

Agenda item 3

Update by the Secretariat on previous work of
the ad hoc open-ended expert group

Third meeting of the ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and
microplastics

18-22 November 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

Second meeting of the AHEG: Coordination and Governance

- **Strengthen coordination** at the **global** level through existing partnerships and mechanisms, broadening their scope and, if necessary, consider a potential new coordinating structure
- **Improve coordination** between **global** and **regional** levels
- Encourage new and enhance existing forms of **financing and technical support** to developing countries and SIDS

Second meeting of the AHEG: Information and Monitoring

- The establishment of a scientific and technical **advisory group** on marine litter and microplastics
- The establishment of a **global knowledge hub**
- Support the **collection** and open sharing of **monitoring data and information**
- **Promote knowledge sharing** across governments, industry, academia, civil society, and other stakeholders

Following up after the AHEG and UNEA-4

- The stocktaking (subparagraph 7a*) aims to set the scope of the activities at all levels and various stakeholders (fact-finding) on marine litter and related issues
 - Existing and potential options / activities will be further analyzed (subparagraph 7d*) to determine their contribution into the global level;
 - At the same time, studies are conducted to identify technical and financial resources or mechanisms (subparagraph 7b*)
- *(UNEP/EA.4/Res.6)

Actions Plans – Regional and National

18 Regional Seas

11 Regional Action Plans

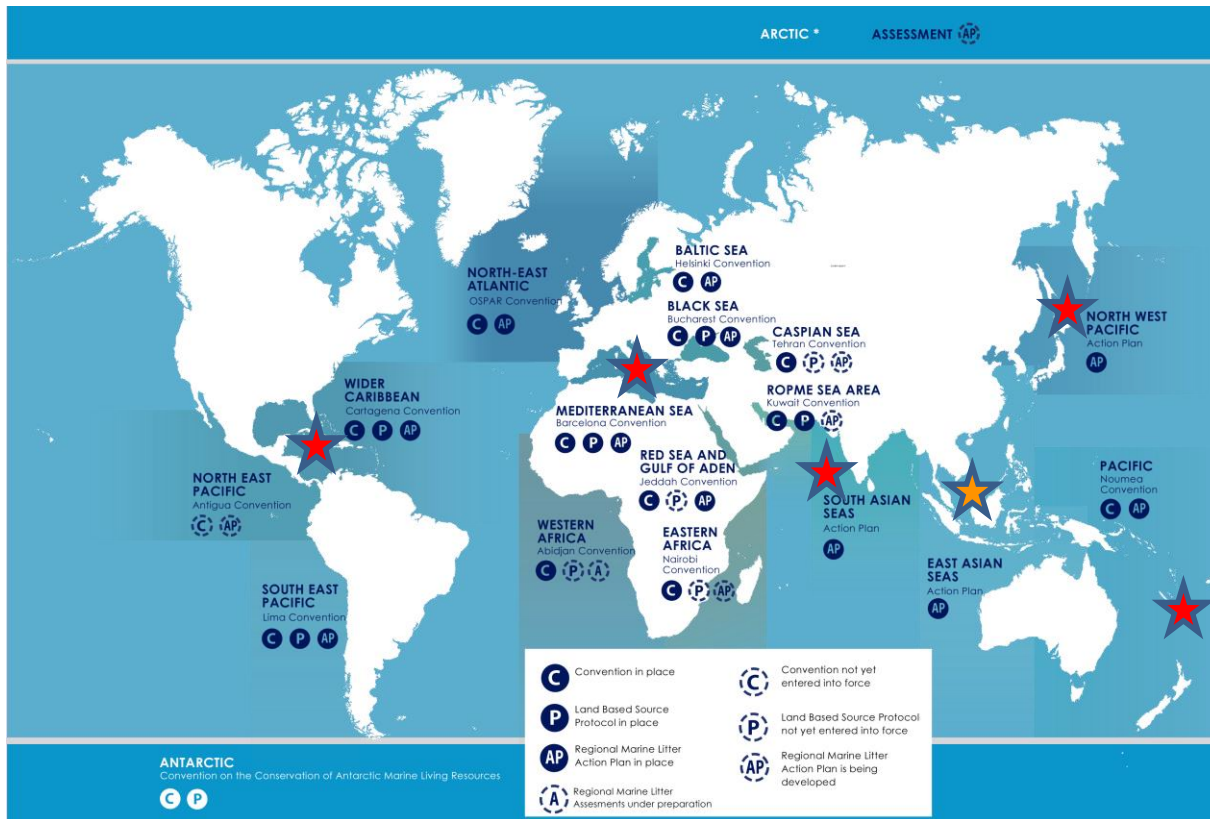
4 Draft Regional Action Plans

1 Assessment underway
→ Action Plan in 2020
(Abidjan)

Guidelines (INF 7)

5-6 Regional nodes –
Global Partnership on
Marine Litter

National source
inventories pilots to guide
action plan



Collecting data to inform action

National Source Inventory for Action Plans

Legislation
and
advocacy

Statistics
on plastic
production
, imports,
use and
lifecycles
(linked to
**SDG
12.2.1 and
12.2.2**)

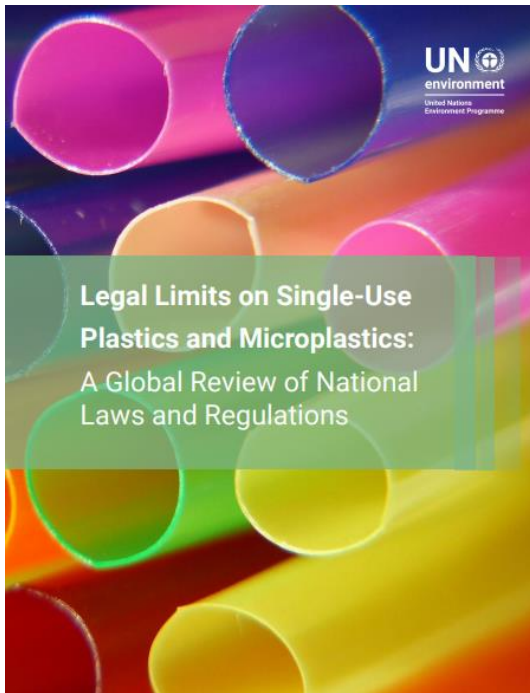
Waste
statistics
(linked to
**SDG
11.6.1 and
12.5.1**)

Monitoring
of
freshwater
and
wastewater
(linked to
**SDG 6.3.1
and 6.3.2**)

Monitoring
of coastal
and
marine
waters
(linked to
**SDG
14.1.1**)

Policy
review of
the full
scope of
policies
across the
life cycle

Technical legislative assistance

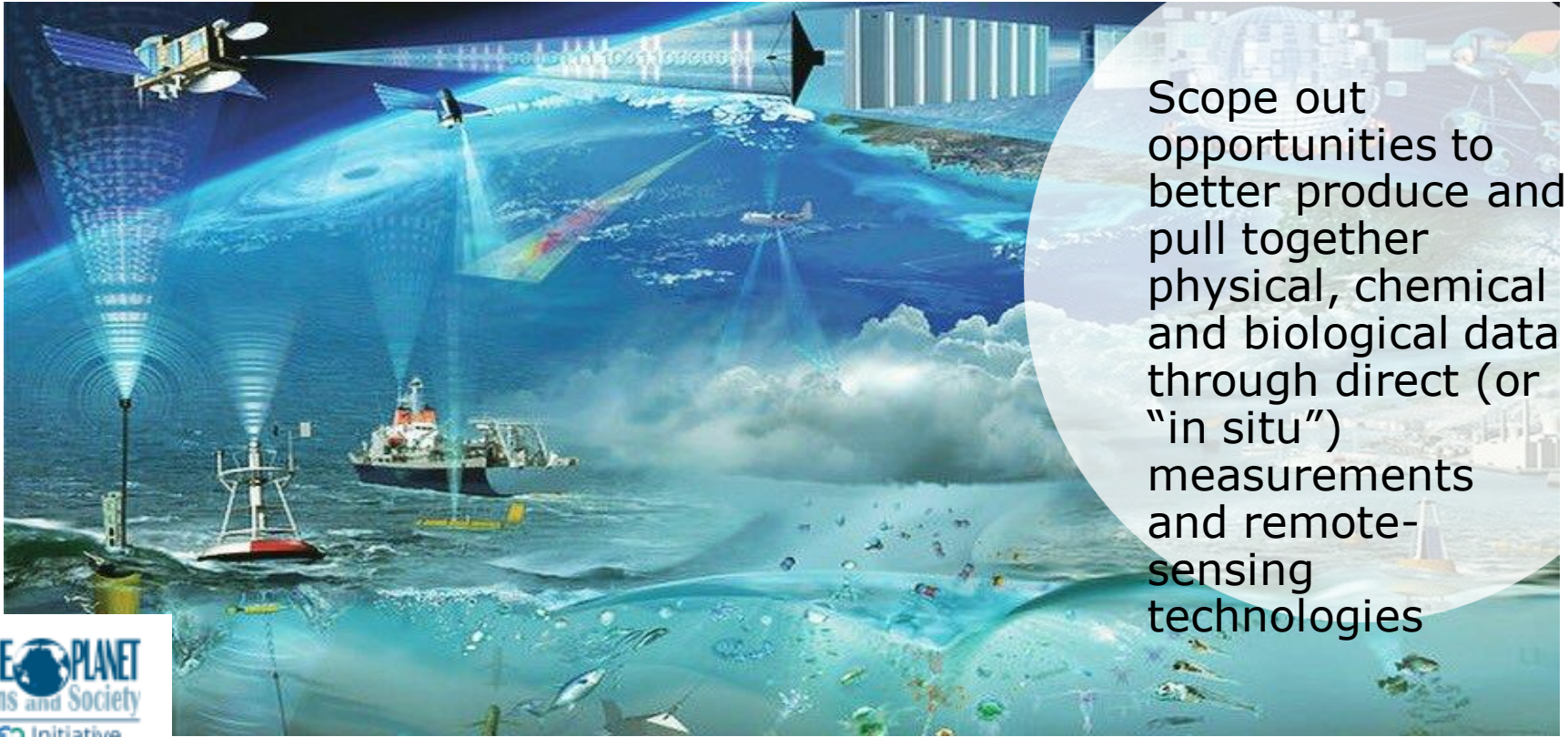


At AHEG-2, a **global review of national laws and regulations on single-use plastics and microplastics** was launched.

Next step (ongoing) is the development of:

- **Guidelines** for legislation
- **Web-based toolkit** to assist countries to regulate marine litter and microplastics

Global knowledge hub: monitoring component



BLUE PLANET
Oceans and Society
a G8 Initiative



Global knowledge hub: monitoring component

Linked to the work on the SDGs, particularly SDG 14.1.1



A Global Platform for Monitoring Marine Litter and Informing Action discussion paper:

- Existing and developing **monitoring technologies**, including an assessment of the readiness of different technologies for upscaling
- Existing **marine litter databases, platforms** and major published datasets
- **Proposed features of a global platform**, which could be integrated into the **World Environment Situation Room** of UNEP
- Proposed development of marine litter in a **digital**

ecosystem for the environment, aligned with the UN Science-Policy Business Forum on the Environment



Capacity building

- Massive Open Online Course on Marine Litter
 - Leadership track – 6 UN languages
 - Experts Track – English and Spanish
- Training of Trainers on the Monitoring and Assessment of Marine Litter and Microplastics (INF.4)
 - Eastern Africa (Nairobi Convention)
 - Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)
- Strengthening Institutional Capacities to address the Illegal Trade in Plastic Waste
 - National Workshop Malaysia (UNEP, UN Office on Drugs and Crime , World Customs Organization)
 - Government MoE and Customs Officers plastic waste and trade related issues

Thank you

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