



PREAH SIHANOUK DECLARATION

on PNLG Leadership for the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development of
the Coasts and Oceans through Integrated Coastal Management

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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 Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia, on the occasion of the PNLG Forum 2021 to assess our progress in implementing the PNLG Strategic Action Plans 2011-2015 and 2016-2021, as adopted in the Dongying Declaration and Ansan Declaration, respectively, and to renew our commitment to implement integrated coastal management (ICM) as the vehicle for delivering priority objectives and actions for sustainable development of the coasts and oceans in the East Asian Region.

We acknowledge and welcome the adoption of the PEMSEA Roadmap to 2030 at the 7th Ministerial Forum in alignment with the 2015 Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) and we recognize the critical role of the local governments in accelerating on-the-ground actions to support the regional priorities for effective governance and healthy oceans, people and economies in pursuit of Blue Economy, as elaborated in the Roadmap.

We commit to contributing to the Decade of Action to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by recognizing the direct linkages between the PNLG objectives and priorities with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly 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) and continue to implement actions to deliver on these goals.

We recognize the significant opportunities that the Decade offers to the PNLG and thus, we resolve to take action by formulating and adopting the PNLG Strategic Action Plan 2022-2030, building on our achievements since the establishment of the PNLG in 2006 and aligning our course of action with global and regional priorities and targets for sustainable development of the coasts and oceans, while at the same time complementing our national priorities and addressing our specific priorities in our respective localities.

We likewise recognize the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic that impeded progress in achieving the sustainable development targets and the need to mainstream the recovery strategies of our respective national governments to reduce the risk of future crisis into the PNLG Plan of Action to 2030.



On the 15th anniversary of the formal inauguration of the PNLG in Haikou, People's Republic of China, we renew our commitment to the PNLG, as a unique and self-sustaining regional community of local governments that serve as one of the key driving forces for scaling up ICM in the East Asian Region and contributing to realizing the SDS-SEA.

We recognize the PNLG for making major contributions through enhancing the capacity of local governments to plan, develop and manage their coastal and marine resources for sustainable use.

We remain steadfast in our resolve to maintain the PNLG's reputation as a true leader in sustainable development by demonstrating that our collective efforts have significant national, regional, and global impacts.

Our commitment to sustainable development

Under this Declaration, we commit through our ICM programs and related initiatives to pursue Blue Economy within our authority and jurisdiction through 2030 in upholding the following program components and objectives:

Governance and Partnerships: To further strengthen the PNLG's capacity and expand its reach as an advocate of local government participation in the sustainable development of the coastal and marine areas in the Seas of East Asia in alignment with the priorities of the 2030 Decade of Action on Sustainable Development.

Priority Management Programs: To continue implementing management plans and programs and activities through 2030 under the PNLG members' respective ICM and related programs to contribute in achieving the 4 SDG targets that were selected and committed to by the PNLG members in 2016 under the Ansan Declaration.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting: To facilitate access to monitoring and evaluation tools and methodologies and knowledge platforms to enhance the PNLG members' capacity for monitoring and reporting of progress on social, economic and environmental status and changes and documentation of good practices for wider dissemination and scaling up in the East Asian Region and beyond.

We call on the PNLG Secretariat and the PEMSEA Resource Facility to continue strengthening the technical, financial and institutional capacities of the PNLG members to enable achievement of the agreed targets.

We thank the Host Government of Preah Sihanouk Province of the Royal Government of Cambodia for graciously hosting the virtual PNLG Forum 2021 and as well as its efforts in ensuring the success of the forum.

Adopted in Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia this 1st Day of December in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

