

UN-Oceans eighteenth face-to-face meeting

Wednesday, 5 September 2018

8:30 am – 10:00 am

DOALOS Conference Room, New York

Summary of discussions and action items

Representatives of the following UN-Oceans members participated in the meeting: Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Maritime Organization (IMO), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), International Seabed Authority (ISA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS).

Agenda item 1. Welcome

DOALOS opened the meeting and welcomed participants and, in particular, the new members of UN-Oceans.

Agenda item 2. Election of a chair

Mr. Takehiro Nakamura (UNEP) was elected as Chair of the eighteenth face-to-face meeting of UN-Oceans.

Agenda item 3. Progress in the implementation of the UN-Oceans Work Programme

(a) Development of a methodology for indicator 14.c.1

DOALOS provided an update on developments with respect to the proposed methodology for indicator 14.c.1 since the last face-to-face meeting of UN-Oceans in March 2018. It was noted that a range of comments had been received from Member States following the presentation of UN-Oceans' draft methodology at the side event held in the margins of the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in June. Broadly speaking, the feedback received related to the drafting of the questions included in the proposed questionnaire, the scope of the indicative lists of instruments, and the proposed reporting process through DOALOS as the custodian agency for the indicator.

The need for better communication with States, and other relevant stakeholders, about the global indicator framework in general was discussed. It was noted that UN-Oceans had a role to play with respect to all the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, not just indicator 14.c.1, and that more extensive inter-agency discussion would be helpful in this respect.

DOALOS noted that a revised proposed methodology would be presented in the margins of the informal consultations on the draft General Assembly resolution on oceans and the law of the sea at