

**3<sup>rd</sup> EAS Partnership Council Meeting**  
**Agenda Item 10.0: Technical Session**

**INTERACTIVE COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AMONG PARTNERS  
FOR SDS-SEA IMPLEMENTATION**

**Background**

1. Interactive collaborative planning provides an opportunity for representatives from different sectors and government agencies to share perspectives, explore new ideas and develop priorities with respect to SDS-SEA implementation. The process is designed to strengthen the consultative experience, especially in a situation where :
  - ⇒ no one agency or sector has the responsibility and authority to address environmental issues in a comprehensive and systematic way;
  - ⇒ a number of agencies have some implementing, operational or regulatory authority related to the planning decision;
  - ⇒ the planning entity is relying on other entities to implement the decision, and collaboration in making the decision is one way to ensure commitment to implementation; and
  - ⇒ when controversy or conflict could lead to delays and added costs.

**PEMSEA's Interactive Collaborative Planning**

2. PEMSEA is in the process of developing its SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2011-2015. The SDS-SEA Implementation Plan will provide the framework for planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the work being undertaken by the Partners and the PEMSEA Resource Facility. It will be a results-based, demand-driven plan of action that addresses global and regional issues, incorporates country priorities, and provides a structure for detailed work plans by the partners, all within the framework of the SDS-SEA.
3. The overall objective is to make PEMSEA's vision and aspirations for sustainable development a progressive reality through tangible and accountable actions, with an annual planning cycle that becomes an iterative process designed to fuel growth and stimulate continuous improvement at the local, national, sub-regional and regional levels.
4. The collaborative planning process was introduced to countries and their partners in the second quarter of 2010, commencing with a review of progress and achievements in SDS-SEA implementation from 2003 to the present. The outcome of this work will be validated national baselines on SDS-SEA implementation, including measures that are in place or ongoing at the national level to strengthen governance of coastal and marine

areas, as well as progress among priority sectors, including climate change adaptation/mitigation and disaster management. The outcome of this work will be:

- ⇒ an SDS-SEA database, covering progress and achievements within each country, which will be accessible to PEMSEA Partners and collaborators via the PEMSEA website;
- ⇒ summary country reports on SDS-SEA implementation from 2003 to 2010;
- ⇒ a regional report on progress and achievements in SDS-SEA implementation, including an assessment of regional targets on governance, ICM scaling up, and State of the Coasts reporting. The regional report will also delineate existing issues and emerging trends, which countries and their partners have highlighted as priorities for the next 5 years, ongoing and planned activities within the region to address such issues, and possible linkages/partnerships to such activities
- ⇒ the formulation of a 5-year implementation plan for SDS-SEA.

5. The proposed follow-on steps for the development of the 5-year Plan include:

- ⇒ conducting collaborative planning sessions with Country and Non-Country Partners on the draft Plan, identifying Partner commitments to targeted outputs and work schedules for a 5-year Plan, and defining monitoring and reporting procedures for measuring progress and achievements. Planning will be conducted through interagency workshops, as well as with senior representatives of national focal agencies;
- ⇒ based on the outputs of the collaborative planning session, consolidating/integrating a 5-year SDS-SEA Implementation Plan;
- ⇒ presenting the draft 5-year consolidated Implementation Plan to a regional SDS-SEA planning workshop in October 2010, including a proposed process and schedule for annual SDS-SEA progress reviews;
- ⇒ refining and finalizing the 5-year Implementation Plan for submission to the Executive Committee in December 2010.

<b>Proposed Framework for an SDS-SEA Implementation Plan</b>	
Priority Issue	
⇒ Objectives	
⇒ Desired Outcomes/Targets	
⇒ Coverage (regional, sub-regional/LME, country)	
⇒ Timeframe/major milestones	
⇒ Actions/work schedule	
⇒ Implementing mechanism	
⇒ Linkages/collaborative arrangements	
⇒ PEMSEA assistance/support services	
⇒ Monitoring/SDS-SEA indicators	

6. Annual reviews and collaborative planning sessions will be conducted for the purpose of:

- ⇒ determining progress and achievements;
- ⇒ updating of the SDS-SEA database;
- ⇒ development/refinement of annual targets and work schedules; and
- ⇒ assessment of PEMSEA's performance in support of country and sub-regional/LME targets.

7. The outputs from the annual reviews and collaborative planning will be submitted to Council for evaluation, recommendations for actions to improve performance, and/or extension of SDS-SEA coverage and support.

**Actions for consideration by the Technical Session:**

8. The Technical Session is invited to recommend the adoption of an interactive collaborative planning process by PEMSEA, and to request the PRF to pursue the development and implementation of the process in collaboration with the Partners.

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