Ministerial Forum (MF) in Da Nang.</li> <li>• The interactive dialogue during the MF was seen as a positive change in format for the event, and critical in getting the active participation of the Ministers.</li> <li>• To scale up and increase awareness of PEMSEA's programmes and initiatives, countries need to be further encouraged to secure the participation of Ministers in the next Ministerial Forums.</li> <li>• Following the EAS Congress, a number of positive developments have taken place, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ More active participation of Non-Country partners and collaborators in the initiatives introduced by PEMSEA (e.g., Regional SOC report; pending agreement with CTI-CFF)</li> <li>○ At the country level, the MOA on Scaling up SDS-SEA Implementation has been signed with Viet Nam; Collaborative planning workshops on SDS-SEA have</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In preparation for the EAS Congress 2018, collaborate with the host country (Cambodia) to actively promote the EAS Congress and secure the participation of Ministers to the Ministerial Forum;</li> <li>• Continue to develop opportunities for more active and meaningful dialogue for Ministers during the EAS Congress 2018 and 6th Ministerial Forum;</li> <li>• Develop the current triennial Youth Forum of the EAS Congress into a functional, proactive youth network that will champion PEMSEA's mission for healthy and resilient coasts and oceans over the long term; and</li> <li>• Continue to develop, demonstrate and scale up the application of the SEA Knowledge Bank in collaboration with Partners and concerned organizations and ocean-related sectors</li> </ul>

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	<p>been/are being conducted in Cambodia, Philippines, and Timor Leste; collaborative planning meetings have also been undertaken with Indonesia, RO Korea and Thailand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building on the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> EAS Youth Forum, efforts to strengthen and sustain the engagement of youth in SDS-SEA and ICM implementation were deemed crucial. A new small grants program for youth has been developed by the PRF building on the proposals developed during the 4<sup>th</sup> EAS Youth Forum. In particular, a seed fund of USD10,000 has been allocated to start up a youth project in Indonesia, which is targeted for launch in June 2016.</li> <li>• The meeting was informed that the Blue Ribbon Ocean Conservation Association (BROCA) who facilitated the participation of youth delegates from China in the 4<sup>th</sup> EAS Youth Forum have released an article about the EAS Congress and the Youth Forum.</li> <li>• In line with the PEMSEA-World Bank Knowledge Management Project, PEMSEA has been developing and testing knowledge services and products that leverage investments and support for blue economy development. Following the launching of the beta version of the SEA</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Knowledge Bank during the EAS Congress, PEMSEA continues to develop and populate the KM portal and organize and conduct demonstrations of the SEA Knowledge Bank among PEMSEA Partner countries.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.0: Achieving the SDS-SEA Post-2015 Targets (EC/17/DOC/03)</b></p>	<p>Mr. Ross introduced the agenda item highlighting the four regional post-2015 strategic targets adopted through the Da Nang Compact as the key focus of PEMSEA initiatives in the next five years as part of the SDS-SEA implementation.</p>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.1: Target 1: <i>By 2017, a self-sustaining PEMSEA Resource Facility managing and coordinating a suite of products, services and financing mechanisms for advancing SDS-SEA implementation at the regional, national and local levels</i></b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While Country Partners voluntary contributions remain critical to the financial sustainability of PEMSEA, the meeting recognized the need for the PRF to continue generating a pipeline of new projects to ensure PEMSEA's sustainability. However, the meeting further recognized that it is important that the EAS Partnership Council arrive at a consensus on the boundaries / scope of project development initiatives and investments to be pursued by the PRF.</li> <li>• It was noted that development and approval of new projects can take up to two years thus there is also a need for the organization to build up a reserve fund that can be used to bridge the gap between projects. The meeting concluded that both a pipeline of new projects, along with Country Partner contributions,</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed with the development of the TOR and preparatory work for the establishment of subcommittee comprised of National Focal Points and Non-Country Partners in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council;</li> <li>• Continue generating and developing new projects, soliciting feedback and consensus from the EAS Partnership Council on boundaries / scope through the above-mentioned subcommittee;</li> <li>• Continue improving the marketing of PEMSEA products and services;</li> <li>• Pursue development of investment opportunities (e.g., Ocean Investment</li> </ul>

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	<p>are needed to ensure the financial sustainability of PEMSEA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting recognized the current challenge of generating membership revenue from the newly established East Asian Seas Sustainable Business Network (EAS-SBN), However it was concluded that this initiative is still valuable to PEMSEA in terms of blue economy development and generating project leads for investments.</li> <li>• PEMSEA's activities should be seen as part and parcel of the priorities and activities of Country Partners in coastal and ocean programs and not project activities of the PRF. Improved exposure of PEMSEA within the countries is important for mainstreaming PEMSEA initiatives into country plans and programs.</li> <li>• Regular engagement of country focal points and/or establishing resident representatives that can help countries in implementing PEMSEA country programs will help increase the visibility of PEMSEA, encourage institutional champions within countries, as well as keep PEMSEA front-of-mind with Ministers and other government stakeholders.</li> <li>• The proposed subcommittee on PEMSEA's sustainability needs to be comprised of National Focal Points and Non-Country Partners. The conduct of the subcommittee</li> </ul>	<p>Facility; continued development of the EAS-SBN) supporting PEMSEA's sustainability;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue developing the SEA Knowledge Bank, the PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers (PNLC), PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG), the EAS-SBN and other communities of practice under the broader theme of PEMSEA as a regional hub in coastal and ocean governance and blue economy development.</li> </ul>

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	<p>meetings can be virtual (using web conferencing software), and targeting one face-to-face meeting before the 9<sup>th</sup> Partnership Council Meeting in July 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting acknowledged the actions being undertaken by the PRF in marketing and developing of PEMSEA services and suite of products. PEMSEA is moving in the right direction particularly with the actions related to the SEA Knowledge Bank and the focus on blue economy.</li> <li>• The PRF may consider exploring two current market demands: (1) program/project development tapping international funds (e.g., Green Climate Fund); and (2) management and implementation of regional capacity building programs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.2:</b> <b>Target 2:</b> <i>By 2018, a regional State of Oceans and Coasts reporting system to monitor progress, impacts and benefits, and to continually improve planning and management of SDS-SEA implementation</i></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In comparison to other regional and global environmental reports, the proposed regional SOC with a blue economy theme will highlight the region's transition from a traditional ocean economy to blue economy and will include the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ocean economy accounting;</li> <li>○ Valuation of ecosystem services;</li> <li>○ Impacts of environmental damages and climate change on blue economy development;</li> <li>○ Innovative and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting recommended that the PRF pursue the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a TWG of experts and regional organizations to plan, develop and prepare the regional SOC report and to provide direction and support to the development of national SOC reports;</li> <li>• Promote the regional SOC reporting system as a cutting edge initiative, given its focus on the contribution of coasts and oceans to the economy and environment at the</li> </ul>



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	<p>sustainable ocean-related industries;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Innovations in ocean governance; and</li> <li>○ Blue economy investment opportunities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using information from the SOC report, knowledge products on blue economy can be developed and packaged for different stakeholders and applications (e.g., for policymaking, planning, economic instruments, investment opportunities, general public awareness, etc.).</li> <li>• Contributions of the ocean economy to national GDPs may not be that high in all countries of the region, but may be considerable at the local level (e.g., fisheries, tourism, etc.). Therefore the local aspects of blue economy should also be highlighted in the SOC report.</li> <li>• Interest has been expressed by Non-Country and development partners for the participation in the development of the regional SOC report (e.g., SIDA; GIZ; ACB; IUCN; CI; CTI-CFF; ADB CTI-SEA; CCRES; DENR; IOC WESTPAC; KMI; USAID; WorldFish; YSLME; etc.). This is seen as a positive sign of PEMSEA's convening capacity among regional ocean-related projects and programs.</li> </ul>	<p>national, regional and global levels (i.e., UN SDGs and SDS-SEA);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In collaboration with countries and other international and regional organizations, mobilize external sources of financing and technical assistance for the development of the regional and national SOC reports.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Agenda Item 3.3:</b>  <b>Target 3:</b> <i>By 2021, national coastal and ocean policies, and supporting legislation and institutional arrangements set up and functional in 100% of PEMSEA Partner Countries, consistent with international environmental and sustainable development commitments and based on best available scientific information</i></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting supported the initiative to assist countries in a more systematic way towards achieving Target 3.</li> <li>• There should be clear definition of the target indicators to ensure proper assessment of progress and achievements in countries (e.g., ICM enabling legislation; interagency, multi-sectoral coordinating mechanisms; etc.)</li> <li>• The usefulness of making available online copies of policies and legislation compiled from the Regional Review of the SDS-SEA was emphasized to promote knowledge and information sharing.</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage the Technical Session of EAS Partnership Council to proactively take on the responsibility of reviewing regional progress towards Target 3;</li> <li>• Coordinate with existing regional and global mechanisms, networks and communities of practice on ocean policy and legislation (i.e., OPINEAR facilitated by OPRI-SPF) in lieu of establishing a new Technical Working Group on ocean policy and law; and</li> <li>• Continue sharing of available information related to policies and legislations from the different PEMSEA countries through the SEA Knowledge Bank.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.4:</b>  <b>Target 4:</b> <i>By 2021, ICM programs for sustainable development of coastal and marine areas covering at least 25% of the region's coastline and contiguous watershed areas, supporting national priorities and commitments under the UN SDGs, UNFCCC, Aichi</i></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting noted the potential for Target 4 to be fully achieved by 2021 in view of the policies, legislations and strategies being put in place in countries to facilitate ICM development and implementation.</li> <li>• The meeting clarified the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Information on the estimated coastline coverage is provided by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with national governments to map out the commitments to ICM scaling up to achieve the 25% target, including the identification and validation of sites over the next 5 years in accordance with PEMSEA's ICM Code;</li> <li>• Consider applying a</li> </ul>

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<p><i>Biodiversity Targets, UNISDR Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and other relevant environmental and sustainable development targets subscribed to by PEMSEA Partner Countries</i></p>	<p>the Country Partners, as reported in the Regional Review on SDS-SEA implementation to 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The estimates include completed and existing ICM-related programs and projects that were and/or are being implemented by national agencies, donors and other organizations, including NGOs.</li> <li>○ The additional 1.56% coverage for 2016 includes new ICM sites identified by countries as priority sites under the GEF/UNDP SDS-SEA Project being executed by PEMSEA.</li> <li>● Target 4 has been agreed to by the countries in the Da Nang Compact. PEMSEA's role is to catalyze the ICM scaling process by facilitating buy-in to the development and implementation of national ICM/SDS-SEA programs.</li> </ul>	<p>targeted and incremental approach to achieving the 25% target by 2021 by closely working with countries with long coastlines, such as Japan, Indonesia, China, Philippines and Vietnam, where there is high potential for ICM scaling up;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review the information on coastline coverage and request the countries to update and/or validate in preparation for the EAS Partnership Council meeting in July;</li> <li>● Establish partnerships with international, national and local entities to take advantage of opportunities for convergence and support to ICM scaling up programs in PEMSEA countries; and</li> <li>● Identify the drivers that have enabled some countries to move faster in ICM implementation and provide case examples that can be beneficial for other countries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.1 Election of Executive Committee Officers (EC/17/DOC/04a)</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is crucial to secure nominations for all Co-Chair positions by April 22 so as not to delay the process of election of EAS Partnership Council Co-Chairs.</li> <li>● To ensure inclusive</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting recommended that the PRF take proactive role in encouraging Partners to submit nominations of qualified candidates in accordance with the nomination and election schedule of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance.</p>

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	<p>representation among the Partners at the Executive Committee, it is important to have balance. It was noted that the PEMSEA Rules Governing the Elections state that at least one of the PEMSEA Officers on Executive Committee should belong to or be affiliated with a Non-Country Partner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was further noted that it is important to ensure that nominees meet the qualifications set in order to maintain strong PEMSEA leadership.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.2 Applications to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner (EC/17/DOC/04b)</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with the PEMSEA Rules of Governance on Partnership, IPIECA was assessed to have met all the qualifications to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner based on its recognized international standing in the area of oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, as well as a number of collaborative activities with PEMSEA and the EAS countries in the past.</li> <li>• The EC consented with the assessment of the PRF that BROCA is not eligible to become a Non-Country Partner at this time given its limited scope/coverage. As a Non-Country Partner it is integral for the partner to demonstrate its regional coverage, objectives and capacities. It would however</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee endorsed the application of IPIECA to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner to the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council meeting;</p> <p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On behalf of the EC, notify BROCA of the decision on their application to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner;</li> <li>• Examine the respective contributions and benefits derived by and from existing Non-Country Partners in support of SDS-SEA implementation over the past 3 years, and report the results of the assessment to the next Executive Committee meeting.</li> </ul>

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	<p>be beneficial to encourage BROCA to consider initiating programs/initiatives both in China and in the region, as well as collaborate with PEMSEA on some activities in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To sustain a strong partnership, it is important to assess the value of PEMSEA Non-Country Partners in terms of their respective contributions to the implementation of the SDS-SEA, with the purpose of encouraging Non-Country Partners to collaborate closely with PEMSEA.</li> <li>• To ensure full participation of Non-Country Partners in SDS-SEA implementation, it is also important for PRF to develop more opportunities for collaborating with Non-Country Partners for the planning and implementation of the SDS-SEA.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.3</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> EAS</b>  <b>Partnership</b>  <b>Council Meeting</b>  <b>(EC/17/DOC/04c)</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting noted with appreciation the offer from the DENR Philippines to host the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting in Bohol on July 11-15, 2016. Finalization of specific meeting venue and details on logistics should be identified before May to enable Partners to prepare and budget for the meeting.</li> <li>• Taking into consideration the bulk of important items to be</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee recommended the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the dates of July 11-15, 2016 and Bohol, Philippines as the venue for the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting;</li> <li>• Adoption of the proposed new sequence of EAS Partnership Council Sessions, commencing with the Technical Session, to be followed by the Council Session and Intergovernmental</li> </ul>

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	<p>discussed under the Technical Session, the meeting concurred to modify the sequence of the Partnership Council sessions. The Technical Session will be conducted in the first two days followed by the Council Session, wherein Country and Non-Country Partners as well as sponsoring organizations will be present. The Intergovernmental Session involving only the Country Partners will be retained as the last session.</p>	<p>Session;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the proposed agenda items for the 8<sup>th</sup> Partnership Council Meeting.</li> <li>• The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee recommended the PRF issue the invitations to all Partners for the 8<sup>th</sup> Partnership Council Meeting on the first week of May 2016 to facilitate early preparation and confirmation to the meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.4 PEMSEA Work Programme and Budget 2016-2017 (EC/17/DOC/04d)</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting noted the growth of PEMSEA's work programme over the past three years, and the revenues that are being generated via country contributions, multi-year grants and PEMSEA Services.</li> <li>• The meeting concluded that it is crucial for PEMSEA to continue developing projects to help sustain PEMSEA's operations, at the same time ensure the continuous quality service and timely implementation of SDS-SEA and ICM initiatives in the countries.</li> <li>• In view of the increasing number of projects being managed by the PRF, a clear human resource development program and a PRF structural review may be beneficial to assess</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting recommended that the PRF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit the 2016-2017 work programme and budget to the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting for approval, clearly delineating aspects of the work programme that support SDS-SEA implementation, and those that contribute to the sustainability of PEMSEA.</li> </ul>

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	<p>PRF's available capacity and the possibility of bringing in more staff if needed so as not to stretch the PRF too thinly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The presentation of the PEMSEA work programme and budget at the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting should provide the Partners with clear indication of the work programme activities, outputs and impacts over the next two years, as well as the gaps in financing some of the activities/ services of PEMSEA.</li> <li>• PEMSEA can serve as a training center both for PEMSEA Focal Points and other entities. This can serve as another revenue generating service of PEMSEA in the future.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.5 Selection and Hiring of new PRF Executive Director</b></p>	<p>Discussion highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As agreed upon by the Executive Committee during its 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting in October 2013, the meeting discussed the early initiation of the selection and appointment process for a new Executive Director in order to ensure a smooth transition at the end of Mr. Ross's contract in December 2017.</li> <li>• The meeting noted that the selection and appointment process are provided in Annex 4 of the PEMSEA Governance and By Laws.</li> <li>• To ensure smooth turn over</li> </ul>	<p>The 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate early the process of selection and hiring of new Executive Director to ensure that the new ED will be in position on January 1, 2018</li> <li>• With a view to achieving the above, undertake the following process:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Immediate release of vacancy announcement</li> <li>2. Conduct short listing of applicants</li> <li>3. Conduct interview of shortlisted applicants</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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	<p>of leadership, the possibility of engaging the new ED in various key PEMSEA activities and events can be explored once his/her appointment has been confirmed, prior to his/her formal assumption of office on January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>4. Issue letter of offer to selected applicant by January 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRF to explore the possibility of engaging the new ED in key activities and events in 2017 in order to ensure a smooth transition in 2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Closing of the Meeting</b></p>	<p>The Meeting reviewed and adopted the draft recommendations of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the meeting participants and closed the meeting.</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1:00PM, 7 April 2016.</p>

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**Annex 1**

**17<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**April 6, 2016 (Wednesday)**

**09:00 – 09:30**

**1.0 Organizational Matters and Meeting Agenda**

The Council Chair will open the Meeting and welcome the members of the Executive Committee. The Secretariat will be invited to present the meeting agenda and documents.

**2.0 Summary of major recommendations and decisions from the 16<sup>th</sup> Expanded Executive Committee Meeting and the 7<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting, and the actions taken by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat will provide a summary report on the status/actions undertaken with regard to the recommendations and decisions from the 16<sup>th</sup> EC and 7<sup>th</sup> EAS PC Meeting.

The EC will also be informed of the major achievements and progress made, as well as the challenges encountered in 2015. The EC will be requested to provide insights and suggestions to address the challenges identified.

**09:30 – 10:30**

**3.0 Achieving the SDS-SEA Post-2015 Targets**

Moving forward on the commitments and regional post-2015 targets set in the Danang Compact, the Meeting will focus on each of the four strategic targets, the corresponding potential issues and challenges, and proposed strategies/actions in order to achieve the targets.

In particular, the presentations and discussions will focus on the following:

**3.1 Target 1: A Self-Sustained PEMSEA (2017)**

**10:30 – 10:45**

**Coffee Break**

**10:45 – 12:00**

**3.2 Target 2: Regional State of Oceans and Coasts Reporting (2018)**

**12:00 – 13:00**

**Lunch**

**13:00 – 15:30**

**3.3 Target 3: National Ocean Policy and Institutional**

Mechanisms (2021)

- 3.4** Target 4: Scaling up ICM to 25% of the Region's Coastline (2021)

**15:30 – 15:45**      **Coffee Break**

**15:45 – 17:30**      **Continuation of Agenda item 2.0 Discussions**

**18:00 – 19:00**      **Dinner**

**April 7, 2016 (Thursday)**

**09:00**              **4.0**      **Other Business**

**09:00 – 09:30**      **4.1**      **Election of Executive Committee Officers**

In accordance with Annex 2 of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance on the Guidance for Election by Consensus of Partnership Council Officers and Co-Chairs, the EC as Election Board is expected to provide directions to the PRF in facilitating the process and timetable for nominations and election of Co-Chairs.

**09:30 – 10:00**      **4.2**      **Application to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner**

The PRF Secretariat will present relevant information and its assessment on the applications received from various entities to become a PEMSEA Non-Country Partner in accordance with Annex 1 of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance on PEMSEA Partnership. The EC meeting will review the submissions, with a view of having the approved applicants formally confirmed at the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council.

**10:00 – 10:15**      **Coffee Break**

**10:15 – 10:45**      **4.3**      **8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council**

The proposed dates, venue and program for the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council will be presented for discussion and endorsement by the EC meeting.

**10:45 – 11:45**      **4.4**      **PEMSEA 2016-2017 workplan and budget**

The PEMSEA workplan and budget for 2016-2017 will be presented for review and endorsement by the EC to the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS Partnership Council.

**4.5 Selection and Recruitment of New PRF Executive Director (*added item by the EC*)**

**11:45 – 12:00 Summary of Recommendations of the EC Meeting and Closing of the Meeting**

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**

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## Annex 2

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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