

# Agenda item 3

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

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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

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- **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

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- 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

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- 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

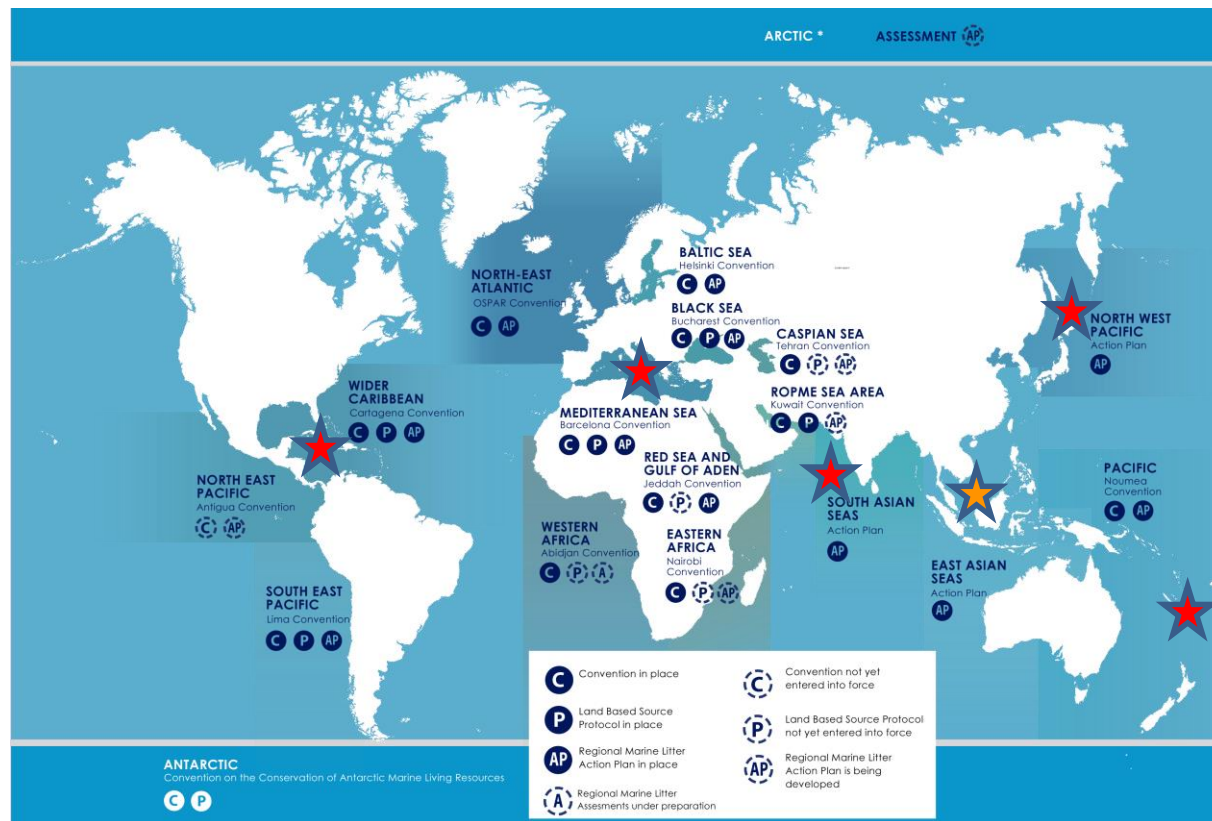
4 Draft Regional Action Plans

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  
development



# Collecting data to inform action

## National Source Inventory for Action Plans

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**)

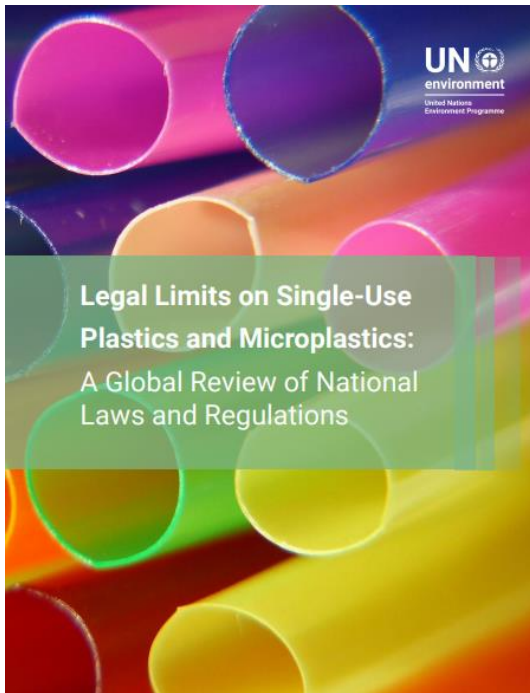
Monitoring of coastal and marine waters  
(linked to **SDG 14.1.1**)

Legislation and advocacy

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

# Technical legislative assistance

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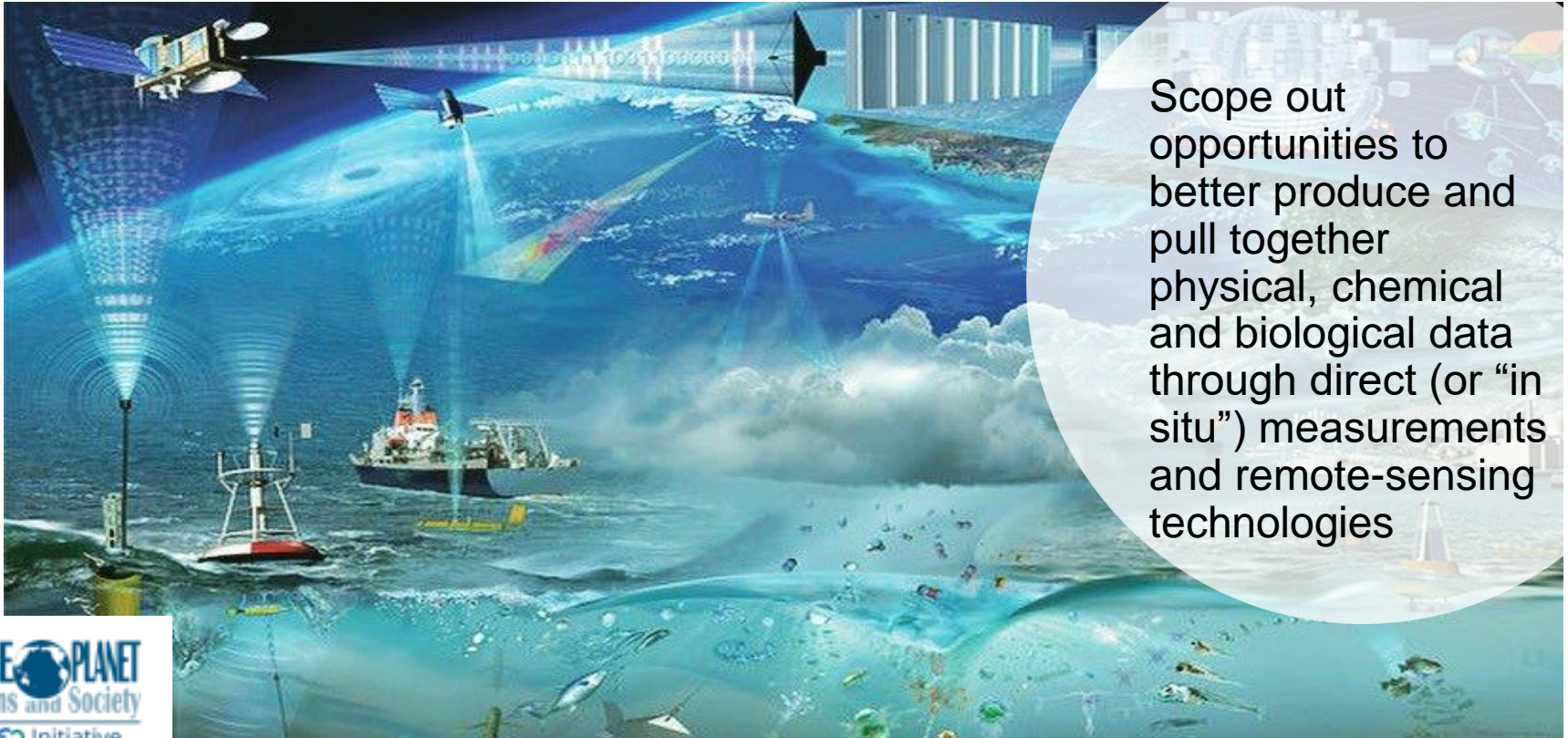


At AHEG-2, a **global review of national laws and regulations** on single-use plastics and microplastics was launched.

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



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Oceans and Society  
a GCS Initiative





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**Linked to the work on the SDGs, particularly SDG 14.1.1**

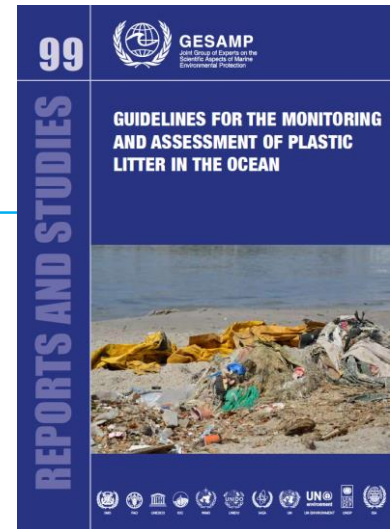


## **A Global Platform for Monitoring Marine Litter and Informing Action discussion paper:**

- 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

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- 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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