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UNOC3 Side Event – Concept Note and Agenda

Towards Action Beyond Commitments: Regional and International Cooperation for SDG 14.4(Sustainable Fisheries) Implementation

Date: 10 June 2025 14:00-15:15

Venue: Room1 (Blue-zone, Port of Lympia) Nice, France

INTRODUCTION

This side event will focus on discussing the role of regional and international organizations, in particular the UN, in advancing sustainable fisheries and how their expertise and global collaboration can contribute to achieving SDG 14.4. It will also explore the efforts of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in supporting the implementation of SDG 14.4, including how they can further strengthen sustainable fishing practices and improve scientific cooperation.

The event will also discuss the future direction of ODA projects aimed at enhancing the sustainable fishing capacities of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), with a particular focus on tackling IUU fishing and improving marine resource management. Innovative solutions, such as electronic monitoring, will be explored as key strategies for developing these capacities.

Finally, the event will examine how global ocean initiatives like the Our Ocean Conference (OOC) and the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) can further drive action for SDG 14.4 and other SDG 14 targets and goals that are closely interlinked. The discussion will highlight the implementation of commitments made under these initiatives and fora, which often involve cross-sectoral collaborations, and these can be enhanced to strengthen global ocean sustainability efforts.

OBJECTIVES

- Highlight the role of regional and international organizations in advancing sustainable fisheries;
- Emphasize the importance of cross-sectoral partnerships that can be strengthened through sharing expertise, knowledge, and technologies that contribute to sustainable fisheries management, and the prevention of Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing;
- Share up-to-date technologies such as K-Electronic Monitoring technology and present how innovative technologies such as AI can drive effective policy enforcement collaboration; and
- How voluntary commitments can drive the implementation of SDG.14.4 and other targets.

AGENDA

Program	Detail
Opening Speech (10 minutes)	<p>Welcome Speech, Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Kang Do-Hyung, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries of Republic of Korea • H.E. Ms. Maisa Rojas, Minister of Environment, Chile • H.E. Amb. Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy for the Oceans <p>Group Photo</p>
Panel Discussion (60 minutes)	<p>Global Cooperation to realize sustainable fisheries (SDG 14.4)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Kim Sungbum, Deputy Minister for Marine Policy Office, Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Alitia Bainivalu, Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, Fiji • Mr. Manuel Barange, Assistant Director-General of FAO • Mr. Chun-Kyoo Park, Head of UNOSD • Ms. Marion Jansen, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate, Director • Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian Executive, Director of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission • Mr. Tom Pickerell, World Resources Institute Global Director, Ocean Program
Closing (5 minutes)	Summary and conclusion of discussions