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SESSION 7.1: CAPITALIZING UPON BLUE ECONOMY POTENTIALS FOR ACHIEVING SDG 14

1300 – 1745, November 27, 2018

Partnership Hub Session Chair: Prof. Cielito Habito, Ateneo de Manila University

Partnership Hub Session Coordinator: Johanna Diwa-Acallar, PEMSEA

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (OPRI-SPF) convened a Partnership Hub track 7 Session 1 entitled “Capitalizing upon Blue Economy Potentials for Achieving SDG14” at Conference Room 7 from 13:30-17:30 on Wednesday 27 November 2019.
- 1.2 “Blue Economy,” a central theme of this session is a priority agenda item of the PEMSEA’s Strategic Plan as it was highlighted in the Ministerial Declaration of the previous EAS Congress held in 2015. About 60 participants attended the Session and they had fervent discussions throughout the hour session.
- 1.3 Prof. Cielito F. Habito, Professor of Economics of the Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, Former Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning preceded the Session. The Session consisted of a thematic panel and a case study panel where participants delivered the introductory and keynote presentations as well as thematic and case study presentations.
- 1.4 Prof. Habito underlined the importance of addressing blue economy as the concept was intended to promote marine and coastal resource conservation and sustainable use in the context of achieving sustainable development that is vital for Asian countries.
- 1.5 Dr. Keita Furukawa, Director, Policy Research Department, OPRI-SPF explained the purpose of the Session was to facilitate stakeholder policy dialogues on blue economy from holistic and interdisciplinary viewpoints.

- 1.6 Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President, OPRI-SPF delivered a video message by emphasizing the importance of fostering innovation in the areas of policy development, technology application, stakeholder mobilization, finance and partnership development.

2. KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- 2.1 Ms. Caridad Canales, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) delivered a keynote presentation by presenting the outcome of the Asia–Pacific Ocean Day held at the UNESCAP in Bangkok on 22 February 2018 and provided future perspectives and underpinning the need to advance policies and capacity development for promoting sustainable marine and coastal resource management in various sectors including fishery, marine plastic issues and marine biodiversity conservation.

3. PANEL DISCUSSION 1 “Blue Economy and SDG14”

- 3.1 Dr. Furukawa provided the overall framework for blue economy that captures the foundation, industry and services as well as the outcome of the studies that presented the doubled size spin off effects of investment at the national level.
- 3.2 Dr. Sakanan Plathong, Marine Science Learning Center, Department of Biology, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand provided the socio-economic values of conserving coastal ecosystems.
- 3.3 Dr. Luky Adrianto, Associate Professor, Fisheries and Ocean Social-Ecological System Analysis at the Graduate School of Coastal and Marine Resources Management, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia presented the multiple benefits of achieving low-carbon emission society and its livelihood.
- 3.4 Dr. Kentaro Hayashi, Unit Leader, Division of Biogeochemical Cycles, Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization demonstrated the importance of nitrogen cycle in ecosystems and societies and its effects on blue economy.
- 3.5 Dr. Cheryl Rita Kaur, Head, Centre for Coastal and Marine Environment, Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) talked about blue economy activities in Malaysia.
- 3.6 Ms. Kasumi Fujita, Master Course Student, University of Tokyo Graduate School for Public Policy, a Youth group representative from Japan spoke of the multi-stakeholder engagement and stressed on importance of youth engagements on blue economy implementation in Hayama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

4. PANEL DISCUSSION 2 on “Policy-Science Interface and stakeholder involvement for blue economy”

- 4.1 Dr. Osamu Matsuda, Prof. Emeritus, Hiroshima University and Vice-Chairman of International EMECS Center presented a concept of Satoumi in Japanese that signifies a traditional practice of enhancing productivities and biodiversity by multiple use of coastal resource with some case studies in Japan.
- 4.2 Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Research Fellow, OPRI-SPF provided through a video presentation case studies of the action plan for coastal and marine area management by the Taketomi Town in Okinawa and multi-stakeholder partnership activities in Kumejima and Onnason, Japan and giant clam conservation in Vanuatu.
- 4.3 Mr. Yohei Maeda, Satoumi Promotion Office, Policy Promotion Department, Shima City talked on behalf of Mr. Chihiro Takeuchi, Mayor, Shima City, Mie Prefecture, Japan about the Shima-city’s actions for achieving SDGs and their contributions to blue economy.
- 4.4 Dr. Chou Loke Ming, Adjunct Research Professor, Tropical Marine Science Institute, National University of Singapore spoke of technologies to promote conservation and urban development in the public work such as seawall construction and artificial reef installation.
- 4.5 Dr. Furukawa delivered the presentation that was supposed to be made by Prof. Nelson M. Pampolina, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños and highlighted the restoration of mangrove forest and its contribution to blue economy.
- 4.6 Mr. Kan Kurasawa, Undergraduate Student, Tokay University School of Marine Science and Technology, a Youth Group representative talked about the multi-stakeholder partnership for eelgrass restoration in Osaka Bay, Japan.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The participants had rich discussions based on the presentations and exchanges views to promote blue economy through conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources and by relying on traditional practices and multi-stakeholder partnership.
- 5.2 Dr. Furukawa recapitulated the key points and major thrust of discussions and presented highlights such as the need for mechanisms to link policies and actions at the local and global levels and empowering stakeholders including youth.
- 5.3 Prof. Habito reinforced the outcome of the discussions and underlined the approach and mechanism for science-based policy implementation and activities, and pointed out the usefulness of discussions at this Session as a multi-stakeholder policy dialogue on blue economy with a regional focus on East Asia in the light that the Asian region that will continue to play a role in instigating global economy and need to demonstrate good practices in promoting blue economy.
