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A. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Special East Asian Seas Partnership Council Meeting was held at the Amoris A, Pullman Hotel, Changwon City, Republic of Korea, on 11 July 2012. The City Government of Changwon and the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM) of RO Korea hosted the Meeting.
- ii. The Meeting was attended by the members of the Executive Committee. Representatives from nine (9) PEMSEA Country Partners were in attendance, namely: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor Leste, and Vietnam. A representative from Thailand was present as an observer. Representatives from 14 Non-Country Partners were in attendance, namely: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB); Coastal Management Center (CMC); International EMECS Center; International Ocean Institute (IOI); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI)¹; Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP); Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF); Oil Spill Response Ltd. (OSRL); PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG); Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML); GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP); United Nations Environment Programme Global Programme of Action (UNEP GPA); and Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME).
- iii. Representatives from the UNDP Manila and UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok were present on behalf of the implementing agency. Representative from the GEF was present on behalf of the funding agency. A representative from the World Bank was present as a sponsoring agency. Representatives from Bogor Agricultural University; Sulu Celebes Sea Sustainable Fisheries Management; Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission served as observers. The PEMSEA Resource Facility served as the Secretariat for the Meeting.
- iv. A full list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

B. OPENING CEREMONY

- i. On behalf of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM), Mr. Jeon Ki-Jeong, Director General for Shipping Policy, MLTM, welcomed the participants to the meeting. Mr. Jeon described Changwon City's significant transformation from a highly industrialized and polluted city into RO Korea's foremost city on marine environmental management, making Changwon the perfect city to host the Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting and the East Asian Seas Congress.

¹ KORDI has been changed to Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)

- ii. Mr. Jeon underscored the increasing interest on the oceans globally as evident in the Rio+20 Summit Declaration and the UN Regular Process. This global effort for sustainable use of marine resources and environment must however be complemented by actions from the regional and national level. In this regard, Mr. Jeon saw the crucial role of PEMSEA in promoting the sustainable development of the East Asian Seas through Integrated Coastal Management (ICM). With the strong and continuing support from various PEMSEA Partners, Mr. Jeon believes that the East Asian Seas region will be able to take the lead globally in resolving ocean-related concerns and set the marine agenda and policies in the future.
- iii. The Republic of Korea, which also hosted the World Expo 2012 in Yeosu, is confident that the year 2012 will usher in a new era of sustainable marine industry and marine environmental management. In closing, Mr. Jeon expressed his congratulations to all for the successful opening of the EAS Congress.
- iv. On behalf of the PEMSEA Resource Facility (PRF), Prof. Raphael P. M. Lotilla, Executive Director, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Republic of Korea, the MLTM, and the City Government of Changwon for their warm hospitality and efforts in organizing the Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting and the EAS Congress.
- v. Prof. Lotilla informed the meeting that apart from the EAS Congress 2012, the Government of RO Korea has also supported the PEMSEA and GEF exhibition as part of the UN Pavilion at the World Yeosu Expo 2012. Through the Yeosu Project, two key projects have been initiated: (1) the PEMSEA-Yeosu Project on Port Safety, Health and Environmental Management; and (2) the Project on Strengthening Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in a Subregional Sea Area: Environmental Sensitivity Mapping in the Gulf of Thailand.
- vi. Prof. Lotilla highlighted the increasing recognition on PEMSEA's initiatives as evident in the growing number of PEMSEA Partners. The meeting for instance will be welcoming another new Non-Country Partner to the PEMSEA family. Prof. Lotilla also emphasized the strengthened commitment of the region on the SDS-SEA with the Changwon Declaration Toward an Ocean-based Blue Economy and the SDS-SEA Regional 5-Year Implementation Plan expected to be adopted at the Fourth Ministerial Forum. Prof. Lotilla urged all the Partners to take stronger role in moving the SDS-SEA implementation forward.
- vii. On behalf of the EAS Partnership Council, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Council Chair, conveyed his gratitude to the Government of RO Korea and the City Government of Changwon for hosting the EAS Partnership Council Meeting and the EAS Congress 2012. Dr. Chua formally introduced the three new Co-Chairs and members of the Executive Committee, namely: Ambassador Mary Seet-Cheng, Council Co-Chair; Undersecretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, Intergovernmental Session Co-Chair; and Professor Chul-Hwan Koh, Technical Session Co-Chair. The three Co-Chairs are providing additional support and broader perspective to PEMSEA and the Executive Committee. The role of the Co-Chairs is crucial, as they will be taking over the Chairs position in July 2013.

- viii. Dr. Chua emphasized the result of the Rio+20: “The Future We Want”, and the importance given to the oceans, seas and coastal areas. In particular, the Rio +20 stressed the importance of ocean conservation and sustainable use in addressing poverty reduction, economic growth, and food security among others, which are the same principles espoused by “blue economy”. In line with the Rio+20, Dr. Chua highlighted that the East Asian Seas region has provided a direct and immediate response through the SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan. In particular, he cited China and RO Korea as key countries that have already embarked on the implementation of blue economy.
- ix. In view of the increasing challenges in the region, Dr. Chua underscored that the role of the Partnership Council and the Executive Committee members has become more crucial than ever. To effectively implement the SDS-SEA, Dr. Chua emphasized on the need for a dynamic leadership and harmonious relationships in the region. In closing, Dr. Chua wished the meeting full success.
- x. The full text of the Opening Ceremony speeches may be found in Annex 2.

1.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng, Council Chair, chaired the Meeting.
- 1.2 The Secretariat introduced the principal reference documents for the Meeting (Annex 3).

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda as presented (Annex 4).

3.0 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PEMSEA NON-COUNTRY PARTNER AND MOA SIGNING WITH ICM LEARNING CENTER

- 3.1 Prof. Lotilla introduced the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) and informed the meeting that KOEM's application as a Non-Country Partner has been reviewed and accepted by the 10th Executive Committee Meeting.
- 3.2 The KOEM is a specialized organization for marine environment management of RO Korea that is tasked to support the effective implementation of marine pollution prevention and management policies. KOEM's research programmes include climate change adaptation in coastal and marine areas, marine pollution prevention and rehabilitation/oil spill preparedness and response, and marine ecosystem conservation and management.
- 3.3 Prof. Lotilla informed the meeting that the Center for Coastal and Marine Resources Studies, Bogor Agricultural University of Indonesia (PKSPL-IPB) has been serving as PEMSEA's ICM Learning Center since 2009. Since then, the core members of the PKSPL-IPB have also served as National Task Forces of PEMSEA in the conduct of various trainings/workshops in Indonesia and in other ICM sites.

Decision:

- 3.4 The Meeting accepted the recommendation of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting to include KOEM as a Non-Country Partner of PEMSEA.

Signing of Memorandum of Agreement with KOEM and Bogor Agricultural University

- 3.5 Mr. In Sub Kwak, President of KOEM, expressed his appreciation to the Partnership Council and reiterated KOEM's commitment to contribute in the implementation of the SDS-SEA. Mr. Kwak highlighted the key areas of expertise of KOEM, which can be of value to various PEMSEA activities in the region, including: oil spill response, marine protected area and biodiversity, and climate change adaptation.

- 3.6 A Letter of Cooperation (LOC) on Sustainable Development and Management of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Seas of East Asia was signed between KOEM and PEMSEA. Mr. Kwak signed on behalf of KOEM and Prof. Lotilla signed on behalf of PEMSEA. Dr. Chua Thia-Eng and Mr. Kim-Hyun Jong, Vice President of KOEM served as witnesses.
- 3.7 The Council Chair invited the representative of the Bogor Agricultural University to deliver a speech in line with the extension of the agreement of the university as an ICM Learning Center of PEMSEA. Prof. Dr. Tridoyo Kusumastanto, President of Bogor Agricultural University, emphasized the need for continuous improvement on the quality and capacity of human resources, as it is the key to ICM implementation and the sustainability of the East Asian Seas region. As an ICM Learning Center, the PKSPL-IPB can contribute in meeting this objective. The PKSPL-IPB is committed to promote sustainable development of coastal and marine resources and provide technical assistance and expertise to national and local governments and communities in the region through conduct of training, research, studies and extension programs.
- 3.8 Prof. Kusumastanto and Prof. Lotilla signed the Memorandum of Agreement to continue the support of Bogor Agricultural University as an ICM Learning Center of PEMSEA. Dr. Chua Thia Eng and Dr. Luky Adrianto, Deputy Director of Bogor Agricultural University, served as witnesses.

4.0 PEMSEA GOVERNANCE, TRANSFORMATION AND REGIONAL SDS-SEA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (2012-2016)

PEMSEA Governance

Discussion Highlights:

- 4.1 In line with the efforts to establish PEMSEA into a fully independent international organization, there is a need to ensure compliance with international fiduciary standards and demonstrate PEMSEA's competence in implementing activities from various donors.
- 4.2 The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Philippines has concurred on the Headquarters Agreement (HQA). Upon signature of DFA and PEMSEA, the HQA will be submitted to the Office of the President for ratification and to the Philippine Senate for adoption. The process is expected to take several months with a target completion by early 2013 to avoid overlaps with the 2013 national and local elections in the Philippines.
- 4.3 The PEMSEA Rules of Governance and By-Laws with Annexes 1 to 6 have been adopted in principle by the 4th EAS Partnership Council Meeting and further reviewed and adopted by the 9th Executive Committee Meeting. In compliance with international fiduciary requirements, the remaining annexes will have to be completed by end of 2012 and will be patterned after the UN rules and regulations. The remaining annexes to be prioritized for 2012 include: Annex 8 on Procurement Guidelines; Annex 9 on Code of Ethics; and Annex 10 on Rules

of Procedure and Investigation, while Annex 7 on Investment Management Guidelines will be developed later on in line with the recommendations of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting.

- 4.4 As part of the requirements of becoming an executing or implementing agency, an Audit Committee must be established under the EAS Partnership Council. To facilitate the process, the mechanism and terms of reference will have to be developed.

Decisions:

The Meeting decided that:

- 4.5 The PRF work closely with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines to secure the ratification of the President of the Government of the Philippines and the adoption of the Senate of the Philippines on the Headquarters Agreement by 2013.
- 4.6 The Executive Committee guide and assist the PRF in completing the remaining annexes (Annexes 8-10) of the PEMSEA Rules of Governance following the UN standing rules by end of 2012.
- 4.7 The PRF prepare the draft Terms of Reference and Mechanism for the establishment of the Audit Committee for submission to the Partnership Council for review and approval.

PEMSEA Transformation

Discussion Highlights:

- 4.8 The meeting noted with appreciation the support provided by various Partners to PEMSEA over the years. In particular, the meeting expressed gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for the PEMSEA office facility, and to the annual contributions of China, Japan, and RO Korea under the Cost-Sharing Agreement supporting the operations of the PEMSEA Secretariat Services, as well as to the contribution of Timor Leste which was mainly utilized for capacity building and technical support activities in the country.
- 4.9 After three phases of GEF support, it is high time for PEMSEA to slowly move into becoming a self-sustaining mechanism that is accountable to and driven by the countries.
- 4.10 Under the PRF Re-Engineering Plan, PEMSEA is envisioned to become more independent wherein the PRF Executive Director will oversee all projects supported by various sources of funds and become more accountable to the countries. In line with this, the funding source for the Executive Director as well as other core staff will have to be sourced from the voluntary support of the countries.

Decisions:

The Meeting decided that:

- 4.11 The Executive Committee assist the PRF in moving forward and in conducting the consultations with Country Partners regarding PEMSEA's sustainable financing and establishment of voluntary contributions to support the core operations of the PRF.
- 4.12 The PRF prepare a progress report on the transformation process for presentation to the next Partnership Council Meeting.

Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan

Discussion Highlights:

- 4.13 The Meeting noted the growing confidence and recognition of UNDP, World Bank and GEF to PEMSEA as the regional implementing mechanism for the SDS-SEA as evidenced by the Platform Framework Documents of GEF/UNDP on Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments and GEF/World Bank on Scaling up Partnership Investments for Sustainable Development of Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia and their Coasts.
- 4.14 The support and active participation of the countries and other partners are crucial to move and put into action the SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan.
- 4.15 The Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan serves as the East Asian Seas region's plan of action and response to the Rio+20. The next step is to ensure that individual Country SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plans are finalized and Annex A of the Regional Implementation Plan updated to include the priority locations or sites for SDS-SEA implementation.

Decisions:

The Meeting decided:

- 4.16 To adopt the Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan and endorse the same to the Fourth Ministerial Forum.
- 4.17 That the PRF coordinate with the countries and conduct consultations to complete and finalize the National SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plans and update Annex A of the Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan with priority locations or sites for SDS-SEA implementation identified.

5.0 GEF/UNDP PROGRAM FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT AND GEF/WORLD BANK PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

Discussion Highlights:

- 5.1 In support of the operationalization of the regional and national SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plans in the next phase of PEMSEA, it is crucial to complete and secure the approval for the programme framework documents with GEF/UNDP and GEF/World Bank.
- 5.2 The prerequisites for the approval of the project for the next phase of PEMSEA includes: (a) endorsement of the Programme Framework Document (PFD) by the GEF-eligible countries; (b) completion of the Terminal Evaluation of the current GEF/UNDP/UNOPS Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA; (c) preparation of Project Identification Form (PIF); (d) endorsement of PIF by participating countries; (e) approval of PFD and PIF by the GEF Council Meeting in November 2012; (f) preparation of the Project Document; (g) endorsement of the Project Document by eligible countries; and (h) endorsement of the Project Document by CEO/Chairwoman of the GEF Secretariat.
- 5.3 The GEF/World Bank Project Proposal on Scaling up Partnership Investments for Sustainable Development of Large Marine Ecosystems of East Asia and their Coasts has been prepared and submitted to GEF Council in November 2011. The Project includes three key pillars focusing on: investment projects on reduction of land-based pollution; addressing overexploitation of fisheries; and targeted research and knowledge management. The Knowledge Management component (GEF medium-sized project) will be led by PEMSEA. The finalization of the Project Document was targeted in the first and second quarter of 2012, and project start up by last quarter of 2012.
- 5.4 The GEF/UNDP Project Framework Document on Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreements and Catalyzed Investments has been endorsed by six GEF-eligible countries to UNDP. Two countries are still in the process of consultation. The endorsement from all eight participating countries should be secured by September in order for the PFD and PIF to enter into the work program of the GEF Council Meeting in November 2012.
- 5.5 The preparations for the Terminal Evaluation of the GEF/UNDP Project on the Implementation of the SDS-SEA are still ongoing. The evaluation proper is expected to take place in August or September 2012.

Decisions:

The Meeting decided that:

- 5.6 The PRF organize a high level delegation in coordination with the Executive Committee to conduct bilateral discussions with the two countries that have yet

- to endorse the GEF/UNDP PFD in order to provide further information and fast track the endorsement.
- 5.7 The PRF work closely with UNDP and UNOPS to finalize the arrangements and complete the Terminal Evaluation of the current project.
- 5.8 The PRF coordinate with the two countries to secure endorsement of the PFD and engage all relevant countries in the planning and development of the PIF and Project Document which will focus in the implementation of the regional and national SDS-SEA Implementation Plans.
- 5.9 Countries support the approval of the projects in the GEF Council meetings.

6.0 FOURTH MINISTERIAL FORUM

Discussion Highlights:

- 6.1 The Senior Government Officials Meeting (SGOM) has reviewed and approved all arrangements for the conduct of the Fourth Ministerial Forum.
- 6.2 The “Changwon Declaration Toward an Ocean-based Blue Economy: Moving Ahead with the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia”, which includes the commitment to adopt and implement the Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan has undergone series of consultations with the countries and has been approved by the Senior Government Officials Meeting for adoption at the Fourth Ministerial Forum.

Decision:

- 6.3 The Meeting noted and endorsed the proposed Changwon Declaration for adoption by the Fourth Ministerial Forum.

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS

GEF/UNDP Project on SDS-SEA Implementation Work Plan and Budget (2012-2013)

Discussion Highlights:

- 7.1 In line with the extension of the current project to December 2013 without additional GEF funding, PEMSEA endeavored to secure other sources of funds to fill in the budget gap for 2013.
- 7.2 UNOPS is in the process of finalizing the financial report for 2011 to first quarter of 2012. Upon receipt of the UNOPS report, the PRF will review and modify the budget for 2012-2013 accordingly and submit to the Executive Committee for approval.

Decision:

- 7.3 The Meeting decided to authorize the Executive Committee to approve on behalf of the Partnership Council the work plan and budget for 2012 to 2013.

Prof. Lotilla to Relinquish Executive Director and Regional Programme Director Post

- 7.4 In line with the discussions at and recommendations of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting, the Council Chair on behalf of the Executive Committee, announced the intention of Prof. Raphael Lotilla to relinquish his post as Executive Director of the PRF and Regional Programme Director of PEMSEA.
- 7.5 In accordance with the recommendations of the 10th Executive Committee Meeting and in order to ensure a smooth transition, Prof. Lotilla will continue up to end of July 2012. Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, Chief Technical Officer, has been recommended to serve as the PRF Acting Executive Director until such time as the new Executive Director has been selected.
- 7.6 Prof. Lotilla expressed his deepest gratitude to the Executive Committee, Country and non-Country Partners, donors and sponsors for their support and guidance during his four-year term. With full confidence, Prof. Lotilla assured the Council that the dedicated PRF officers and staff will be able to carry on the various programs and activities of PEMSEA. He expressed his continuous commitment to work for and with PEMSEA and believes that this is another step to the maturation of the organization. He called on all the members of the EC, the Partners and supporting agencies for their continued support to PEMSEA.
- 7.7 On behalf of the Partnership Council and the Executive Committee, the Council Chair, expressed his appreciation to Prof. Lotilla for leading PEMSEA into a new phase. In particular, the efforts and support of the Executive Director to secure the Legal Personality of PEMSEA, the ongoing finalization of the Headquarters Agreement and the initiation of PEMSEA's transformation into an international organization are key contributions to PEMSEA's growth.
- 7.8 Apart from Prof. Lotilla, Dr. Chua informed the meeting that PEMSEA will undergo several changes in leadership in the coming months as the term of the current Chairs of the Executive Committee will be completed in July 2013. The current Co-Chairs will take on the chairmanship roles and a new set of Co-Chairs will come in to bring PEMSEA through another exciting phase. Dr. Chua urged all the Partners and supporting agencies of PEMSEA to provide their much needed support during this transition period.

Decisions:

The Meeting decided:

- 7.9 To accept the intention of Prof. Raphael Lotilla to complete his role as PRF Executive Director up to end of July 2012.

- 7.10 To designate Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross as the Acting Executive Director of the PRF until such time as the new Executive Director is selected and hired.
- 7.11 That the Executive Committee and all Partners provide the necessary support and guidance to the PRF during the transition in PEMSEA's leadership.

8.0 CLOSING CEREMONY

- 8.1 On behalf of the Partnership Council, Dr. Chua Thia-Eng expressed his appreciation to MLTM of RO Korea for hosting the meeting and to all the PEMSEA Partners, sponsoring agencies and observer organizations. Dr. Chua also thanked the local Secretariat and PEMSEA Secretariat for the meeting arrangements.
- 8.2 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng declared the Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting closed at 6:40PM, 11 July 2012.

ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2
Full Text of Speeches
Opening Ceremony

**Welcome Remarks of Mr. Jeon Ki-Jeong
Director General for Shipping Policy
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Honorable Dr, Chua Thia-Eng, East Asian Seas Partnership Council Chair
Dr. Raphael Lotilla, Executive Director of PEMSEA
Distinguished member countries of PEMSEA and international organizations
participating in this meeting today

It is my great honor for Korea to host the 4th EAS Congress 2012 as well as the Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting in the City of Changwon, Gyeongsangnam-Do, Korea after we hosted the previous Council Meeting in Busan last year. It is also my great pleasure to meet the PEMSEA member countries and representatives of NGOs.

Distinguished guests from home and abroad!

The city of Changwon was once one of the most active coastal industrial cities during the industrialization era that provided a foundation for Korea's economic development. At the same time, however, such industrialization made it one of the most polluted cities in Korea.

However, the Korean government and local communities have collected their efforts to overcome this challenge. For instance, we initiated a pilot project of introducing a total pollution load management system of coastal area to effectively manage the Masan Bay. Therefore, we successfully made Changwon take root as a central city of marine environment management in Korea. In this regard, I believe that it is even more meaningful for Changwon city to host the EAS Congress 2012.

Distinguished participants!

As seen in the Rio+20 Summit Declaration as well as the UN Regular Process, the world has been increasingly interested in the oceans.

In this regard, the global efforts for a sustainable use of marine resources and environmental protection are indispensable. However, I believe that the collective efforts should be also made at a regional and national level.

In this context, the role of PEMSEA has become more important than ever which plays a central part in promoting sustainable development of East Asian Seas based on the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM).

I am confident that continuous support and assistance of PEMSEA members and partner organizations will make it easier and better to secure the soundness and stability of East Asian seas better than any other regions in the world.

In addition, I think that such efforts will enable us to lead the world's actions in resolving ocean-related problems and to take initiative to develop and set the agenda for marine policies in the future.

In the meantime, Korea expects that the year 2012 will usher in a new era in terms of sustainable marine industry development and marine environment management.

This year, we are holding the World Expo 2012 YEOSU, which serves as a global marine festival for people over the world.

On top of that, several important marine events are scheduled both locally and internationally. I would like to ask for your keen interests and full supports.

Once again, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations of the successful opening of the EAS Congress 2012.

My special thanks also go to the PEMSEA Secretariat and the staff of Korea for their great endeavors and hard works to prepare for this wonderful event.

I hope that you have a healthy and memorable stay in Korea and safe trip back to your country. I wish all of you good health and happiness.

Thank you very much.

ANNEX 3

List of Documents

Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting

**Pullman Hotel, Changwon City
 Republic of Korea
 July 11, 2012**

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3.0	PRF Secretariat Report on PEMSEA Governance, Transformation and Regional SDS-SEA Implementation Plan (2012-2016)	Regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan	Published material
4.0	Framework Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GEF/UNDP Program Framework Document ○ GEF/World Bank Program Framework Document 	---	---
5.0	Fourth Ministerial Forum	Changwon Declaration Toward Achieving Ocean-based Blue Economy: Moving Ahead with the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (for adoption by Fourth Ministerial Forum)	Included under the Fourth Ministerial Forum documents

ANNEX 4
Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

**Special EAS Partnership Council Meeting
Pullman Hotel, Changwon City
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July 11, 2012; 1800- 2000**

Agenda

1.0 Opening Ceremony

Welcome Remarks
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Welcome Remarks
Prof. Raphael P.M. Lotilla
Executive Director
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Opening Remarks
Dr. Chua Thia-Eng
Chair
EAS Partnership Council

2.0 Introduction of New PEMSEA Partner and MOA Signing with ICM Learning Center

The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) as a new PEMSEA Non-Country Partner as endorsed by the Executive Committee. The KOEM representative will sign the Partnership Operating Arrangements to formalize the Partnership.

The Center for Coastal and Marine Resources Studies of Bogor Agricultural University of Indonesia as one of PEMSEA's ICM Learning Centers will sign an MOA with PEMSEA to extend the agreement focusing on capacity building for integrated coastal management.

3.0 PRF Secretariat Report on PEMSEA Governance, Transformation and Regional SDS-SEA Implementation Plan (2012-2016)

The Secretariat will deliver a summary report on the status of the following: (a) PEMSEA Governance and By-laws, (b) PEMSEA transformation plans and road maps, and (c) the Regional 5-Year Implementation Plan for the SDS-SEA. The report will also outline key roles and expectations from the Country Partners.

4.0 Framework Documents

- **GEF/UNDP Program Framework Document**
- **GEF/World Bank Program Framework Document**

The Secretariat as well as the representatives from UNDP and WorldBank will provide information on the objectives and status of the Programme Framework Documents for the next phase of PEMSEA.

5.0 Fourth Ministerial Forum

The Secretariat will be invited to present the focus and key issues to be discussed at the Fourth Ministerial Forum, as well as the key elements of the regional SDS-SEA 5-Year Implementation Plan which will serve as a medium-term road map for the region.

The regional SDS-SEA 5-year Implementation Plan will be endorsed by the Partnership Council to the Fourth Ministerial Forum for adoption through the signing of the Declaration on “Implementing the SDS-SEA to Sustain Ecosystem Services for an Ocean-based Blue Economy in the Seas of East Asia Region”.

6.0 Other Business

The Chair will invite the Secretariat to discuss the venue and date of the 5th EAS Partnership Council Meeting.

The Chair will invite all Partners and Sponsoring agencies to introduce other business.
