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Title of the side event	International Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) for an effective and sustainable management of our oceans and seas.
Date of the side event	FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 2017 - 13.15-14.30h
Room Capacity	ROOM 1 – UN Conference Hall 100-300
Lead entities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMISIÓN PERMANENTE DEL PACÍFICO SUR (CPPS) 2. EUROPEAN COMMISSION – DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES (MARE) 3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION OF UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)
Partners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KINGDOM OF BELGIUM-GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS 2. KINGDOM OF SWEDEN 3. SUEZ 4. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND TNC CANADA 5. THE GORDON AND BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION

THEMATIC FOCUS:

The event will focus on how to stimulate marine/maritime spatial planning (MSP) internationally towards ocean ecosystem-based management to achieve SDG14.2. Comprehensive spatial planning can contribute directly to target 14.5 as well.

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

Intensified activities in coastal and marine waters require integrated planning and decision-making and enhanced efforts, including transboundary coordination, to achieve sustainability and improved management. Traditional inshore activities such as domestic fishing and tourism are increasingly in conflict with new activities such as mariculture, renewable marine energies, scientific research, military activities, among others, while in offshore waters new developments pose potential challenges in the management of ocean space to avoid spatial conflicts between shipping, foreign fisheries, mineral development, bioprospecting and energy development, among others. Additionally, the marine ecosystem is facing increasingly significant stress from climate change, habitat destruction, overexploitation; thus, the loss of

biodiversity and ecosystem resilience threatens to undermine the economic activities that rely upon these resources.

Marine spatial planning (MSP) is a public process that aims to bring together the different users of the ocean in order to address multiple objectives and make coordinated decisions that would allow the effective implementation of SDG14-Target 2.

Over the past ten years, MSP has matured from a concept to a practical approach to implement sustainable management plans in the ocean for current uses and future development. Integrated marine spatial plans have been implemented in 15 countries and an additional 25 countries have completed or approved plans. By 2030, more than a third of the surface area of the world's exclusive economic zones are likely to have government-approved marine spatial plans.

MSP is an important means to achieve global ocean governance goals and Agenda 2030. By fostering integrated management practices to protect and restore marine and coastal ecosystems, avoid significant adverse impacts, strengthen resilience, and promoting healthy and productive oceans. To achieve an ecosystem-based approach to supporting the ocean economy, MSP will require the active and effective participation of policy makers, stakeholders, scientists, and citizens to improve governance at multiple levels.

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this event is to promote and accelerate MSP worldwide by articulating international good practices and sharing lessons learned from completed or on-going marine spatial plans and planning processes.

FORMAT:

The event will be interactive and participatory.

First, the institutional representatives of Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS), the European Commission and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) will provide statements on their institutional strategies and how they can stimulate the advancement of MSP globally. It will be followed by a discussion about in practice development and implementation of MSP around the globe, including process design, governance frameworks, stakeholder participation, and approaches to implementation. Discussions will be led by a panel composed of international experts and MSP practitioners.

POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE:

The event will contribute to the Oceans Conference with a joint roadmap for MSP adopted by the European Commission/DG MARE and IOC-UNESCO to encourage the development of MSP in all seas and oceans of the globe with the objective to triple the area of territorial waters benefiting from MSP effectively implemented by 2030, reaching a coverage of one third of the total surface area of waters under national jurisdictions.

The five priority areas and subsequent key actions of this roadmap focus amongst others on developing guidance on transboundary MSP, developing the “blue economy” in the context of the Agenda 2030, enabling ecosystem-based MSP, pursuing capacity building, and building a mutual understanding for communicating MSP.

ANNOTATED AGENDA:

Moderators: Julian Barbière (IOC-UNESCO) and Bernhard Friess (MARE)

Rapporteur : Marie Colombier, European Commission, MARE

1) WELCOME BY HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEAD PARTNERS (12 MIN)

- Julian Reyna-Moreno, Secretary General of CPPS
- Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission.
- Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

2) INTRODUCTION TO THE SESSION BY THE MODERATOR (5 MIN)

The moderators will provide a brief introduction of the session and the experts.

3) EXPERTS’ DIALOGUE (45 MIN IN TOTAL)

The moderators will lead the final discussion highlighting how they will contribute in practice to support the objectives of this side event after the Ocean Conference.

- Jakob Granit, Director General, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
- Gert Verreet, Government of Flanders, Kingdom of Belgium
- Charles Ehler, IOC-UNESCO
- Fernando Félix-Grijalva, CPPS
- Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of SUEZ Groupe, France
- Representative of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Joanna Smith, The Nature Conservancy - TNC Canada.

4) CONCLUSIONS (5 MIN)

The moderators will provide a brief summary of the session using the speakers key messages and identifying the most relevant conclusions.

DRAFT LIST - MEMBERS OF EACH DELEGATION:

- CPPS (CONFIRMED):

CNRA Julián Reyna-Moreno, Secretary General of CPPS (ACCREDITED)
Dr. Fernando Félix-Grijalva, Coordinator of the Action Plan for the Southeast Pacific (ACCREDITED)

- EUROPEAN COMMISSION (CONFIRMED):

Mr. Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (and member of his Cabinet)
Mr. Bernhard Friess, Director for Maritime and Blue Economy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
Mr. Felix Leinemann, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
Ms. Marie Colombier, Policy Officer, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

- UNESCO (CONFIRMED):

Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of IOC-UNESCO
Mr. Julian Barbière, Head of the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section of IOC-UNESCO
Mr. Alejandro Iglesias-Campos, Programme Specialist at the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section of IOC-UNESCO
Mr. Charles Ehler, Senior IOC Consultant on MSP

- KINGDOM OF BELGIUM (CONFIRMED):

Mr. Gert Verreet, Government of Flanders

- KINGDOM OF SWEDEN (CONFIRMED):

Mr. Jakob Granit, Director General, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

- SUEZ (CONFIRMED):

Mr. Jean-Louis Chaussade, Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ Groupe
Ms. Isabelle Censi, Head of Events and Partnerships of SUEZ Groupe

- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (CONFIRMED):

Dr. Joanna Smith, MSP Science Manager – Global Ocean Team

- THE GORDON AND BETTY MOORE FOUNDATION (CONFIRMED):

Dr. Dennis Takahashi Kelso, Programme Director, Marine Conservation Initiative
Dr. Mary Turnipseed, Programme Officer, Marine Conservation Initiative (ACCREDITED)

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