

PEMSEA EC Meeting Report 19

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETEENTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Manila, Philippines

20-21 April 2017



19th Executive Committee Meeting Manila, Philippines 20-21 April 2017

MEETING SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. INTRODUCTION

The 19th Expanded Executive Committee Meeting was held at Diamond Hotel, Manila, Philippines on 20 to 21 April 2017. The meeting was attended by the EAS Partnership Council Chair, Dr. Antonio La Viña; Technical Session Chair, Mr. Makoto Harunari; Council Co-Chair, Mr. Arief Yuwono; Intergovernmental Session Co-Chair, Mr. Vu Thanh Ca; and Technical Session Co-Chair, Dr. Jae Ryoung Oh.

Representatives from Cambodia, PR China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, the Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor Leste and Vietnam participated as observers. PRF served as Secretariat for the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is attached as Annex 1. A full list of participants is attached as Annex 2.

Agenda Item Discussion	Conclusion	Recommendation
Agenda ItemDiscussion1.0 Opening of the Meeting• Dr. Antonio La Viña, Council Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and observers from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Philippines, RO Korea, Singapore, Timor Leste, and Vietnam.• Mr. Stephen Adrian Ross, PEMSEA Executive Director, welcomed and expressed his appreciation to the delegates for supporting PEMSEA's	Conclusion	 Recommendation The 19th Executive Committee Meeting adopted the agenda as proposed. A separate special discussion with the heads of county delegations was requested by the Council Chair regarding the updates and next steps on the selection of a new PEMSEA Executive Director.

B. DISCUSSIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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	initiative to lessen carbon and plastic use through the implementation of its first paperless meeting.		
	 Mr. Ross introduced the agenda for the meeting and highlighted the Third Party Assessment Report on PEMSEA's Sustainability as a crucial document for discussion. 		
	• The Council Chair, also serving as Chair of the Selection Committee for the recruitment of the new PEMSEA Executive Director, further requested for a separate discussion on April 21, 8:30AM with the heads of country delegations to discuss the status of selection and follow on actions.		
2.0 Achieving a Self-Sustaining PEMSEA 2.1 Draft Third Party Assessment on PEMSEA Sustainability (EC/19/DOC/02a)	 In accordance with the decision of the 8th EAS Partnership Council (July 2016) as well as the directions provided by the 18th Executive Committee Meeting (December 2016), the external financial consultant, Mr. Michael Alimurung, was requested to 	The Executive Committee reached the following conclusions: • The ongoing need and value placed on PEMSEA as an effective regional mechanism to	The Executive Committee recommended that: • The Third Party PEMSEA Assessment Report be finalized taking into consideration the various suggestions from
	deliver an objective third-party assessment of PEMSEA's financial model and self-	address sustainable development of coasts and	the meeting, including: o a detailed explanation on

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	sustainability	oceans in the	the formulation
	(EC/19/DOC/02a).	EAS region is	of the proposed
		highly	computation of
	Mr. Ross introduced	recognized	voluntary
	the purpose of the		contribution
	discussion:	Evidence of	levels per
	(1) to arrive at a	country	member
	common	ownership and	country be
	understanding of	commitment to	provided; and
	issues related to	PEMSEA is likely	 the "secretariat
	PEMSEA's self-	to have a	function" be
			clearly defined
	sustainability; and	positive impact on the	by outlining the
	(2) enable attendees		
	to brief their leadership	willingness by	key services
	and prepare for the	donors to	provided by the
	EAS Partnership	support	Secretariat.
	Council Meeting in	PEMSEA	
	July 2017, where	projects and	 The Third Party
	countries will decide	initiatives.	Assessment
	on these matters.		Report, as
		 There is need for 	amended, be
	Mr. Alimurung	further	endorsed to the
	provided a summary of	discussions with	9 th EAS
	findings on:	Country Partners	Partnership
	 General View of 	regarding the	Council Meeting,
	PEMSEA	nature of future	in July 2017.
	 PEMSEA's Value 	contributions,	
	Proposition	including on a	 Country Partners
	 Role of the PRF 	possible scale for	undertake in-
	 How PEMSEA 	these	country
	Should be Funded	contributions.	consultations to
	o Business		gather feedback
	Opportunities	 In coming up 	and comments on
	 How SDS-SEA can 	with a proposed	six key questions
	be Funded	computation for	posed in
		voluntary	preparation for and
	 The following 	contributions	for presentation at
	clarifications and	from countries, it	the 9 th EAS
	highlights regarding	is important to	Partnership
	the results of	consider the	Council Meeting,
	interviews were noted:	varying degrees	as follows:
	 PRF is more than a 	of countries'	1. Do you find
	Secretariat but	capacities to pay,	sufficient value
	provides both	in-country	in an ongoing
	Secretariat and	administrative	PEMSEA such
	Technical Services.	and financial	that you will
	 The voluntary 	regulations and	financially
	contributions from	structures, as	support its
	countries are	well as prevailing	secretariat?
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	directed to	contribution	2. Do you believe
	Secretariat	schemes of other	that PEMSEA is
	services which	international	the most
	includes service in	organizations as	effective
	developing of	reference	mechanism to
	projects. Additional		achieve
	fees over and	 It is beneficial for 	sustainable
	above voluntary	PEMSEA to	development of
	contributions from	closely monitor	the common
	countries are	global	seas of East
	required for specific	developments,	Asia?
	projects.	particularly	3. What
	 Countries/funders 	developments at	
	are willing to	the UN that are	outcome(s)
	consider PEMSEA	related to oceans	should PEMSEA
	for project	and that may	seek to achieve?
	execution if they believe that	provide further	4. What type of
	PEMSEA is the	opportunities for PEMSEA in	work do you
	most effective	developing	believe
	mechanism to	projects as well	PEMSEA should
	implement the	as in positioning	be doing, and in
	project.	PEMSEA as the	what areas, to
	 PEMSEA needs to 	key mechanism	best
	be viewed as an	for oceans in the	complement its
	expert, and given	EAS region.	secretariat role?
	PEMSEA's	L/ to region	5. Do you
	strength and niche	 PEMSEA has 	understand and
	in ICM, there is an	established clear	agree with the
	opportunity to	targets that are	financials
	pursue ICM	anchored on the	(Figures 1-4)
	certification since	SDGs,	included in the
	no one else is	particularly	report?
	doing it.	SDG14. This	6. How much of
		should be	secretariat
	 Results on the review 	emphasized in	funding
	of PEMSEA's	highlighting	•
	financials based on the	PEMSEA's value	requirements
	2015-2016 draft	and niche.	should voluntary
	audited financial report		contributions
	were presented. The	 Overall, the 	cover? How
	following were the	Assessment	should
	highlights of	Report relates a	contributions be
	discussion on PRF's	common	structured?
	financial model:	message that, in	What amount of
	 The revised PRF financial model is 	order to sustain	Trust Fund
		PEMSEA's	balance buffer
	designed to enhance the	achievements	should PEMSEA
		and operations,	maintain?

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		transparency of the	PEMSEA must	
		PRF's financials.	be country-	
	0	PEMSEA has met	owned ("our	
		its goal of financial	PEMSEA").	
		sustainability. With		
		a projected Trust		
		Fund balance of		
		\$2.1M by end of		
		2019, PÉMSEA		
		will have sufficient		
		fund to carry its		
		core operations for		
		3 years (i.e., to the		
		end of 2022),		
		independent of		
		new projects or		
		continued		
		voluntary support		
		from member		
		countries.		
	-	As a benchmark,		
	0	the current		
		assessment		
		provides PEMSEA		
		with a good		
		•		
		projection of its financials		
		compared to any		
		other organizations		
		(NGOs, private		
		consultancies, etc.)		
		who do not have a		
		financial map		
		beyond 2-3 years,		
		this 3 years base		
		show that		
		PEMSEA has		
		achieved financial		
		sustainability.		
	-	At present, the		
	0	PRF has identified		
		a project pipeline		
		with an estimated		
		cost of about		
		USD14m over the		
		next 2 years.		
		The financial		
	0	model considers		
		funding of the		
		PRF, it does not		

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Agenda Item	 consider financing of the SDS-SEA implementation. Secretariat costs depend on the extent of services countries want the secretariat to deliver (e.g., EAS Congress, EC and PC meetings, SDS-SEA monitoring and evaluation, Regional SOC reporting). Continued provision of existing secretariat services will likely require funding approximating the current budget. Having a clear focus and being regarded as an expert or "go-to" organization is an important driver of financial sustainability. While various contribution schemes are possible, it is critical that all members contribute in order to demonstrate ownership. Establishing a regional seas convention is ideal, 	Conclusion	Recommendation
	 but challenging in Asia. In line with the consultant's 		
	recommendation on		

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	how PEMSEA should		
	be funded, the		
	following were		
	highlighted:		
	 The value of 		
	PEMSEA is		
	recognized but		
	confirmation of		
	voluntary		
	contributions		
	requires further		
	discussion and in-		
	country		
	consultations, prior		
	to determining the		
	appropriate funding		
	scheme/scale.		
	 A country by 		
	country benefit		
	analysis would be		
	helpful to support		
	the case for country		
	contributions.		
	 The scale for 		
	country		
	contributions is		
	suggested as a		
	starting point for		
	discussion. Further		
	clarification on the		
	computation/funding		
	scheme is needed.		
	 To facilitate better 		
	financial planning		
	and ensure		
	PEMSEA's		
	sustainability, it is		
	important for		
	countries to arrive		
	at a decision on		
	what voluntary		
	contributions they		
	can commit to		
	leading up to 2019.		
	This would allow		
	more specific		
	decisions on what		
	services might be		

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	delivered by the		
	secretariat and the		
	impact on		
	secretariat costs.		
	The representative from Japan indicated		
	that the Japanese Government		
	recognizes the		
	importance of SDS- SEA implementation in		
	East Asia funded by		
	GEF and has		
	contributed to the PEMSEA Resource		
	Facility since 2007.		
	However, after		
	GEF/UNDP funding		
	terminate in 2019,		
	Japan would lost legal		
	basis for providing		
	annual contribution.In		
	this regard, the representative		
	informed the Meeting		
	that: (1) Japan would		
	like to terminate its		
	contribution in 2019 as		
	originally planned; and		
	(2) in case a new		
	UNDP/GEF project		
	would be approved for		
	implementation, Japan would implement a		
	zero-based review of		
	its contribution after		
	2020, and would need		
	to take into		
	consideration the		
	status of contributions		
	from other Country Partners and the cost-		
	cutting effort of the		
	Secretariat before		
	making a decision on		
	Japan's contribution to		
	the PRF.		

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	The Meeting noted the different funding options for PEMSEA ranging from global funds, multilaterals, bilaterals and foundations among others.		
	• To facilitate in-country consultations and in preparation for the 9 th EAS Partnership Council Meeting wherein countries are expected to deliver their statements and reach consensus on PEMSEA's sustainability, six key questions were identified based on the Third Party Assessment.		
2.2 Innovative Financing Mechanisms (EC/19/DOC/02b)	 Mr. Ryan Whisnant, PRF Director of Strategic Initiatives, provided an introduction and overview of activities being undertaken to develop innovative financing mechanisms (EC/19/DOC/02b). Scaling up both public and private sector investment in sustainable development of coasts and oceans is a critical 	The Executive Committee Meeting reached the following conclusions: • It is recognized that investment parameters for oceans are relatively new both for environment and legal regimes, and that current financing innovations in other regions	The Executive Committee recommended that: • Senior Government Officials from Country Partners be encouraged to attend the Ocean Leadership Roundtable during the 9th EAS Partnership Council Meeting in July 2017 for an interactive session
	 next step for SDS-SEA implementation. The PRF, in collaboration with National Focal Agencies, local 	 may be a useful reference for the EAS region. Exploring other innovative financing 	with experts on these Innovative Financing Mechanisms and their application in PEMSEA Partner Countries for

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	governments and	mechanisms is	scaling up SDS-
	other organizations,	recognized as	SEA
	has initiated several	essential in SDS-	implementation.
	activities related to	SEA	
	innovative financing	implementation	 PRF follow up with
	mechanisms, including	but would need	China regarding
	development of	careful and	interest in blue
	concepts related to: (a)	thorough	economy
	coastal blue carbon;	feasibility	investment and the
	(b) Green Bonds; (c)	assessments	described concepts
	Ocean	taking into	for innovative
	Investment Facility &	account social,	financial
	Fund.	economic and	mechanisms.
	It was recognized that	environmental objectives	Country Partners
	developing such	conditions and	 Country Partners be invited to
	innovative financing	financial	provide any further
	mechanisms is a	capacities at	feedback on other
	challenging task for	each investment	initiatives,
	the PRF and Country	site.	financing
	Partners. It was		mechanisms,
	reiterated that	 It should be 	potential
	development of	recognized that	potential partners/sources of
	innovative financing	apart from the	financing to
	mechanisms is	need to develop	support the
	designed to support	innovative	development and
	SDS-SEA	financing	start-up of these or
	implementation, and	mechanisms,	other innovative
	an objective of the Da	regular financing	financial
	Nang Compact, SDS-	resources (i.e.,	mechanisms.
	SEA 2015 and the	GEF, GCF,	meenamene.
	ongoing GEF/UNDP	People's Survival	Country Partners
	project. The PRF is	Fund, etc.)	be requested to
	working with outside	remain valuable.	identify to the PRF
	experts to develop the	The key is to	potential
	concepts.	develop project	investment
		proposals that	projects that might
	Some countries	are highly	be considered for
	requested more	relevant and in	development and
	information and	the interest of	investment by the
	examples	countries.	OIFF.
	demonstrating that the		
	suggested finance		
	mechanisms could		
	have application in the		
	region. Some		
	examples do exist –		
	successful green bond		
	•		
	issuance from the		

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	 Asian Development Bank, for instance – the application to ocean investment is new territory. The PRF is planning to undertake an Ocean Leadership Roundtable during the 9th EAS Partnership Council Meeting in July 2017, and invite experts that would help provide more information/details regarding these different innovative mechanisms. The need for development of good, quality projects was highlighted as a continuing challenge, both for investments and donor-funded work. Establishment of a "pre-investment facility" could support this work. 		
3.0 Regional SDS- SEA Implementation Plan 2017-2022 (EC/19/DOC/03)	 Dr. Jae-Young Lee, PRF Deputy Head of Planning and Partnership Development, presented the meeting document (EC/19/DOC/03) focusing on the key aspects of the draft SDS-SEA Implementation Plan for 2017-2022. The following data were briefly presented during the discussion: 	In developing the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan, it is important to ensure that baseline information per country are considered and that targets are realistic and feasible.	The Executive Committee Meeting recommended that: PRF conduct collaborative planning with Country and Non-Country Partners to identify priority issues, objectives, targets related current and future plans, projects and

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	o The draft		programs, as
	framework		well as sources
	document was		of financing and
	developed taking		financial
	into consideration		shortfalls, as
	the commitments		inputs to the
	from the Da Nang		SDS-SEA
	Compact 2015, the		Implementation
	Regional Review		Plan for
	on SDS-SEA		presentation at
			the 9 th EAS
	2003-2015 as		Partnership
	baseline reference,		Council meeting
	and the updated		in July 2017.
	SDS-SEA 2015.		
	 The draft plan 		PRF consider
	includes the		other existing
	following: (a)		international and
	Priority		regional
	programmes		initiatives and
	(climate change		create synergies
	and disaster risk		to avoid
	reduction and		overlapping of
	management;		activities and
	biodiversity		programs.
	conservation and		
	management; and		PRF clearly
	pollution reduction		define the
	management; (b)		indicators to
	Ocean governance and strategic		facilitate better
	partnerships; (c)		planning and
	Knowledge		assessment of
	management and		progress.
	capacity building;		
	and (d) Blue		PRF report
	economy		progress of
	investments and		implementation on SDS-SEA
	sustainable		Implementation
	financing.		Plan at the EAS
	The following were		Partnership Council Meetings
	emphasized or		
	suggested during the		
	meeting:		
	• The SDS-SEA		
	Implementation		
	Plan 2017-2022		
	document is still a		
	working draft.		
	working drait.		

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	Collaborative		
	planning sessions		
	will be scheduled		
	and conducted		
	with Country and		
	Non-Country		
	Partners in the		
	months leading to		
	the 9 th EAS		
	Partnership		
	Council Meeting in		
	July.		
	 The proposed 		
	template for		
	collaborative		
	planning aims to		
	facilitate gathering		
	of information on		
	ongoing and		
	planned projects		
	and initiatives in		
	countries, as well		
	as corresponding		
	funding		
	information to help		
	in coming up with		
	a better		
	assessment of		
	status as well as		
	gaps in the region.		
	 In polishing the 		
	different proposed		
	action programs, it		
	would be useful to		
	double check		
	other existing		
	initiatives to avoid		
	overlaps and		
	identify means of		
	collaboration.		
	 Several questions 		
	on the feasibility		
	of the targets		
	were raised (i.e.,		
	Action Program		
	2.2 on the		
	development of a		
	USD100m		
	regional ocean		
	investment		

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	facility/fund; and Action Program 3.2 on the development and incorporation of coastal use zoning plans schemes in 50 percent of local government development plans). • To monitor progress, it would be useful to undertake regular country reporting of progress on the SDS-SEA implementation plan.		
4.0 Hosting of EAS Congress 2018	 Ms. Kathrine Rose Gallardo, PRF Secretariat Coordinator, presented the status report pertaining to the search for a host country for the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2018, including target key messages, working themes and scenarios for planning and organization. As the EAS Congress 2018 coincides with PEMSEA's 25th anniversary, the Congress is seen as a good platform to: (a) highlight and recognize the lessons and achievements of the EAS region in past years; (b) emphasize 	 The Executive Committee concluded that: The EAS Congress 2018 is an essential mechanism of PEMSEA. The EAS Congress 2018, in particular, will be a milestone event as it coincides with the 25th year anniversary of PEMSEA. The EAS Congress 2018 and 25th Anniversary will also serve as a good opportunity to 	 The Executive Committee noted with appreciation, the offer from the Government of the Philippines to host the EAS Congress 2018 and PEMSEA's 25th anniversary. The Executive Committee recommended that: PRF work closely with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines in planning for the EAS Congress 2018.

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	 the continuing innovation and dynamism in coastal and ocean governance and development in the region; and (c) the need to set a new mindset in line with blue economy and international sustainable development commitments (i.e., SDG14) that promotes smarter and stronger partnerships to ensure a secure future for East Asia. Two scenarios were looked into to help in the planning and preparation process: (a) an EAS Congress with a confirmed host country, and (b) PRF- led/EAS Congress without a host country. Both scenarios present different implications in terms of programme development, budget planning and logistical arrangements. An EAS Congress with a host country is deemed as most ideal scenario as it not only displays country ownership and commitment, but contributes significantly in ensuring the sustainability of the EAS Congress as one of PEMSEA's major mechanism. 	celebrate the ratification of PEMSEA's Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the Philippines. • To enable all Country Partners to host and prepare in advance for the succeeding EAS Congresses, it may be useful to discuss and agree on hosting in alphabetical order.	 PRF present the draft EAS Congress Framework Programme for review and consideration by the 9th EAS Partnership Council Meeting. Country and Non-Country Partners support the organization of the EAS Congress by: Country and Non-Country Partners support the organization of the EAS Congress by: Assisting in the promotions and providing inputs to the EAS Congress programme; Consider serving as sponsors and co- conveners; and Allocating necessary financial support for their country delegates. In succeeding Congresses, consider the hosting of the EAS Congress by countries in alphabetical order.

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	 The Government of Cambodia, who has initially committed to host the EAS Congress 2018 but requested to defer hosting to succeeding Congress, reaffirmed its commitment to host after the EAS Congress 2018. Recognizing the difficulty to organize an international event such as the EAS Congress, it was suggested to consider country hosting in alphabetical order to help countries prepare and allocate necessary budgetary and manpower support for the succeeding EAS Congresses. 		 PRF invite representatives from various donor agencies (i.e., SIDA, DANIDA, NORAD, etc.) in PEMSEA meetings/events as a means to promote and market PEMSEA initiatives and activities.
	 In celebration of PEMSEA's 25th anniversary as well as the ratification of PEMSEA's Headquarters Agreement with the Philippines, the Philippine representative agreed to pursue hosting of the EAS Congress 2018, subject to further in-country consultation. 		
5.0 Provisional Agenda of the PSC of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA	 Mr. Ross presented the proposed agenda for the PSC of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA 		The Executive Committee Meeting recommended that:

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Project on Scaling	Project on Scaling up		The provisional
up SDS-SEA	SDS-SEA		agenda for the
Implementation and	Implementation and		PSC Meeting
the 9 th EAS	the 9 th EAS		and 9 th EAS
Partnership Council	Partnership Council		Partnership
Meeting	Meeting		Council Meeting
(EC/19/DOC/04)	(EC/19/DOC/04).		be adopted
			-
	 In addition to the three 		taking into
	major sessions of the		consideration
	EAS Partnership		proposed
	Council Meeting, the		adjustment in the
	Secretariat proposed		time allocation
	the inclusion of an		for some agenda
	Ocean Leadership		items.
	Roundtable as an		
	innovative event		 PRF provide
	during the PC meeting.		guidance
	The proposed		templates for
	roundtable will focus		various agenda
	on innovative financing		items for country
	mechanisms. It aims to		partners to
	bring in international		facilitate better
	experts who are		preparation for
	currently collaborating		the meeting
	with PEMSEA in		discussions.
	developing concepts of		
	various innovative		• For the proposed
	financial mechanisms		Ocean
	for coasts and oceans.		Leadership
	The roundtable is seen		Roundtable,
	as a useful forum for		officials of
	senior government		Director and
	officials (i.e,, Director,		Director-General
	Director-General, Vice		level from
	Ministers).		countries are
	The Meeting was also		encouraged to
	informed of a		participate.
	proposed side event		PRF provide
	focusing on the same		detailed
	topic being prepared		information on
	by the PRF for the UN		
	Conference on SDG		the proposed
	14 to be held in New		Ocean
	York in June 2017.		Leadership
	The results of the said		Roundtable to
	side event will also be		enable countries
	considered and		to confirm

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	included in finalizing the program for the Ocean Leadership Roundtable in July.		representatives and prepare for the event.
	• There was a suggestion to include a Donors' Roundtable forum as part of the Ocean Leadership Roundtable. This however may not be feasible at this time given the time requirement to organize such an event.		
6.0 Other Business	There were no other business raised during the meeting.		
Closing of the Meeting	Dr. La Viña expressed his appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee and Country representatives for their active participation during the meeting.		
	 The Meeting was adjourned on 21 April 2017 at 12:30pm. 		

Annex 1

MEETING AGENDA

April 20, 2017 (Thursday)

09:00 – 09:10 1.0 Opening of the Meeting

09:10 – 10:30 2.0 Achieving a Self-Sustaining PEMSEA

2.1 Third Party Assessment on PEMSEA's Sustainability

In accordance with the recommendations from the 18th Executive Committee Meeting, the external consultant will present the revised document on achieving a self-sustaining PEMSEA and lead discussion on the following:

(a) Findings and implications from research and interviews of PEMSEA stakeholders

(b) PEMSEA as a regional hub for coastal and ocean governance and blue economy development and its role in helping partners to achieve international commitments

(c) PRF financial status and requirements, including updated 5-year financial model and scheme for voluntary contributions

The Executive Committee and Country Partners will be requested to provide comments, suggestions and recommendations on the document. The Executive Committee will be requested to endorse the document, as amended by the meeting, to the 9th EAS Partnership Council in July 2017.

- 10:30 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 12:00 Continuation of Agenda Item 2.0
- 12:00 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 15:30 Continuation of Agenda Item 2.0
- 15:30 15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45 16:45 Continuation of Agenda Item 2.0

16:45 – 17:302.2 Innovative Financing MechanismsThe Secretariat will present an information paper on Innovative Financing
Mechanisms that are currently being developed by PRF.

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09:00 – 10:30 3.0 Regional SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2017-2022

The Secretariat will present the draft framework for the regional SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2017-2022.

The Executive Committee and Country Partners will be requested to provide comments and suggestions for strengthening the framework. In particular, Country Partners will also be requested to identify areas within the proposed Plan wherein further technical support and collaboration will be needed by their respective countries.

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15 4.0 Hosting of the EAS Congress 2018

Based on the results of country consultations conducted by the Secretariat, the meeting will be given an update on the hosting of the EAS Congress 2018.

The Secretariat will also provide initial information on the proposed theme, focus and objectives of the EAS Congress 2018.

The meeting will be requested to provide guidance to the Secretariat on follow on actions.

11:15 - 12:005.0Provisional Agenda of the PSC of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA
Project on Scaling up SDS-SEA Implementation and the 9th EAS
Partnership Council Meeting

The Secretariat will present the provisional agenda for the PSC of the GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA Project on Scaling up SDS-SEA Implementation and the 9th EAS Partnership Council scheduled in July 2017. The Meeting will be requested to provide further comments or suggestions on the proposed agenda.

- 12:00 13:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 14:00 6.0 Other Business

The meeting will discuss other business, if any.

14:00 – 14:30 7.0 Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations of the 19thEC Meeting

14:30- 14:45 Closing

Annex 2

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