



ANSAN DECLARATION

ON

PNLG LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE AREAS THROUGH INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

**PNLG Annual Forum 2016
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We, the representatives of the members of the PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG), have gathered in Ansan City, Republic of Korea, on the occasion of the PNLG Forum 2016 for the purpose of assessing our progress and renewing our commitment to sustainable development of coasts and oceans across the East Asian region and globally.

Our confidence in ICM as a vehicle for delivering sustainable development objectives is bolstered by the progress made by the PNLG members in implementing the PNLG Strategic Action Plan (SAP) 2010-2015, as adopted in the Dongying Declaration. We reaffirm our commitment to the objectives of the Dongying Declaration to build an ocean-based blue economy, as well as to address new and emerging challenges to sustainable development at the local level by sharing and replicating the experiences and good practices in ICM implementation that have been developed across the East Asian Seas region.

We acknowledge and welcome the outcome of the 5th Ministerial Forum of the East Asian Seas Congress 2015 in Da Nang, Viet Nam, which adopted four Post-2015 Targets for the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) 2015. In particular, we recognize the substantial role of the local governments in achieving Target 2 (i.e., developing the Regional State of Oceans and Coasts Report by 2018) and Target 4 (i.e., extending ICM program coverage to at least 25% of the region's coastline by 2021) of the Post-2015 Targets.

We also appreciate the linkages between the objectives of the PNLG and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were adopted in June 2015 by the United Nations. The SDGs set concrete, timebound targets and commitments for sustainable development to 2030. We especially view Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 13 (Climate Action), and Goal 14 (Conserve and Sustainably Use the Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources) as being directly in line with our priorities as a regional network of local governments committed to blue economy growth in our respective localities.

Our commitment

On the 10th anniversary of the formal inauguration of the PNLG in Haikou, People's Republic of China, we renew our commitment to the PNLG as a regional platform that captures the impact of local governments' collective actions through ICM program implementation and through consistent reporting and sharing of knowledge and experiences to facilitate ICM scaling up. We endeavor to mold the PNLG into becoming a true leader in sustainable development, providing solid evidence that local actions can generate significant national, regional, and global impacts.

Under this Declaration, we commit to mobilize our respective local governments, ICM programs and related initiatives within our authority and jurisdiction over the next 5 years (2016 to 2021) to engage in the following:

REGISTER "ICM Program Commitments" (timebound targets for sustainable development of coastal areas and blue economy growth, and the plans to achieve those targets)

REPORT annually on the progress towards achieving the targets and assessing benefits derived, using indicators of progress and benefits established through the PNLG and PEMSEA

SHARE information publicly by reporting through a recognized regional PNLG/PEMSEA knowledge platform.

Furthermore, we call on the PNLG Secretariat and the PEMSEA Resource Facility to collaborate on the development and operation of a regional knowledge platform that will effectively track our advancement.

We also request the PNLG Secretariat and PEMSEA to strengthen technical, financial and institutional capacity of the PNLG members to enable achievement of agreed targets. Moreover, we urge the PNLG Secretariat to strengthen linkages with other regional and international local government and city-based networks and to explore areas for collaboration and partnerships for sustainable coastal and ocean development and management.

Finally, we wish to express our utmost appreciation to the Host Government of Ansan City for its generosity and hospitality to the PNLG delegates and for making the 2016 PNLG Annual Forum a success.

Adopted in Ansan City, Republic of Korea this 6th Day of September in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.
