

DRAFT PROGRAMME

2nd International Conference on **MARINE/MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING**

15-17 March 2017, Paris UNESCO HQ



DAY 1 – 15 MARCH

12.30 - 14.00 **Registration**

14.00 - 14.30 **Welcome**

- **Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary**, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, will welcome the participants and introduce the keynote speakers:
 - **Ms. Irina Bokova, Director General**, UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
 - **Mr. Karmenu Vella, Commissioner**, Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
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14.30 - 15.00 **The World-wide Status and Trends of MSP**

Keynote speech from **Mr. Charles Ehler, Senior Marine Planning Consultant**

In the context of global marine issues, such as climate change and sustainable blue growth, MSP has a focal role to play. After an overview of the recent developments of Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning, Mr. Ehler will frame the conference's discussions on how to achieve and accelerate successful MSP worldwide.

15.00 - 16.30 **Lessons learnt from countries**

Invited experts from Europe, North America, South Africa, Asia and Latin America will share their practical experience of marine spatial planning, highlighting good practices and fit to purpose solutions. Discussions with the Conference participants will follow.

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee/Tea Break**

17.00 - 18.20 **Engaging stakeholders : societal key for successful planning**

A diverse panel of MSP stakeholders will discuss how MSP has assisted and affected their work. A special focus will be given to the process of engagement itself, illustrating wide ranging and innovative approaches to stakeholder participation.

18.20 - 18.30 **Wrap-up & Preview of Second Day**

18.30 - 20.30 **Reception (Restaurant 7th floor)**

DAY 2 – 16 MARCH

09.00 - 10.30 **MSP as mean to achieve global ocean governance goals**

The adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, a specific goal #14 for oceans and seas, and the European initiative on international ocean governance provide a strong framework for improving ocean health, protecting the marine environment and encouraging the sustainable development of the blue economy. Speakers will present these international targets promoting sustainable ocean governance and discuss the role of MSP in dealing with those challenges.

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 - 12.30 **Cross-border cooperation in MSP Part I**

This two-part session will introduce a major study conducted for DG MARE on International good practice for cross-border MSP. A global snapshot of MSP processes will be presented, together with invited speakers involved in four case studies from (i) Xiamen, China, (ii) The Coral Triangle, (iii) The Southern Ocean and (iv) Rhode Island, USA. Specific good practices will be highlighted that could assist implementation of the European MSP Directive. Part 1 focuses on specific drivers and challenges of MSP and cross-border collaboration.

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch Break**

13.30 - 15.00 **Cross-border cooperation in MSP Part II**

Part 2 will focus on three further key elements of MSP explored in the DG MARE study: The application of the ecosystem approach, implementation of MSP plans and policies; and effective monitoring and evaluation. Discussion on cross-border MSP will be welcomed.

15.00 - 15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30 - 17.00 **Good practices for science-based Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning**

Speakers will share their lessons learnt on knowledge generation in the context of the preparation, implementation and evaluation of MSP. Discussions will focus amongst others on the use of socio-economic data in the MSP process, on the challenges in the evaluation of cumulative effects and on the benefits coming from MSP implementation.

17.00 - 17.15 **Wrap-up & Preview of Third Day**

18.00 - 19.30 **Film exhibition**

HQ videos on the ocean and the importance of planning for sustainable growth

20.00 - 22.30 **Cocktail (Foyer/Pas Perdu)**

DAY 3 – 17 MARCH

09.00 - 10.30 **MSP towards Sustainable Blue Growth**

Blue Growth has an immense untapped potential for creating jobs, growth, and investments. Speakers will discuss how in practice MSP processes can lead to certainty and sustainability of our ocean economies.

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 - 12.30 **Institutional Capacity development**

The panelists will discuss the institutional capacity needs at regional and national level, including financial aspects, to promote adaptive management within MSP.

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch Break**

13.30 - 15.00 **Ocean planning in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**

The speakers will share practical examples of ocean planning in areas beyond national jurisdictions, highlighting relevant initiatives supported at regional level and projects being currently implemented.

15.00 - 15.30 **Coffee/Tea Break**

15.30 - 16.30 **Closing and way forward: the next decade's priorities**

The Closing session will review the main messages of the Conference underlining the key challenges for planners and the lessons learnt from the different countries.

Discussions will highlight the main priorities for MSP in the next decade.
