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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

2nd Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA)

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Third Announcement

Please refer to the First and Second IGR-2 Announcements, available at www.gpa.unep.org, for further details about the objectives, goals and expected outcomes of IGR-2.

A. Countdown to IGR-2

IGR-2 High-Level Steering Committee: We are pleased to announce the formation of the IGR-2 High-Level Steering Committee. This important Committee will provide strategic policy guidance to UNEP during the preparations for IGR-2 and assist UNEP in the meeting itself. Please see the list of the members below.

IGR-2 Preparatory Meeting: The Government of France has graciously offered to host the IGR-2 Preparatory Meeting in Paris from 27 to 28 June 2006. The main focus of this meeting will be the presentation and discussion of the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office Programme of Work 2007 – 2011 and the document entitled "Guidance to the Implementation of the GPA 2007-2011".

New IGR-2 Website Launched: Please visit www.gpa.unep.org for the latest IGR-2 updates including:

- Templates for voluntary Regional and National Reporting on the implementation of the GPA.
- Templates for the Partnerships Day at IGR-2.
- Pre-registration.

IISD to cover IGR-2: The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) will provide their reporting services at IGR-2. The daily reports, including pictures, and a meeting summary report will be published and disseminated to the many subscribers of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin, which is available as a free subscription from IISD at <http://www.iisd.ca>

Sylvia Earle, one of the world's leading advocates for safeguarding the oceans, has agreed to speak at the Opening Session of the IGR-2 Ministerial Segment on 19 October 2006.

B. Partnerships Day at IGR-2

On Day 2 of IGR-2, a series of parallel partnership workshops will take place. Partnerships will hold workshops of 1, 2 or 3 hours on the theme of "Mainstreaming the GPA" aimed at charting a course of action for the coming five years. The purpose of the Partnerships Day is to:

- Support and encourage the further implementation of the GPA in the work-programmes of major international programmes and initiatives, regional/global organisations, NGOs and other stakeholders.
- Highlight the important role of these multi-stakeholder partnerships in implementing the GPA, benchmark their success to date, discuss lessons learned and chart a course of action for the coming five years.

IGR-2 High Level Steering Committee Members

Australia:	Senator The Honourable Ian Campbell, Minister for the Environment and Heritage
Barbados:	H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Minister, Ministry of Housing, Lands and the Environment (To be confirmed)
Brazil:	H.E. Ms. Marina Silva, Minister for the Environment
China:	H.E. Mr. Zhou Shengxian, Minister, State Environmental Protection Administration
Finland:	H.E. Mr. Jan-Erik Enestam, Minister of Environment
India:	H.E. Mr. A. Raja, Minister for Environment and Forests
Kenya:	Professor Ms. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Laureate
Mauritius:	H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Baichoo, Minister of Environment
Mexico:	H.E. Mr. José Luis Luege Tamargo, Minister of Environment
Saudi Arabia:	HRH Prince Turki Bin Nasser Abdel Aziz Al Saud, President, Meteorology and Environment Protectorate Administration
South Africa:	H.E. Mrs. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Sweden:	H.E. Mrs. Lena Sommestad, Minister of the Environment
Venezuela:	H.E. Mrs. Jacqueline Faria Pineda, Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources (To be confirmed)

The Partnerships Day will begin in Plenary with an opening panel where speakers will highlight the objectives of the Partnership Day. Thereafter, some 20 partnership workshops will be conducted under the leadership of the partnerships concerned.

A list of Partnerships that will be approached to participate in the Partnerships Day are listed below. If you would like to launch a new Partnership at IGR-2, please contact UNEP/GPA at igr2@unep.nl. Please note that due to the physical limitations of the Conference venue, no more than 20 – 25 partnership workshops can be accommodated.

1. WW2BW: White Water to Blue Water
2. Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands
3. Global Water Partnership: Freshwater to Oceans
4. IWCAM/Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)/ICARM
5. World Oceans Network + Oceans Library
6. WHO and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for water supply and sanitation
7. Xiamen City and other coastal cities partnerships
8. UNEP/WHO/HABITAT/WSSCC/UNESCO-IHE
9. IOI + IW Learn + UNESCO-IHE / UNDOALOS / UNDP-GEF / European Commission / UNEP Train-Sea-Coast GPA : Oceans Training
10. China – Africa + West Asia Environmental Partnership
11. OSPAR Abidjan + HELCOM Nairobi Convention partnership
12. IUCN – UNEP
13. London Convention/GPA/Regional Seas
14. Marine Litter Partnership
15. NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration USA) NODE
16. Strategic Partnerships for International Waters in the Global Environmental Facility (GEF): Mainstreaming GPA Across Borders
17. UNEP/GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem: Strengthening protection from land based sources of pollution and conservation of biodiversity
18. Comunidade dos Pais de Lingua Portuguesa (Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries)
19. SIDS: waste management + global environmental management
20. UNEP DTIE: circular economy
21. UNEP DTIE: industry in PRC
22. Dredging Companies

C. Preparation of IGR-2 Documents

The following **official documents** will be discussed during IGR-2. Some will be available for comment prior to IGR-2 and will be posed on the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office website.

1. [Review of the Implementation of GPA 2002-2006 and Report of UNEP/GPA Coordination Office Activities 2002-2006.](#)
2. [Proposed UNEP/GPA Coordination Office Programme of Work \(PoW\) 2007 – 2011.](#)
3. [Draft Beijing Ministerial Declaration.](#)
4. [Guidance to the Implementation of the GPA 2007-2011.](#)

The following **supporting documents** are being prepared by the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office and its partners and will shortly become available. Please consult the IGR-2 website.

- State of the Environment Report Relevant to GPA Issues
- The UNEP Report on Large Marine Ecosystems: A Perspective on Changing Conditions in LMEs of the World's Regional Seas
- Economic Valuation of LMEs
- Global Review of Regional Seas
- ICARM (Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management) Casebook
- Strengthening the GPA at the Regional Level through Protocols on Land-based Activities
- NPA (National Programmes of Action) Handbook: For National Action to Protect the Coastal and Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
- Municipal Wastewater Training Manual (Version 2)
- Measuring Progress in Integrated Management of Catchments and Coasts
- Financing the Implementation of the GPA

D. Pledges to support preparation of IGR-2

The UNEP/GPA Coordination Office would like to thank the following Governments and other organisations that have made pledges to support the preparation of IGR-2: Government of Brazil; Government of Finland; Government of the Flemish Region (Flanders, Belgium); Government of Iceland; State Environmental Protection Administration, P.R. China; Government of the United Kingdom to the Stakeholder Forum to support regional stakeholder dialogue; U. S. AID.

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