

Tangerang Initiative

on Strengthening Coastal Resilience Through Inclusive and Sustainable Integrated Coastal Management

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We, the representatives of local governments and stakeholders of the countries of the Seas of East Asia region, have gathered this day in Tangerang Regency, Indonesia on the occasion of the 2022 PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG) Forum, mindful of our commitments and responsibilities in promoting sustainable, resilient and inclusive blue economies as called for in the PNLG Strategic Action Plan 2022-2030, which provides local government actions to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) and its Implementation Plan for 2023-2027.

We reaffirm our strong commitment as a Non-Country Partner of PEMSEA in implementing the SDS-SEA, which recognizes and applies integrated coastal management (ICM) as an effective management framework and a systematic approach to achieve sustainable development of the coastal and marine areas.

We will vigorously promote the continuing expansion of the PNLG as more local governments and stakeholders acknowledge the value of the Network as an effective platform for information exchange, knowledge sharing and showcasing best practices and lessons in the local implementation of coastal and marine programs.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to share the knowledge and experience as advocates of ICM particularly in developing, demonstrating, maintaining, and continually improving the application of ICM across the region through these following actions:

- a. Increasing the effectiveness of coastal and marine governance through strengthening national and local coastal and ocean policy and institutional mechanisms, as well as building capacity of local stakeholders on effective and inclusive ICM implementation;
- b. Improving the health of ocean through ICM scaling up program based on effective regulatory framework and functional and structural adaptive policy integration, and implementing programs on biodiversity conservation and habitat protection, climate change adaptation, and pollution reduction and waste management in the coastal and marine areas to promote coastal ecosystem resilience;
- c. Improving the health of people through strengthening the participation of the coastal community and building stronger and sustainable livelihood programs for ensuring social and economic resilience, and
- d. Advancing the health and inclusiveness of our economies through building sustainable local blue economies and creating stronger partnerships between public and private sectors.
- We will report on the progress towards meeting these targets in support of the implementation of the PNLG Strategic Action Plan (SAP) 2022-2030 using the PNLG SAP Tracking Mechanism during the Annual PNLG Forum.
- We call on the PNLG Secretariat to provide operational support to the PNLG activities; the PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers to provide technical advice and assistance in ICM implementation and in convening joint PNLG-PNLC Learning Events; and the PEMSEA Resource Facility to monitor the actions and impacts of implementing the PNLG SAP 2022-2030 and to promote cooperation in education and training and capacity development activities related to ICM, in particular and sustainable coastal and marine development, in general.
- We encourage international organizations, donors, scientific and technical organizations, the academe and the business sector to partner with local governments in their quest to develop, implement and continually improve ICM programs as outlined in the PNLG SAP 2022-2030.
- Adopted in Tangerang Regency, Indonesia this Twenty Sixth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.