

Template for IPWG 8 inputs

Theme: Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

The co-conveners of the IPWG 8 kindly request its members to provide information relevant to the drafting of the concept paper on **“Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”** including suggested key questions for the interactive dialogue on this topic and some key recommendations on how build on these interlinkages. Please use the following template for your input(s).

In preparing your responses, please keep in mind that the overarching theme of the 2020 UN Ocean Conference is: “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”. It is suggested that your input should accordingly highlight the theme of the Conference in its various aspects as necessary.

Kindly also note that issues related to means of implementation, in particular capacity-building and financial resources, are considered cross-cutting and therefore should also be discussed in your response to the extent possible.

Name of Member	
Agency/organization	UN-ESCWA
Give an analysis on what are some of the interlinkages between SDG 14 and other SDGs?	SDG14 links to SDG2 since preserving fisheries contributes to enhancing food security. It also links to SDG12 as sustainable consumption and production in the fisheries sector contributes to preservation of fish stock and marine life.
What are some ways in which these synergies/interlinkages that can be leveraged?	Technology transfer and capacity building to cooperate on waste reduction and sustainable use of coastlines and monitoring schemes to control over fishing and waste dumping. Need for commitment and collaboration of all parties involved to address the waste management and other challenges to ensure sustainable fisheries and food security systems.
What are some of the ways in which your organization has taken steps to leverage these interlinkages? What was the impact?	ESCWA and UNEP/MAP, and ECE have agreed to develop a joint project on “Enhanced regional knowledge and experience sharing for waste reduction in the Mediterranean”. The objective of the project is to undertake a regional assessment of the effectiveness of high-tech and low-tech solutions that have been implemented in the selected countries of the Mediterranean region, with a view to their widespread utilization in waste reduction solutions and efforts. The planned expected result is enhanced technical capacities of Mediterranean decision-makers and stakeholders in the targeted riparian Mediterranean countries to achieve waste reduction and

	strengthened dialogue among the regions and countries that border the Mediterranean basin towards progressing into a more circular economy, while contributing to poverty eradication particularly among women and marginalized communities.
What gaps have you identified in the area relevant to the topic of this IPWG under your respective mandate?	
Please describe concrete examples where ocean action is scaled up based on science and innovation in to leverage these synergies.	
What kind of measures/interventions should be promoted to fill existing gaps and to assist Member States in scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation in relation to the topic of this theme?	Conservation and sustainable management of marine and coastal ecosystems is not integrated into national development plans of most countries in ESCWA region. Economic growth and urban development strategies need to take into account the impact on marine and coastal ecosystems. This can only happen by strengthening the science-policy interface, supporting research, increasing impact assessments and improving the generation and sharing of data. Moreover, Member States should be introduced to latest appropriate technologies for reducing ocean waste and sound wishing practices, with provision of appropriate capacity building tools, and assistance in reaching out to finance mechanisms for acquiring those technologies.
What kind of new partnerships/opportunities have you identified which could be showcased at the 2020 UN Ocean Conference in relation to this theme? Also, please articulate good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of partnerships relevant to the topic of this IPWG that you may wish to share?	
Please outline key questions you consider relevant to the panel discussions to be held at the interactive dialogue on the topic of this IPWG.	
Please identify any additional recommendations that should be put forward for consideration by the 2020 UN Ocean Conference relevant to the topic of this IPWG.	Need for enhancing technology transfer and appropriate financing mechanisms, while also providing the needed capacity building for relevant stakeholders.

