



THE EAST ASIAN SEAS CONGRESS

27-30 November 2018

Iloilo Convention Center

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25 Years of Partnerships for Healthy Oceans, People and Economies

Moving as One with the Global Ocean Agenda

With the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, and specifically Sustainable Development Goal 14 on Life Below Water, oceans have gained political, social, economic and ecological prominence that the world has never seen before.

The EAS region is one with all regions and nations in keeping this momentum growing. Building on the voluntary commitments and call for action of the UN Ocean Conference in June 2017, the region is gearing up for the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2018, the sixth in a series of EAS triennial ocean conferences that aims to usher in better, stronger and smarter regional actions that are strategically aligned with the key principles and targets of the global ocean agenda.

ABOUT THE EAS CONGRESS 2018

Carrying the theme, “25 Years of Partnerships for Healthy Oceans, People and Economies: Moving as One with the Global Ocean Agenda”, the EAS Congress 2018 is open to a broad range of stakeholders including National and Local Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, bilateral and multi-lateral projects, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

The EAS Congress 2018 aims to involve all relevant stakeholders to:

- **Map and align** the implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA) and other sub-regional and regional strategies and action plans with the SDG 14 targets
- **Share** experiences and assess challenges and opportunities relating to the implementation of the SDS-SEA at the regional, national and local levels including innovative policies and technologies, good management practices, and investment opportunities
- **Build** on existing partnerships and achievements and promote new initiatives, investments and partnerships to accelerate the achievement of national, regional and global targets for sustainable development of oceans and coasts
- **Track** blue economy development and growth across the region with the launching of national, sub-regional and regional State of Oceans and Coasts Reports
- **Contribute** to the planning and development of an ocean investment facility to leverage increased public and private sector investments in ocean-based blue economy development and growth

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

(as of November 2018)

November 26, 2018		Arrival of Delegates and Registration
November 27, 2018	9:00 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks - Philippines (DENR Secretary) Message from Local Host - Iloilo Provincial Government (Iloilo Governor) Opening Remarks - PEMSEA (Council Chair) Message from UNDP- UNDP Philippines (Resident Representative) Declaration of Official Opening of EAS Congress International Conference-Overall Conference Chair (PEMSEA Chair Emeritus)
	10:00 - 11:15	Ocean Talk and SEA Exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SDGs and the Oceans Oceans and Climate Resilience SEA Exchange
	11:15 - 12:00	Opening of the Exhibition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbon cutting ceremony Tour of exhibit Press Conference
	12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break (combined with some Side Events)
	13:30 - 15:30	Partnership Hubs, Youth Forum and Exhibit
	15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
	15:45 - 17:45	Partnership Hubs, Youth Forum and Exhibit
	18:30 - 20:00	Welcome Dinner (Hosted by DENR and Iloilo Provincial Government)
November 28, 2018	8:30 - 10:00	Ocean Talk and SEA Exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote 1. Financing Habitat Restoration and Sustainable Fisheries Keynote 2. Marine Pollution and Ocean Plastics Keynote 3. Water Security SEA Exchange
	10:00 - 12:00	Partnership Hubs, Youth Forum and Exhibit
	12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break
		SGO Lunch Meeting
	13:30 - 15:30	Partnership Hubs, Youth Forum and Exhibit
	15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
	15:45 - 17:45	Partnership Hubs, Youth Forum and Exhibit
	18:30 - 19:30	Special Event: Book Launch (Local Solutions to Global Sustainable Development Agenda: Case Studies in ICM in the East Asian Seas Region)
November 29, 2018	19:30 - 20:30	Partnership Night (25 Years Anniversary Celebration of PEMSEA)
	9:00 - 11:00	Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress International Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAS Youth Statement Summary of Conference Conclusions and Recommendations (Overall International Conference Chair) Special Video Message from UN Special Envoy for the Oceans Introduction of the President of the Republic of the Philippines Keynote Message by the President of the Republic of the Philippines Declaration of the Official Closing of the International Conference Tour of the Exhibit by EAS Ministers
	11:00 - 12:30	Lunch Banquet for the Ministers (Hosted by DENR)
	12:30 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer to PNLG Forum venue (Free time for other delegates)

November 29, 2018	13:00 - 15:40	Ministerial Forum Proper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministerial Statements Signing of the Ministerial Declaration Press Conference
	13:30 - 17:30	PNLG Forum Proper (Hosted by Guimaras) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Ceremony of the PNLG General Assembly Implementation of the PNLG SAP 2016–2021 PNLG Work Plan and Budget 2018 and 2019 Election of PNLG Officers Signing of PNLG Charter by new PLNG members Flag turn over
	17:30 - 19:00	Ministerial Banquet (Hosted by Iloilo City) PNLG Banquet (Hosted by Guimaras Province, Philippines)
November 30, 2018	8:00 - 15:00	Field Visit (for all Congress Delegates)
	18:00 - 20:00	Farewell Dinner (Hosted by DENR)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

OPENING CEREMONY

November 27

09:00 – 09:05	Parade of Country Flags
09:05 – 09:15	Welcome Remarks from Host Country Hon. Gen. Roy Cimatú (confirmed) Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
09:15 – 09:25	Welcome Remarks from Local Host Hon. Arthur D. Defensor, Sr. (confirmed) Governor Province of Iloilo, Philippines
09:25 – 09:35	Opening Remarks from PEMSEA Dr. Antonio La Viña (confirmed) EAS Partnership Council Chair East Asian Seas Partnership Council PEMSEA
09:35 – 09:45	Message from UNDP Philippines Mr. Ola Almgren (confirmed) UN Resident Coordinator UNDP Resident Representative Philippines
09:45 – 09:55	Declaration of Opening of EAS Congress 2018 Dr. Chua Thia-Eng (confirmed) Chair Emeritus PEMSEA
09:55 – 10:00	Opening Video of the EAS Congress 2018

OCEAN TALK AND SEA EXCHANGE

November 27-28

The Ocean Talk and SEAExchange are daily plenary events. The Ocean Talk will feature keynote presentations from renowned experts/speakers covering key ocean issues, such as: linkage of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to coastal and ocean development; climate change resiliency; financing habitat restoration and sustainable fisheries; marine pollution and ocean plastics; and water security.

Following each Ocean Talk is the SEAExchange which serves as the plenary dialogue session with various stakeholders at the EAS Congress. At the SEAExchange, various respondents will have opportunity to share their insights and perspectives on the topics covered at the OceanTalk.

DAY 1 FOCUS: UN SDGs and CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Moderator: Ms. Mitzi Borromeo, News Anchor and Respondent, CNN Philippines

OCEAN TALK

10:00 – 10:15

Keynote Presentation on the SDGs and Oceans

H.E. Aladdin D. Rillo (confirmed)

Deputy Secretary-General
ASEAN Economic Community
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

10:15 – 10:30

Keynote Presentation on Climate Resilience

Dr. Laura David (confirmed)

Professor
UP Marine Science Institute, Philippines

SEA EXCHANGE

10:30 – 11:15

Stakeholder Respondents

Hon. Noraini Binti Roslan (confirmed)

President, Kuala Selangor District Council, Malaysia, and
President, PNLG

Mr. Shingo Kochi (confirmed)

Director
International EMECS Center, Japan

Prof. Icarus Allen (confirmed)

Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Science
Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK

Ms. Maeve Nightingale

Programme Manager, Capacity Development
Mangroves for the Future
IUCN Asia Regional Office

DAY 2 FOCUS: BLUE ECONOMY: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, OCEAN PLASTICS & WATER SECURITY

Moderator: Mr. Charles Goddard, Editorial Director, The Economist Asia Pacific

OCEAN TALK

08:30 – 08:45

Keynote Presentation on Sustainable Fisheries

Mr. Dale Galvin (confirmed)

Managing Director, Sustainable Markets and Innovative Finance
Rare

SEA EXCHANGE

08:45 – 08:55

Stakeholder Respondents

Dr. Luky Adrianto (confirmed)

Dean of Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Science
Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia

Comm. Eduardo B. Gongona (confirmed)

Undersecretary for Fisheries and National Director
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Department of Agriculture, Philippines

Dr. Cherdasak Virapat (confirmed)

Director General
Network of Aquaculture Centers in Asia Pacific

OCEAN TALK

08:55 – 09:10

Keynote Presentation on Marine Pollution and Ocean Plastics

Dr. Jenna Jambeck (confirmed)

Associate Professor
University of Georgia College of Engineering

SEA EXCHANGE

09:10 – 09:25

Stakeholder Respondents

Dr. Lev Neretin (confirmed)

Coordinator
Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) RCU

Mr. Rob Kaplan (confirmed)

Founder and CEO
Circulate Capital

Dr. Anjali Acharya (confirmed)

Senior Environment Specialist
Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice
World Bank Singapore

OCEAN TALK

09:25 – 09:40

Keynote Presentation on Water Security

Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein (confirmed)

Secretary

Advisory Group and Member

National Water Resources Committee Myanmar

SEA EXCHANGE

09:40 – 10:00

Stakeholder Respondents

Ms. Gilda Patricia Maquilan (confirmed)

Sustainability, Government & Industry Affairs Manager

Coca-Cola Far East Limited Philippines

Ms. Louise Whiting (confirmed)

Senior Water Management Expert

Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

Dr. Jose Padilla (TBC)

Regional Technical Adviser, Regional Hub

United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Bruce Dunn

Director

Environment and Safeguards (SDES)

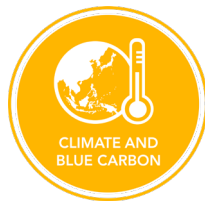
Sustainable and Climate Change Department

Asian Development Bank

PARTNERSHIP HUBS

November 27-28

The EAS Congress International Conference will feature Partnership Hubs – forums or sessions- organized by PEMSEA Partners and collaborating organizations. The different sessions are categorized per thematic tracks and will involve sharing of experiences, best practices, innovative technologies, and strategic solutions, as well as identifying alternative opportunities for investment in sustainable development of oceans and coasts.



TRACK 1: CLIMATE AND BLUE CARBON

Blue carbon ecosystems play a critical role in helping to regulate the global climate, along with providing a host of other beneficial ecosystem services in coastal areas. Coastal areas in East Asia host some of the most globally significant blue carbon resources, including mangroves, seagrasses and salt marshes. This track will explore both the research and strategy for pushing blue carbon forward in the East Asian region. Sessions will cover the latest research efforts in East Asia and globally, assessing the role of blue carbon in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), establishing a network of blue carbon research in East Asia and development of a Blue Carbon Strategy for the region.

SESSION 1.1: Establishing Blue Carbon Network in East Asian Seas Region

CONVENERS:



Korea Marine Environment
Management Corporation



Partnerships in Environmental
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East Asia



Ministry of Oceans
and Fisheries

Ministry of Oceans and
Fisheries, RO Korea

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Blue Carbon is gaining currency in recent years as one of the solutions for mitigating climate change. The carbon storing potential of blue carbon should be assessed in a scientifically sound way in order to receive the recognition from the UNFCCC process. In order to achieve the goal, a network of researchers should be formed to collate concerted efforts in demonstrating the potential. The research efforts of blue carbon will significantly enhance the awareness and conservation efforts of global community on key marine ecosystems such as tidal marshes, seagrass meadows, and mangrove forests.

Blue carbon can play a significant role in the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) in the UNFCCC process. Therefore, national policy and research efforts should be enhanced in advancing the blue carbon concepts in EAS region.

Expected Output:

- o Forging a research network on Blue Carbon in EAS region

SESSION 1.2: Turning Blue: The Role of Cities in Forwarding Blue Carbon Solutions towards Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

CONVENERS:



ICLEI-Local Governments
for Sustainability



Department of Environment
and Natural Resources,
Philippines

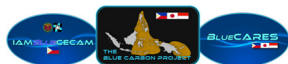
Cities play a crucial role in advancing local climate action that ultimately contributes to the achievement of SDGs. This session features the innovative and transformative approaches that local governments are implementing to ensure proper marine resource management, protection and rehabilitation of coasts and marine ecosystems, and integration of these initiatives to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The session aims to demonstrate the link between robust and context-based solutions and a city's improved capacity to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. The session will gather leaders and local champions of marine conservation and provide a platform for city-to-city knowledge exchange and serve as an initial step towards collaboration, replication, and scaling up blue carbon solutions.

Expected Outputs:

- Participants will have enhanced knowledge on various innovative marine resources management initiatives mainstreaming climate change mitigation and adaptation at the local level, including but not limited to innovative and transformative solutions toward marine rehabilitation and protection.
- Provide suggestions and relevant measures to address relevant and cross-cutting issues that local governments and key stakeholders face in relation to marine resource management and marine rehabilitation and protection at the local level.

SESSION 1.3: Climate Change Mitigation? Blue Carbon is Nature's Way to do it

CONVENER:



The CTI Blue Carbon Project

The Blue Carbon Session aims to introduce and inspire participants to better understand Blue Carbon as an ecosystem service and nature's way of mitigating climate change impacts on coasts – and how to respond. Bringing together experts and practitioners, the session is a great opportunity to share information, highlight gaps in knowledge and management, build partnerships and shape the future of Blue Carbon in the East Asian Seas.

The session focuses on four seminal topics, each one introduced by key questions:

- 1 . How do we characterize the flux of Blue Carbon in the coastal waters of East Asia?
- 2 . How do we manage the key factors that influence the Blue Carbon stock in the region?
- 3 . How do we link Blue Carbon with coastal ecosystem conservation?
- 4 . Is it cost effective to invest in Blue Carbon conservation as a means to reduce climate change impacts?

Expected Output/s:

- Enhancement of support to the major goals of the Blue Carbon Project by way of the broader perspectives from a wider regional audience;
- Elucidation of the needed international and regional inputs to the Philippine National Blue Carbon Roadmap which is under development;
- More focused collaboration with existing partners and enhanced opportunities for partnerships with more institutions in the region; and
- Initiation of the development of a 'science-policy-practice' based Blue Carbon Strategy for the Philippines and CTI countries.



TRACK 2: MARINE POLLUTION AND CLEAN WATER

Marine pollution is a persistent and growing challenge in oceans around the world, from seasonal dead zones to localized issues of marine debris to massive gyres of plastic. Ocean plastic waste, in particular, has rapidly gained global attention as of late as a serious issue of concern, and East Asia as a major contributor to the amount of plastic waste going into the ocean. This track will delve into the spectrum of issue areas surrounding clean oceans and water, from strategies to address the impacts of marine debris and plastics, to oil spill management good practices to ensuring clean water through integrated source-to-sea management.

SESSION 2.1: The IMO-IPIECA Global Initiative for Southeast Asia: A Partnership Approach Delivering Global Good Practices Regionally

CONVENERS:

IPIECA

International Petroleum
Industry Environmental
Conservation Association



Oil Spill Response Limited

An introduction to the role of IPIECA in convening industry and stakeholders to work together on issues across the environmental spectrum, including oil spill preparedness and response, biodiversity and ecosystem services and water management. Focussing more specifically on oil spills, we consider the impact of the Macondo incident (Gulf of Mexico, 2010) and industry's efforts to learn the lessons through a series of Joint Industry Projects which will be overviewed. Just as importantly we focus attention on efforts to disseminate the lessons learned to the wider response community through a series of communication and engagement programmes. We look at how these global programmes are being applied in a regional context in South East Asia and discuss opportunities to expand the reach and effectiveness of these programs.

SESSION 2.2: Enhancing Ways to Reducing Impact of Marine Debris in the East Asian Seas Region

CONVENER:

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Korea Marine Environment
Management Corporation

COLLABORATORS:



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East Asia



First Institute of
Oceanography of China

Marine Debris or Marine Litter is one of the top priorities in the current global agenda. The issue has been included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under Goal 14 Life under Water, UNGA as well as UNEA agenda and many other global initiatives. Marine Litter is believed to cause damages to marine life to the extent that some species may go extinction in few decades. Marine litter issue is particularly significant in the East Asian Seas region since the economy of the region is growing fast as the global growth hub. In this, ASEAN countries determined to address this global issue in concerted efforts. As the result, the 1st ASEAN Conference on Reducing Marine Debris in ASEAN Region was organized on 22-23 November 2017 in Phuket, Thailand and various action plans have formulated in the countries of the region.

As oceans are interconnected, marine debris issue should be addressed in a concerted effort around the globe. RO Korea is a leading country in addressing marine litter issue and wish

to contribute the combat in mitigating the impact of marine debris. Through this workshop, countries strategies on marine debris will be presented and possible establishment of a network of marine litter research and monitoring in the region will be discussed. Enhancing public awareness and education relating to marine litter around the EAS region will be also discussed.

Expected Output/s:

- o Forging a network of Marine Debris in EAS region

SESSION 2.3: Marine Plastic Pollution: A Global Issue with National and Local Solutions

CONVENERS:



First Institute of
Oceanography of China



United Nations Development
Programme



Partnerships in Environmental
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East Asia



International Union for
Conservation of Nature

The Ocean Conservancy reports that five of the eight largest contributors of plastic waste to the oceans are countries in the East Asian region. In light of this concern, varied efforts and innovations are emerging that can help address the problem at various levels. In particular, with the local coastal communities contributing to and experiencing the immediate adverse impacts of plastic waste, this session will look into potential options/approaches, new initiatives and innovative solutions that can help enhance local actions in combatting the rising problem of plastic pollution.

Expected Output/s:

- o Views from a range of stakeholders on the marine plastic issue and potential solutions
- o Examples of innovative local practices and circular economy approaches to reduce plastic pollution
- o Insights on knowledge and capacity building gaps/needs at the local level and how these can be met
- o Recommendations on developing/strengthening enabling conditions to promote the development, implementation and scaling up of sustainable plastic waste management practices at the local level and reducing marine plastic pollution

SESSION 2.4: Catalyzing Improved Source-to-Sea (S2S) Governance, Management and Investment in East Asia and Southeast Asia

CONVENERS:



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Programme



Food and Agriculture
Organization



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East Asia

Ecosystems along a continuum from source-to-sea are being degraded as an unintended consequence of economic activities that might happen far upstream or downstream in the source-to-sea system (Granit. J. et al, 2017). This is happening primarily for two reasons: 1) lack of awareness and understanding of the land-to-sea ecosystem linkages and flows of water, sediment, pollutants, biota and ecosystem services; and 2) lack of capacity and know-how to avoid or mitigate the interconnected threats and negative impacts coming from multiple sectors and multiple resource users. The impacts of climate change currently add further stresses in river basins and coastal and sea areas in most regions of the world. It is clearly evident that the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) include a number of targets (e.g., SDG 2, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) that are directly dependent upon the ability of governments and their partners to overcome these barriers.

A related overarching concern is that water use among East Asian and Southeast Asian countries is growing rapidly, while water quality and quantity challenges persist in such a way that the situation in some areas has threatened to derail economic growth. Increased population has intensified freshwater usage, both surface and ground water. Water demand is increasing drastically due to rapid urbanization, industrialization and agriculture/food production intensification and expansion, and many areas in the region are projected to be water stressed by 2025 (Lee 2013).

These two issues are inseparably linked and require urgent attention.

This session on *Catalyzing Improved Source-to-Sea Governance, Management and Investment in the East Asia and Southeast Asia* will attempt to answer the following questions:

1. What are the main objectives and challenges of regional organizations and national and local governments in managing river basins, coastal regions, and/or sub-regional sea areas/LMEs in an integrated or holistic manner?
2. How are current (and planned) ICM, IWRM, IRBM and other strategies and actions helping to resolve these challenges? What achievements and lessons can be learned from other regions of the world?
3. What is still absent or lacking that is critical to up-scaling? How would this/these aspect(s) provide national and local governments, communities, business sector/investors, donors and the region as a whole with the capacity to leapfrog to sustainable development and management of river basins and coastal areas?



TRACK 3: BIODIVERSITY AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT

East Asia boasts some of the highest concentrations of coastal and marine biodiversity in the world. Yet these valuable resources are under growing pressure from a multitude of sources, including coastal development, pollution and poor management practices. This track will dive into some of the latest efforts and lessons learned from leading organizations working to improve coastal management and conserve biodiversity, including collaborative management and policy development for marine protection, translating regional frameworks into local actions, lessons learned from partnership programs, alignment with the SDGs and efforts to improve small-scale fisheries management.

SESSION 3.1: Healthy Coasts and Healthy ASEAN: Saving the ASEAN Seas through Effective Collaboration

CONVENER:



ASEAN Center for
Biodiversity

The ASEAN hosts a third of the world's coastal and marine habitats and has 54 percent more marine area compared to its total land area. But its fast-growing economies and populations are putting pressures on these resources. Hence, a healthy coastal and marine ecosystem is of utmost importance to ASEAN for food and livelihood security. While ASEAN has been responding to mitigate these threats, it is slow particularly in fulfilling the region's global commitments to biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Therefore, ACB, with the ASEAN and relevant partners are working together for a more aggressive, targeted and highly complementary action to towards a healthy ASEAN coasts.

The session intends to share the various responses of the ASEAN Member States and collaborative actions at the regional level given the status

Expected output/s:

1. Indicative ASEAN-initiated project anchored on the proposed Letter of Cooperation (LOC)
2. Capacity and/or policy development support for the common and priority issues on CME in the ASEAN region

SESSION 3.2: MABIK: Promoting Biodiversity in the Seas of East Asia

CONVENER:



Marine Biodiversity
Institute of Korea

Aligning with UN SDGs and the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), MABIK would like to introduce itself to EAS partners by describing facilities, research projects and outreach programs. Since 2015, MABIK has conducted researches on marine biodiversity including sea turtles, sea snakes, and *Sesarmops intermedius*. MABIK has run and expanded outreach programs as well as research projects for better ocean literacy. MABIK wishes to meet new partners and to establish effective networks for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.

Expected Output/s:

- o To initiate collaborative research projects, outreach programs and joint workshops. This would provide a good opportunity to establish joint research laboratories in mutual institutions based on the collaborative agreement.

SESSION 3.3: Partnerships to Scale-up Community-based Ocean and Coastal Management

CONVENER:



Small Grants Programme

GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate program funded by the GEF and implemented by UNDP to support local action to address global environmental challenges. SGP provides financial and technical support to communities and civil society organizations to protect the environment while addressing poverty reduction and community empowerment. Local successes, if not being scaled up, have limited impacts and cannot reverse the environmental degradation trend in oceans and seas. Recognizing partnerships are essential to scaling up, SGP has worked with GEF full-sized international waters projects to practice integrated ocean and coastal management through implementing regional action programs at local level and integrating local actions to regional frameworks.

SGP has collaborated with UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project, PEMSEA and UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project to promote the incorporation of local demonstration activities in collaboration with SGP country programs under the regional projects. The collaboration modalities include: 1) incorporation of a community component in the full-sized projects; 2) joint activities at local level; 3) knowledge sharing and exchanges. Such collaboration provides a new model of international waters management. However, it should be noted that such collaboration also incurs transaction costs, requires inter-agency coordination, and multi-stakeholder involvement.

Expected output/s:

- o Recommendations for addressing challenges and identifying opportunities and mechanisms for translating regional frameworks/agreements into local actions
- o Document and disseminate experiences on implementation of partnership programs

SESSION 3.4: Focus on Coastal Fisheries: Issues, Opportunities and Solutions

CONVENER:



RARE Philippines

This session will focus on coastal fisheries, which are often undervalued and under-resourced, yet critical to food security, the livelihood of millions and national economies, as well as integral to marine biodiversity. Speakers will discuss issues such as the lack of data, securing preference for small-scale fishers, governance and financing at provincial or regional scales, and will tackle the opportunities presented by community-focused management approaches and partnerships taken to scale.

Expected output/s:

- o A follow up roundtable discussion to be scheduled in early 2019 to convene partners from Philippines and Indonesia to assess progress and renew commitment to SDG 14.2 and 14.4



TRACK 4: GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Improved management of coastal and ocean resources for healthier ecosystems and communities relies on strong governance and effective partnerships. Partners from around the East Asian region have taken substantial steps forward in improving the governance of coasts and oceans, but there is much more work to be done. This track will explore the important role of regional partnerships and coordination in strengthening good governance, advances in assessment and institutional development and experiences and good practices from local government implementation of programs supporting the SDGs.

SESSION 4.1: Local Actions Toward Achieving Sustainable Development Targets

CONVENER:



PEMSEA Network of
Local Governments

The PEMSEA Network of Local Governments adopted the Ansan Declaration on 6 September 2016 in Ansan, Republic of Korea, which renewed the commitment of the members to implementing the PNLG Strategic Action Plan (2016-2021) through their respective ICM programs and related initiatives. Specifically, the local governments committed to identify time-bound SDG targets and plans for sustainable development of coastal areas and blue economy growth; report annually on the progress towards achieving the targets and share information through various knowledge platform.

This session will provide the opportunity for the PNLG members and other local governments and partners to discuss the experiences and good practices in implementing plans and programs related to SDG 6 (water and sanitation), SDG 11 (sustainable cities), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 14 (Life below water and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals). The session will also discuss the mechanisms for implementation, monitoring and reporting and partnership development in facilitating the achievement of the SDG targets.

Expected Outputs:

Demonstration of local governments contribution to achieving national, regional and global SDG targets through:

- a. Implementation of ICM and related initiatives
- b. Development and operationalization of reporting platforms
- c. Strengthening technical, financial and institutional capacities, including partnerships

SESSION 4.2: Improving Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas and Networks

CONVENER:



The primary response of the government and non-government organizations to protect important habitats and biodiversity in coastal and marine environment has been the establishment of marine protected areas and fish sanctuaries. At present, there are 33 MPAs established through the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) and 1,800 under the Fisheries Code and Local Government code. Expanding spatial coverage of MPAs and forming networks has been undertaken to enhance ecological and socio-economic benefits from conservation. Forming MPA networks demand concerted efforts and enhanced strategies through coordinated management, enforcement and information sharing

Expected output/s:

- o Use of competence standards guidebook and pilot-testing of the M&E framework for MPAN to measure effectiveness of MPA/Ns in addressing threats, improving conditions of reef and fish communities, and monitoring gains and benefits to people
- o Enhance coordination between relevant national government agencies towards crafting a joint administrative order to facilitate establishment and institutionalization of MPA/Ns initiatives

SESSION 4.3: Two Decades of Cooperation in the NOWPAP: Charting the Way Forward for the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals

CONVENER:



The session will highlight major achievements and lessons learned during the two decades of NOWPAP's cooperation and partnership building, including advances in assessments, institutional development, and how the mechanism contributed to "good" regional ocean governance and whether NOWPAP is prepared to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. Recognizing the growing interconnectedness of environmental challenges, NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy 2018-2023 focuses on stepping up issue-based collaboration with major regional partners from the East Asia region in support of the 2030 Agenda, in particular SDG 14. As the main convener, NOWPAP expects the session to discuss cooperation and partnership opportunities.

Expected Output/s:

- o Policy brief on the role of evolving regional ocean governance in East Asia to realize Sustainable Agenda 2030.

SESSION 4.4: Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs): An Engine for Achieving SDG14

CONVENER:



The Yellow Sea, South China Sea, East China Sea, Sulu-Celebes, Indonesian Seas and Gulf of Thailand are six Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) of great ecological and economic importance to the region. The LME Approach has provided a rallying point for countries to cooperate in dealing with problems relating to the utilization of transboundary marine resources. This session will demonstrate how GEF LME:LEARN is supporting the LMEs in creating partnerships through its Regional Networks, how the GEF LME Approach currently contributes to achieving the SDG 14 targets, and how country-endorsed SAPs under implementation can contribute to achieving the targets.

Expected output/s:

- o Actionable recommendations on advancing SDG14 targets through work done by LMEs in the region
- o New partnerships created to support the LMEs in achieving SDG 14 targets

SESSION 4.5: Legal and Institutional Mechanisms to Manage the Marine Environment in the Seas of Southeast Asia: Status and Way Forward

CONVENER:



Centre for International
Law, National University
of Singapore

Southeast Asia has one the weakest regional seas programmes for the protection of the marine environment. One of the reasons mentioned is the lack of a binding agreement for the protection of the marine environment in the region and the so-called ASEAN way preferred by the littoral States.

This session aims to investigate and discuss the extent to which regional institutions can foster a common understanding of applicable international law and facilitate its implementation. Presentations will focus on:

- Principles and rules of international marine law applicable to the seas of Southeast Asia
- Regional institutions and the protection of the marine environment in Southeast Asia
- Application of international marine law to the seas of Southeast Asia: The example of sensitive marine areas.

Expected output/s:

- o Recommendations on advancing SDG14 targets, especially target 14(c) towards progress of indicator 14(c)(1) in Southeast Asia.



TRACK 5: RESEARCH AND TOOLS

Sustainable development of coasts and oceans relies on using the best available tools and latest scientific research for prioritizing, setting targets and making decisions. Fortunately, the research and tools supporting the conservation and management of coastal marine resources is advancing at a rapid pace. In this track, learn about the latest science and technology from satellite observation for marine management to new tools for managing coastal and coral reef ecosystems. Sessions will also address the political and economic drivers of land reclamation in coastal areas and the role of universities and research centers in supporting ocean-focused SDGs.

SESSION 5.1: Speed dating with Technical Tools for Strengthening Coastal Management

CONVENER:



Capturing Coral Reef and
Related Ecosystem Services

The Capturing Coral Reef & Related Ecosystem Services (CCRES) project developed a suite of models, tools and knowledge products to demonstrate the linkages between the ecological value of healthy coastal ecosystems and the economic value and market potential of ecosystem services that they provide. These tools are intended to support local planning and management decisions that promote maintenance of healthy ecosystems and economic benefits from their sustainable use.

The session aims to introduce the CCRES tools and how these can be used to build system-wide solutions for strengthening integrated coastal management and governance across the East Asia-Pacific region. Attendees will have hands-on experience with the tools in small, breakout groups, facilitated by experienced tools users. Through this fun, interactive, “speed-dating” approach, the session aims to promote the uptake and application of the tools to strengthen local coastal management programs.

Expected Output/s:

- o The launch of the CCRES tools on PEMSEA’s Seas of East Asia (SEA) Knowledge Bank, a partnership in knowledge management for strengthening coastal resources management.

SESSION 5.2: Satellite Observation Data-based Systems for Improved Coastal and Marine Management: Moving from Research to Services

CONVENERS:



Plymouth Marine Laboratory



Oil Spill Response Limited

COLLABORATOR:



First Institute of
Oceanography of China

Earth observations (EO) from space can provide unique and cost-effective information to greatly aid sustainable marine management. Next steps focus on integrating data into services, allowing actionable intelligence to end-users, i.e., fisheries and aquaculture, marine planning, water quality monitoring, maritime security, oil spill preparedness and response, and environmental protection.

Speakers will share regional and international experiences, latest developments in technical solutions and infrastructure for data delivery to end-users. “Services of tomorrow”, networks and industry requirements will be highlighted while considering potential regional challenges through discussion of existing EO marine services. The session will conclude with an interactive debate and recommendations on EO for future SDS-SEA actions.

Expected Outputs:

- o Recommendations for the application and integration of EO data to support SDS-SEA actions and/or sustainable marine management in the East Asian Seas (EAS) region
- o Potential partnerships identified for the application/integration of EO data for sustainable marine management in the EAS region

SESSION 5.3: A Critical Review of 25 Years of Land Reclamation in East Asia

CONVENERS:



Florida International
University



Xiamen University



Korea Institute of Ocean
Science and Technology



East Asian
Australasian Flyway
Partnership



UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea
Large Marine Ecosystem
Phase II Project

In this Partnership Hub session, we critically reflect on the issues of land reclamation in East Asia. Land reclamation had been widely implemented in many East Asian countries over the past decades. While provisioning new land that increases the countries' development potentials, land reclamation brings irreversibly detrimental impacts to the livelihoods of local fishing communities, the marine ecosystem, and globally migrating shorebird populations. Technological advances have enabled faster, larger-scale reclamation that transforms the marine environment to an unprecedented degree. Meanwhile, we have witnessed that land reclamation projects are driven by the logic of construction and politics, rather than an actual need for land. Reclaimed land sit idle concerns us, asking whether the ocean has become an easy place for 'grabbing' and how we should effectively manage reclamation practices.

This session invites speakers whose presentations cover various aspects of land reclamation from political economy and legal and institutional developments to sociocultural and ecological impacts. We aim to cover the entire East Asian seas as possible, trace the trajectories of major reclamation projects in the region, and attend to the latest trends in reclamation. This session targets policy makers, practitioners, academics, and general public as our main audience. The presentations will be followed by panel discussion. By the end of the session, we will share with our audience a comprehensive summary of East Asia's land reclamation experience over the past 25 years and some of the ways forward.

Expected Outputs:

- o Lessons learned from the experiences of PEMSEA's member countries and recommendations for minimizing reclamation efforts in the EAS region
- o Partnership Hub proceedings

SESSION 5.4: An International Forum on the Role of Higher Education in Implementing UN Sustainable Development Goals**CONVENER:**

PEMSEA Network of
Learning Centers

- Showcase various aspects of the roles and contributions of higher education institutions to the SDGs, specifically those related to SDG 14
- Discuss existing initiatives and strategies in integrating SDGs into various functions of HEIs
- Highlight role of PNLCs as key drivers of on-the-ground implementation of SDS-SEA and ICM scaling up in the region
- Explore collaboration and identification of common programs in curriculum, research and community service for PNLCs
- Gather renewed commitment of support from Learning Centers and Regional Centres of Excellence in sustainable development and management of the coasts through an Outcome Declaration

Expected Output/s:

- o Strengthened support and commitment of PNLC in supporting SDS implementation in each country
- o New ICM LCs inducted
- o Identification of potential common programs on research, curriculum and community service/extension for PNLC
- o PNLC Charter
- o Action plan on ways forward



TRACK 6: OCEAN INDUSTRY AND FINANCE

Strong collaboration between government and the private sector is critical for achieving the SDGs and ensuring the long-term health of coastal ecosystems and economies. Along with partnerships, investment from the private sector will play an increasingly important role in ensuring that the many good plans for the region are translated into action. Sessions will cover ocean energy, the business perspective on engaging in coastal management and public-private partnerships for the oceans, a new ocean investment facility for the Seas of East Asia, an emerging private sector collaboration for sustainable seafood in the region and the important role of women in the ports and maritime sectors.

SESSION 6.1: Empowering Women, Balancing Gender, Adapting for Climate Change and Strengthening Marine Environmental Protection in the Port and Maritime Sector

CONVENERS:



International Maritime
Organization



Partnerships in Environmental
Management for the Seas of
East Asia

“The challenge of climate change and marine environmental protection is unlikely to be gender-neutral, as it increases the risk to the most vulnerable and less empowered social groups. In the formulation of global and national approaches, as well as in the strategic responses to specific sectors, gender awareness, substantive analysis and inclusive engagement will be necessary” (Overview of United Nations activities in relation to climate change).

This partnership hub will look at the programmes and initiatives on the integration of women and gender equality in the port and maritime sector by organizations in this sector (e.g. IMO, ILO) to encourage countries to enable women to train alongside men to acquire the high-level of competence that the port and maritime industry demands to better cope with the demands of the jobs and also the effects of climate change. This will also look into the implemented programs, developments and important gaps and implications for effective women and gender equality and the climate risk assessment; mitigation and adaptation planning and marine environmental protection in ports and maritime sector across the East Asia Region. The program will also look at the value of these initiatives implemented in the maritime and port sector in the aim of steering discussions on the strategies and the next steps in order to encourage national agencies to adopt policies related to women, gender equality and climate change and marine environmental protection.

Expected Output/s:

- o Action to encourage national agencies and maritime institutes and port sector for enabling women to train alongside men to acquire the high-level of competence that the maritime and port industry demands.
- o Action plan for strengthening national and regional capacities for gender-specific fellowships and access to high-level technical training.
- o Action Plan for climate change mitigation and adaptation and marine environmental protection in the ports and maritime industry.
- o Summary Paper on discussed topics and initiatives to encourage maritime and port and other sectors to adopt programs related to women, gender equality and climate change adaptation and marine environmental protection.

SESSION 6.2: Filling the Pipeline: A Sustainable Ocean Investment Ecosystem for the Seas of East Asia

CONVENER:



The need for significantly increased investment to achieve the targets under the UN Sustainable Development goals is well understood. UNDP cites a USD2.5 trillion gap in investments required to meet the SDGs, and it's not likely that all of this financing will come from government and donor support. By catalyzing private sector investment, there is an opportunity to redirect billions of dollars of capital away from unsustainable investment towards sustainable, blue economy investments in the region.

To address this need and opportunity, a number of new funds have emerged to focus on investing in sustainable development of oceans, in areas including fisheries, marine pollution and coastal tourism. However, funds face challenges in sourcing investment projects that can support the Sustainable Development Goals while offering viable investment models. At the same time, donor support has a role to play in developing new models and approaches that can lower risks and catalyze the flow of private capital.

This session will introduce the emerging investment ecosystem for the Seas of East Asia, including a new Ocean Investment Facility for sourcing and developing investments that address critical ocean challenges, such as ocean plastics, wastewater, sustainable aquaculture, marine conservation, and more. Building on the regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP) coordinated by PEMSEA, which brings together donors, technical partners and private investment funds, this new investment ecosystem can catalyze both public and private financing, building a pipeline of investment opportunities supporting SDG 14 and unlocking the ocean investment potential in the Seas of East Asia.

Expected Outputs:

- o Sharing of regional investment cases and building an understanding of the interests of funds in blue economy investment opportunities
- o Awareness of the Ocean Investment Facility and its benefits for project proponents, project developers and investors
- o Linkages with funds that can lead to partnership for future investments in the region
- o Linkages with technical experts and project stakeholders that can support development of potential pipeline projects
- o Strengthened donor support for ocean investment in the region

SESSION 6.3: Healthy Oceans, People and Economies: How Important is Biodiversity Financing?

CONVENER:



Biofin

Challenges confronting the oceans and coastal ecosystems are compounding in time. Modest gains in addressing anthropogenic threats through protection measures and informed policies are negated by the vagaries of climate and emerging and worrisome patterns of utilization such as reclamation and land development. By reflecting the value of ecosystems into monetary units, stakeholders are propelled to make better decisions on resource allocation between competing uses, improving incentives and generating expenditures. While the context focuses on coral reef management, it is critical to see how it contributes to the broader coastal management perspective.

Why talk about financing? Significant funding is required to address threats posed by illegal fishing, reclamation, pollution, harvesting of corals and associated species, unbridled land development, etc. Third, due to the severe rate of destruction, coral restoration procedures will cost more, in fact, more than what it would cost to prevent the destruction. Relevant discussions on financing are not focused solely on raising revenues or ensuring more funding. Cost avoidance and delivering better are also finance solutions benefitting coral reef management. Likewise, realignment of expenditures from harmful actions to positive actions are also highlighted as finance solutions.

Expected Output/s:

- o This mini symposium will result to a listing of finance solutions which can support regional level initiatives based on information provided through discussion of BIOFIN methodology and the finance catalogue.

SESSION 6.4: Ocean Energy – The Future of Blue Economy

CONVENERS:



Korea Institute of Ocean
Science and Technology



Partnerships in Environmental
Management for the Seas of
East Asia

COLLABORATOR:



First Institute of
Oceanography of China

Ocean is the biggest carbon sink of the earth system which sequester more than 2 billion metric ton per year or one third of anthropogenic carbon generation. Ocean possesses not only the sequestering power but also power to produce renewable energies which contribute to the eradication of fossil fuel consumption. Owing to its enormous potential energy through tide, wave, heat and others, the oceans provide numerous opportunities for energy sources which fuel necessary economic development in the era of climate change afflicted global community.

The status of ocean energy development is in its nascent stage. Research efforts have been devoted to various fields with certain degree of successes. However, there are lots of works need to be done for the ocean energy to be mainstreamed into the power sector. Barriers such as non-supportive government policies and resistant to clean and renewable energy sources by the Business As Usual (BAU) energy sectors make ocean energy development sluggish.

In this workshop, the success stories of the ocean energy development will be presented as well as government policies and promotion in support of the ocean energy development around the globe. The roles and contributions of ocean energy in the Blue Economy is also delved into.

Expected Output:

- o Policy brief on Ocean Energy in the EAS region in support of the Blue Economy development.

SESSION 6.5: From Potential to Reality: Business Leadership for a Blue Economy in the Seas of East Asia

CONVENER:



Strong collaboration between government and business will be critical for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 14 Life below water. Along with safeguarding the health of coastal ecosystems and communities, achieving the SDGs may open pathways for new opportunities for companies.

The potential of effective public-private partnership for coastal and ocean management has been discussed for some time, but the reality of forging concrete, value-added partnerships has in many cases remained elusive. Companies can struggle to move beyond mere compliance or approaches that are disconnected from their core business, while public institutions may wonder how to best engage with the private sector in ways that achieve sustainable development goals while adding value that incentivizes companies to partner.

Development partners like PEMSEA, World Ocean Council, World Business Council for Sustainable Development and IUCN can play a bridging role, supporting the achievement of sustainable development objectives while helping companies to address their challenges related to coasts and oceans.

This session will examine the role of business and its needs and expectations for collaborative coastal and ocean management, along with the role of development partners in helping companies to identify and develop practical opportunities supporting the SDGs and blue economy development. Building on insights from a new Sustainable Business Roadmap for the region, participants will explore prospects for establishing a regional alliance and opportunities for public-private partnership for blue economy development.

Expected Outputs:

- o Insights on company needs and how development partners can provide a strong case for private sector engagement for blue economy development in the region
- o Learning more about development partners in the region and how they can support business in better coastal and ocean management
- o Exploring potential for an alliance between development partners and companies in the region
- o Identification of opportunities for joint activities between development partners and companies
- o Strengthened donor support for blue economy development with the private sector in the region



BLUE ECONOMY TRACK

Blue economy advocates innovative governance, alternative economic growth strategies and additional investments that are in line with the SDGs. PEMSEA partners are currently developing 10 State of Oceans and Coasts reports and four subregional/large marine ecosystems (LME) reports focusing on the ocean economy, ecosystem services, ocean health, and blue economy initiatives. The SOC reports highlight the critical role of coastal and marine ecosystems in economic development and resilience across the region, and implications for policy, planning, management and investment. Blue economy solutions exist, and alternative technologies, models and financing mechanisms are available to make our coasts and oceans safe and sustainable.

The 1st Blue Economy Forum, held in Thailand in November 2017, focused on the initial results of the national and subregional/LME State of Oceans and Coasts reports. This, the second 2nd Blue Economy Forum, will direct attention towards solution options, ongoing interdisciplinary research, initiatives and innovations to improve ocean health, incomes and livelihood, the role of government as an enablers and beneficiary and the investment and business opportunities.

SESSION 7.1: Capitalizing Upon Blue Economy Potentials for SDG14

CONVENER:



Ocean Policy Research
Institute of the Sasakawa
Peace Foundation

Examining case studies and analyzing critical factors for promoting blue economy and safeguarding environmental sustainability and socio-economic equity, empowering communities and stakeholders in the context of achieving SDG 14.

Expected output/s:

- o Chair's report on discussion highlights, knowledge exchange on good practices and lessons learned, networking and partnership, policy brief on critical factors promoting stakeholder involvement.

SESSION 7.2: Interdisciplinary Research to Underpin Sustainable Planning and Management for Blue Economy

CONVENER:



Plymouth Marine Laboratory

This session will focus on the interdisciplinary research, which increases understanding of the economic, social, and ecological systems that should be brought together and used to support marine planning, management, and future sustainable development and blue economy.

Expected Output/s:

- o A greater understanding of the interdisciplinary research and support sustainable development of blue economy sectors and marine management, regulation, and policy associated with this development.
- o Applications of approaches and tools in the blue economy sectors in the EAS region identified

SESSION 7.3: SOC Reports and Blue Economy Innovations, Emerging Industries and Governance

CONVENERS:



Department of Environment
and Natural Resources,
Philippines



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East Asia

Expected Outputs:

This session will highlight the innovative and emerging industries in the EAS region, and show their benefits, and contribution to national economies and to achieving the SDGs. New technologies, research and development programs, supporting policies, incentives and other enabling factors to scale up the development of these industries will be discussed by the speakers. The role of oceans and ecosystem services, which underpin these industries, and the need to protect and conserve these resources to sustain blue economy will be emphasized, and draw attention to the outlook for blue economy in the region.

- o Contribution of ocean economy, and blue economy initiatives, such as innovative and emerging industries, to national economies, employment generation, livelihoods, innovations, and food, water and energy security
- o Solution options on ecosystem and biodiversity conservation, sustainable fisheries, water security, pollution reduction, and climate resiliency, and potential for replication and scaling up to support blue economy development
- o Enabling conditions for blue economy, and recognition of role of governments as enablers and beneficiaries
- o Next steps towards developing ocean accounts and waste accounts, and updating of the SOC Reports
- o Identification of host, theme and tentative schedule for the next Blue Economy Forum

FIFTH EAS YOUTH FORUM

November 27-30

The Fifth East Asian Seas Congress Youth Forum (YF5) serves as a platform for young leaders to engage in coastal and ocean sustainability. Recognizing the importance of continued and deeper youth engagement in our drive towards sustainable coasts and oceans, the YF5 aims to launch an EAS Youth Programme that enables the youth of the region to contribute to integrated coastal management (ICM) implementation at the local level, provides access to more learning opportunities and empowers youth to serve as ocean champions in their respective universities and communities. The YF5 delegates will also benefit from interactions with global leaders in ocean and coastal management, peer-to-peer learning discussions, teambuilding and creative sessions.

NOVEMBER 26

14:00 – 15:00

Registration of Youth Delegates

15:00 – 16:00

General Orientation**Ms. Aimee Gonzales**

Executive Director

PEMSEA Resource Facility

Ms. Maricor Ebarvia

Project Manager, State of the Oceans and Coasts Reporting

PEMSEA Resource Facility

Mr. Michael Villanueva**Ms. Joyce Paigao****Mr. Thomas Bell**

PEMSEA Youth Forum Facilitators

During the orientation PEMSEA's Executive Director will welcome the youth delegates with a brief backgrounder on PEMSEA, the EAS Congress and the Youth Forum. Miss Maricor Ebarvia will provide a primer on the SDS-SEA and the SDGs before the Youth Forum Facilitators discuss the house rules, objectives and expected outputs of the YF5.

16:00 – 16:15

Reflection and learning from the previous Youth Forum**Mr. Kaisar Akhir**

2015 YF Delegate, Deputy Secretary-General

Indonesian Maritime Youth Association (APMI)

Mr. Akhir will narrate his YF4 experiences and how it empowered him as an advocate of sustainable oceans and seas. He will share his personal journey to becoming a young ocean leader in the hopes of inspiring the YF delegates.

16:15 – 17:00

Getting to Know You (GTKY) Name Games and Other Team Building Activities

This exercise will enable the delegates to get to know more about the other youth delegates.

17:00 – 18:00

The YF5 Declaration

Previous declarations will be presented to highlight the commitments from each declaration and reflect on its contribution to the SDS-SEA. This will guide the delegates on drafting their Iloilo Youth Declaration.

18:00 – 19:00	<p>Dry Run of Opening Ceremony</p> <p>The YF delegates will be oriented regarding their participation in the Opening Ceremony of the EAS Congress. One delegate per country, in particular, will serve as flag bearer of their respective countries.</p>
NOVEMBER 27	
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018</p> <p>The YF5 delegates will take part in the Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony will feature speeches from the host country and host city, together with messages from PEMSEA and UNDP Philippines.</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Ocean Talk and SEA Exchange</p> <p>Following the Opening Ceremony, two keynote presentations will be delivered during the Ocean Talk. The theme for Ocean Talk will focus on UN Sustainable Development Goals particularly, SDG14 Life Below Water, and climate resiliency.</p> <p>This will be followed by a SEA Exchange wherein stakeholder respondents from the EAS Congress participants will share their perspectives in line with the keynote presentations delivered at the Ocean Talk.</p>
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Opening of the EAS Congress 2018 Exhibition</p>
13:15 – 13:30	<p>Youth Echoes</p> <p>Delegates will be given a 15 min “Social Media Time” to echo what they have learned from the morning session.</p>
13:30 – 14:00	<p>YF Welcome and Keynote Speech</p> <p>Ms. Folay Eleazar, Programme Manager of the UNDP Inclusive and Sustainable Development Team, UNDP Philippines</p> <p>In line with the EAS Congress theme, the keynote presentation for YF5 will highlight the role of youth in achieving the UN SDGs, particularly in contributing to achieving the global ocean agenda.</p>
14:00 – 16:00	<p>YF Workshop: Climate Change</p> <p>Dr. Antonio La Viña, Chair, EAS Partnership Council (confirmed)</p> <p>Delegates will be divided into groups to discuss priority actions and how youth are being or may be engaged to address climate change. Dr. La Viña will deliver a wrap-up lecture after the presentation from each group.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Launch of the PEMSEA Youth Programme</p> <p>PEMSEA YF Facilitators</p> <p>The PEMSEA Youth Programme will be presented by PEMSEA. The presentation will highlight the value of the programme in ensuring a more sustainable approach to youth involvement in the EAS region on integrated coastal management (ICM) programs, as well as various coastal and ocean initiatives in line with the SDS-SEA. The programme will include the following key elements: establishment of the PEMSEA Network of Young Leaders (PNYL), annual awarding of the PEMSEA Youth Grant, capacity development, and promotion of youth initiatives through an EAS Youth Online Bulletin and the PNYL Facebook Page.</p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Breakout Discussion on EAS Youth Programme</p> <p>The youth delegates will be divided into groups to brainstorm on their inputs and possible youth actions in support of the proposed EAS Youth Programme. The result of the group discussions will be consolidated and considered in finalizing the EAS Youth Programme.</p>

17:30 – 18:00 **Election of Country Representatives for the EAS Youth Council**
Delegates will elect their country representative to serve as members of the EAS Youth Council.

18:30 – 20:00 **EAS Congress Welcome Dinner**

NOVEMBER 28

08:30 – 10:00 **Ocean Talk and Sea Exchange**
The Day 2 OceanTalk and SeaExchange will feature three keynote presentations focusing on various aspects of Blue Economy: Marine pollution and plastics, Sustainable fisheries, and Water security.

This will be followed by SeaExchange with responses/perspectives coming from various stakeholders/ participants in the EAS Congress International Conference.

10:00 – 10:15 **Youth Echoes**
Delegates will be given a 15 min “Social Media Time” to echo what they have learned from the morning session.

10:15 – 11:30 **YF Workshop: Marine Biodiversity: Status, Issues, Threats, and Solutions**
Ms. Anna Oposa, Co-founder and Chief Mermaid, Save Philippine Seas (SPS) (confirmed)

Ms. Oposa will share initiatives of the Save Philippine Seas, in line with habitat protection and restoration, as well as the involvement of youth in these initiatives. A question and answer portion will follow the presentation.

11:30 – 12:00 **Presentation from 2017 Youth Grant Awardee**
Mr. Pocholo Miguel Espina, Chief Executive Officer, SIP PH (confirmed)

The SIP.PH, recipient of Youth Grant in 2017, will present the progress and achievements of their project and how it contributed in reducing the use of plastics/plastic straws in their project area.

13:00 – 14:30 **YF Workshop: Marine Plastics**
Dr. Jenna Jambeck, Associate Professor, University of Georgia College of Engineering (confirmed)

Dr. Jambeck will provide a presentation on marine plastics and the role of youth in the EAS region to address this critical concern. A question and answer portion follows right after the presentation.

14:30 – 16:00 **Knowledge Sharing: Good Practices from Local Communities/Organizations**
Mr. Hari Mahardika, Coordinator, Pesisir Mengajar, Tangerang Regency, Indonesia (confirmed)
Mr. Rahmat Lubis, General Manager, PT. Indonesia Power, Banten, Indonesia (confirmed)

Mr. Mahardika will talk about the good practices of Pesisir Mengajar, a youth education and public awareness component of Tangerang Regency’s ICM program. Mr. Rakmat will share about the partnership between their company and Tangerang Regency and how they contribute to the regency’s environmental and coastal management programs including the Pesisir Mengajar. A question and answer will follow and selected delegates will be given time to present good practices from their youth-led environmental initiatives.

16:00 – 18:00	<p>Project Development Workshop - from Inception to Evaluation Ms. Yi Liu, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme China Ms. Lee Shin Shin, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme Malaysia Ms. Catharina Dwiastarini, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme Indonesia</p> <p>Ms. Yi Liu, Ms. Lee Shin Shin and Ms. Catharina Dwiastarini will conduct a workshop to provide the delegates with key principles on project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This added learning will be useful for youth in developing project proposals for coastal protection and development.</p>
18:00 – 18:20	<p>Finalization of the Youth Statement and EAS Youth Council Election The youth delegates will discuss potential refinements to the Youth Statement. Elected country representatives will elect the chairman and co-chairman of the EAS Youth Council. The elected chairman will be assigned to present the highlights of the Iloilo Youth Declaration 2018 at the Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018.</p>
18:30 – 20:30	<p>Partnership Night</p>
NOVEMBER 29	
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018 International Conference The Closing Ceremony will include the presentation of: the Youth Statement or Declaration by the Youth Council Chair; Summary of EAS Congress International Conference Conclusions and Recommendations by the International Conference Chair; a Special Message from the UN Special Envoy for the Oceans; and a Ministerial Roundtable.</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>First Council Discussion The first batch of Youth Council will meet to identify activities or actions that may be undertaken in the first phase of the EAS Youth Programme implementation covering 2019-2021.</p>
13:00 – 16:20	<p>Outdoor Activity: “Dalaw Turo” Ms. Antoinette Taus, Founder, Communities Organized for Resource Allocation (CORA) DENR Youth Forum Facilitators</p> <p>The youth delegates will reach out to selected elementary students from Iloilo/Guimaras to share what they have learned from YF5. They will be grouped together with the DENR Youth Desk Officers to learn and facilitate the “Dalaw-Turo” program, DENR’s environmental education and awareness campaign targeting elementary students. Miss Antoinette Taus will provide a short talk to educate the students on how to take care of the environment on their little ways. A culminating commitment to the SDG 14 is the highlight of this activity.</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Youth Forum Closing Ceremony</p>
NOVEMBER 30	
09:00 – 15:00	<p>Field Visit in Guimaras</p>
18:30 – 20:00	<p>Farewell Dinner for all EAS Congress delegates</p>

CLOSING CEREMONY

November 29

08:45 – 09:00	Arrival of the Ministers from the East Asian Countries
09:00 – 09:10	Opening of Closing Ceremony and Acknowledgement of Key Guests
09:10 – 09:20	Youth Statement (Youth Forum delegate)
09:20 – 09:40	Summary of the EAS Congress International Conference Conclusions and Recommendations Dr. Chua Thia-Eng Overall International Conference Chair and Chair Emeritus of PEMSEA
09:40 – 09:50	Special Video Message from UN Special Envoy for the Oceans Amb. Peter Thomson UN Special Envoy for the Oceans
09:50 – 10:00	Introduction of the President of the Republic of the Philippines Hon. Roy Cimatu Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
10:00 – 10:10	Keynote Message by the President of the Republic of the Philippines <i>(To be delivered by the Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs)</i> Hon. Jose Teodoro Locsin, Jr. Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs
10:10 – 10:20	Declaration of Official Closing of the International Conference Dr. Chua Thia-Eng Overall International Conference Chair
10:20 – 11:00	Tour of the Exhibit by EAS Ministers
11:00 – 12:30	Lunch Banquet for Philippine President and Ministers (Hosted by DENR)

SIXTH MINISTERIAL FORUM

November 29-30

The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

The Sixth Ministerial Forum will convene Ministers and senior government officials from the EAS countries, together with key representatives from international and regional organizations and Non-Country Partners and collaborating organizations of PEMSEA.

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MINISTERIAL FORUM PROPER (29 November 2018)

12:45 – 13:00	Arrival of the Ministers from the East Asian Countries
13:00 – 13:10	Opening of the Ministerial Forum Proper Chair: Hon. Roy A. Cimatu Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
13:10 – 14:10	Ministerial Statements
14:10 – 14:40	Signing of the Ministerial Declaration
14:40 – 14:50	Closing of the Ministerial Forum
14:50 – 15:20	Press Conference (DENR Secretary and PEMSEA)
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner Banquet (Hosted by Iloilo City)

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08:00 – 15:00	Field Visit (optional)
18:00 – 20:00	Farewell Dinner (Hosted by DENR)

Ministerial Lunch Banquet (hosted by DENR)

November 29

11:00 – 11:05	Special Message from Host Usec. Jonas Leones Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
11:05 – 11:10	Presentation of Tokens to the Ministers
11:10 – 12:30	Lunch (Accompanied with DENR video)
12:30 – 12:35	Announcement of Schedule Ms. Aimee Gonzales Executive Director PEMSEA

Ministerial Dinner Banquet (hosted by Iloilo City)

November 29

17:30 – 17:35	Welcome Remarks Hon. Jose S. Espinosa III Mayor Iloilo City, Philippines
17:35 – 17:40	Special Remarks Hon. Roy A. Cimat Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
17:40 – 17:45	Special Remarks Mr. Arief Yuwono EAS Partnership Council Co-Chair PEMSEA
17:45 – 17:50	Presentation of Tokens to Ministers and Picture taking of Ministers
17:50 – 18:00	Special Toast Hon. Jose S. Espinosa III Mayor Iloilo City, Philippines Hon. Roy A. Cimat Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
18:00 – 18:50	Dinner (Accompanied with Cultural performances/Entertainment from Iloilo)
18:50 – 19:00	Closing Remarks Ms. Aimee Gonzales Executive Director PEMSEA

PNLG FORUM 2018

November 29

Opening Ceremony of the PNLG General Assembly

- 13:30 – 13:40 **Welcome Message from Local Host**
Hon. Samuel Gumarin, M.D.
Governor
Province of Guimaras
Philippines
- 13:40 – 13:50 **Message from Philippine representative**
Hon. Benny Antiporda
Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and
Local Government Units Concerns
Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines
- 13:50 – 14:00 **Message from PEMSEA**
Mr. Makoto Harunari
Technical Session Chair
EAS Partnership Council
- 14:00 – 14:10 **Opening Remarks from PNLG**
Hon. Noraini Binti Roslan
President, Kuala Selangor District Council, Malaysia, and
President, PNLG

General Assembly

- 14:10 – 15:00 **PNLG Strategic Action Plan (SAP): Measuring and Reporting Progress in Implementation**
- (a) Guimaras Province First and Second State of the Coasts: Showcasing positive trends in environmental governance and management practices**
- Ms. Nancy Bermas**
Sr. Country Programme Manager
PEMSEA Resource Facility
- The presentation will highlight the value of the indicator-based SOC reporting in capturing trends and changes that are occurring in the coastal areas of Guimaras Province resulting from the implementation of policies, plans and programs of the local government under the ICM program. The presentation will also highlight how the SOC can be used as a tool in reporting the accomplishments of the local governments in achieving their SDG commitments in line with the objectives and targets of the Ansan Declaration.
- (b) PNLG SAP Tracking System: Reporting on SDG commitments**
- Ms. Maria Leah Joy Gabayeron**
EMS I, Guimaras Environment and Natural Resources Office
Guimaras Province

The PNLG Tracking System, an online tracking tool, was developed to facilitate the reporting of the PNLG members of their progress towards achieving their committed SDG targets under the Ansan Declaration. After the tracking tool was introduced during the 2017 PNLG Forum, the PNLG members have been requested to start populating the system based on their committed SDG target. Guimaras Province will share its experiences in implementing the reporting system and the challenges encountered.

The Open Forum will seek insights from the PNLG members on the usability of the SAP online tracking tool and enhancing the reporting mechanism, including identifying areas requiring support.

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 15:45

ICM Code

Mr. Renato Cardinal, Program Manager for Partnership Applications/
Certification Officer, PEMSEA

Mr. LIU PEI, Dongying Ocean and Fisheries Bureau

The PEMSEA Secretariat will present the benefits of implementing the ICM Code, a standard for an integrated management system covering coastal and ocean governance and sustainable development and management of coastal and marine resources and a voluntary standard against which to measure the performance of the local governments' integrated coastal management system (ICM System). The discussion will emphasize the use of the ICM Code as a tool for providing local governments with a systematic approach for implementing and sustaining their integrated coastal management programs. The discussion will also include the process for achieving ICM System level 1 certification for local governments that have initiated the ICM system as well as the process of transforming the ICM level 1 certified ICM systems of the PNLG members to achieve ICM level 2 (Transformation) and Level 3 (Sustainability) certification. In addition, the discussion will highlight the status of the ICM System Certification of the PNLG Members.

A local government representative from Dongying, China, will share the value and impact of ICM System Certification in their ICM implementation as well as the experience for the preparation for ICM System Level 2 certification.

15:45 – 16:15

PNLG Work Plan and Budget 2018 and 2019

The PNLG Secretariat will present a summary report (technical and financial) on the progress/achievements made under the PNLG Work Plan and Budget 2018.

The PNLG Secretariat will present the Work Plan and Budget for 2019 endorsed by the PNLG Executive Committee, for final review and approval by the General Assembly.

16:15 – 16:40

Election of PNLG Officers

The 3-year term of the incumbent PNLG Officers will end this year. The PNLG Secretariat will present a summary report on the nomination and election process undertaken from July to October, and present the consensus reached by the PNLG members.

The lone candidates for PNLG President and Vice President will be presented for formal election by the General Assembly. The elected officers will be sworn to office.

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| 16:40 – 17:15 | <p>Induction of new PNLG members
 The PNLG President will endorse to the General Assembly the new PNLG members for formal acceptance by the General Assembly.
 To formalize their membership, the new members will sign the PNLG Charter and deliver their respective messages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jinjiang, PR China • Bontang, Indonesia |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | <p>Flag turn over
 The Province of Guimaras will hand over the PNLG flag to the PNLG Forum 2019 Host</p> |
| 17:30 – 17:40 | <p>Closing of the PNLG Forum 2018
 The PNLG President</p> |
| 17:40 – 18:20 | <p>PNLG Forum Press Conference
 Interviewees: Governor Samuel Gumarin, PNLG President Mrs. Noraini Roslan, PNLG Secretariat Representative, PEMSEA Representative Ms. Nancy Bermas, representative of PNLG Forum Host for 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching of Guimaras SOC Report (to be led by Gov. Samuel Gumarin) • Launching of Xiamen's Story (ICM) Book (to be led by Mr. Lin Guozhong, Deputy Director General of Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Oceans and Fisheries) • Press Conference about PNLG Forum 2018 (Key results and future prospects) |

PNLG DINNER BANQUET

Andana Resort, Guimaras Province, Philippines

29 November 2018

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| 18:30 – 18:40 | <p>Opening Message
 Hon. Samuel Gumarin, M.D.
 Governor
 Province of Guimaras</p> |
| 18:40 – 18:50 | <p>Message from PNLG President
 Hon. Noraini Binti Roslan
 President, Kuala Selangor District Council, Malaysia, and
 President, PNLG</p> |
| 18:50 – 19:00 | <p>Handing of Token of Appreciation
 PNLG President and PNLG Secretariat</p> |
| 19:00 – 20:30 | <p>Dinner with Performance</p> |

SPECIAL EVENT

PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers (PNLC) Annual Planning Meeting Workshop

November 28 (13:30 – 15:30)

By invitation: PNLC Members only session

- Map training and application of tools vis-à-vis capacity development needs;
- Identify potential common programs on research, curriculum and community service/extension for PNLC
- Elect new Committee members for 2019 onwards
- Discuss and develop action plans for 2019 onwards

Expected Output/s:

- Matrix of training and application of tools vis-à-vis capacity development needs
- Proposed programs on research, curriculum and community service/extension services
- Committee members for 2019 identified
- 2019 Action Plan

SPECIAL EVENT

Gulf of Thailand (GOT) National Contact Points Meeting

November 28

13:30 – 13:45	Opening Message
13:45 – 14:00	Election of Chair and Introduction of the Chair
14:00 – 14:45	Progress Report on the Implementation of the Framework Programme for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Gulf of Thailand NCP of Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam
14:45 – 15:00	Adoption of the Sub-regional Guidelines on the Use of Dispersants in the Gulf of Thailand Senior Officials of the GOT NCP of Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam
15:00 – 15:45	Review and Discussion on the Draft Gulf of Thailand Sub-regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan
15:45 – 16:15	Strategic Action Plan Commitments and Updates NCP of Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam
16:15 – 16:45	Strategic Partners Participation
16:45 – 17:00	Date and Venue of Next Meeting
17:00 – 17:15	Closing Message

ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITION

One of the key features of the EAS Congress is the Exhibition, which will run in parallel with the International Conference of the EAS Congress. This Exhibition provides an opportunity for organizations to showcase their innovations and progress on various aspects of sustainable coastal and ocean management, including tools, technologies, products, experiences and best practices. Such actions support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (particularly SDG 14), the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), and blue economy development in the region.

Exhibit Date: 27- 29 November 2018

Exhibit Date: Hall B & C, Iloilo Convention Center

Exhibit Schedule

Time	Activities
26 November 2018	
1300 - 1800	Set-up by Exhibitors
27 November 2018	
1100 - 1200	Opening of the Exhibit, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour; and Press Conference
1200 - 1745	Exhibit open to Congress attendees
28 November 2018	
1000- 1745	Exhibit open to Congress attendees
1400- 1700	Exhibit open to public (arranged visits)
29 November 2018	
1100- 1120	Tour of Exhibit by Ministers
1400 -1900	Egress

FIELD VISITS

For a complete Congress experience, field visits will be organized and hosted both by Iloilo Province and the Island Province of Guimaras which is about a 10-15 minute boat ride from Iloilo City. Guimaras is one of PEMSEA's integrated coastal management (ICM) sites. The province will feature its environmental initiatives and practices, as well as showcase its culture and delicacies.

Guimaras Fieldtrip Packages

PACKAGE A: Pamangculan FS – Tumalintinan Point MPA – Wind Farm – San Lorenzo Municipal Hall

	PACKAGE A GROUP 1 (50 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat (Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Buenavista Wharf)
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:20	Jordan Wharf to Tumalintinan Point MPA
09:20 – 09:50	Tumalintinan Point MPA
09:50 – 10:20	Tumalintinan to Wind Turbines No. 17
10:20 – 10:50	Wind Turbine No. 17
10:50 – 11:00	Wind Turbines to San Lorenzo Municipal Hall
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch at San Lorenzo Municipal Hall, 2nd Floor
12:00 – 12:40	Municipal Hall to Pamangculan Fish Sanctuary
12:40 – 13:30	Pamangculan Fish Sanctuary
13:30 – 15:00	Pamangculan to Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol, San Miguel, Jordan
15:00 – 15:30	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

	PACKAGE A GROUP 2 (50 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:10	Jordan Wharf to Pamangculan Fish Sanctuary
09:10 – 09:50	Pamangculan Fish Sanctuary
09:50 – 10:30	Pamangculan to Tumalintinan Point MPA
10:30 – 11:00	Tumalintinan Point MPA
11:00 – 11:30	Tumalintinan to Wind Turbines No. 17
11:30 – 11:50	Wind Turbines No. 17
11:50 – 12:00	Wind Turbines to San Lorenzo Municipal Hall
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch, San Lorenzo Municipal Hall, 3rd Floor
13:30 – 15:00	San Lorenzo Municipal Hall to Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol, San Miguel, Jordan
15:00 – 15:30	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

PACKAGE B: Taklong Island National Marine Reserve

	PACKAGE B GROUP 1 (40 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:35	Jordan Wharf to Alman Sur, Nueva Valencia
09:35 – 11:45	Island Hopping from Alman Sur to: 1. Suba Malawig 2. Floating Cottage 3. UPV Marine Biological Station 4. Piagau Islet (Inauguration of Eco-structures)
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch at Piagao Islet, Welcome Reception - P.O., PENRO PASU & Staff
12:45 – 13:00	Piagao Islet to Alman Sur
13:00 – 13:40	Alman Sur to Provincial Capitol
13:40 – 14:40	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
15:00 – 15:30	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

	PACKAGE B GROUP 2 (40 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:35	Jordan Wharf to Alman Sur, Nueva Valencia
09:35 – 11:45	Island Hopping from Alman Sur to: 1. UPV Marine Biological Station 2. Suba Malawig 3. Floating Cottage 4. Piagau Islet, (Inauguration of Eco-structures)
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch at Piagao Islet, Welcome Reception - P.O., PENRO PASU & Staff
12:45 – 13:00	Piagao Islet to Alman Sur
13:00 – 13:40	Alman Sur to Provincial Capitol
13:40 – 14:40	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
15:00 – 15:30	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

PACKAGE C: Tan-Luc MPA – Guisi Light House – Brgy Dolores Marine and Fish Haven (RESERVED FOR PNLG DELEGATES)

	PACKAGE C GROUP 1 (70 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:00	Jordan Wharf to Tan-Luc MPA
09:00 – 09:40	Tan-Luc MPA
09:40 – 10:10	TanLuc MPA to Guisi Light House
10:10 – 10:40	Guisi Light House
10:40 – 11:20	Guisi Lighthouse to Kenya Beach Resort
11:20 – 12:30	Lunch at Kenya Beach Resort
12:30 – 13:00	Kenyama to Provincial Capitol
13:00 – 14:00	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
14:30 – 15:00	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

	PACKAGE C GROUP 2 (80 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:00	Jordan Wharf to Guisi Light House
09:00 – 09:40	Guisi Lighthouse
09:40 – 10:10	Guisi Light House to TanLuc MPA
10:10 – 10:40	TanLuc MPA
10:40 – 11:20	TanLuc MPA to Kenya Beach Resort
11:20 – 12:30	Lunch at Kenya Beach Resort
12:30 – 13:00	Kenyama to Provincial Capitol
13:00 – 14:00	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
14:30 – 15:00	Travel Back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo City

PACKAGE D: SEAFDEC – Jordan Marine Turtle Sanctuary – Igang Bay Marine Sanctuary – Guimaras National Crop Research, Development and Production Support Center (RESERVED FOR YF PARTICIPANTS)

	PACKAGE D GROUP 1 (50 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:00	Jordan Wharf to Igang Bay Marine Reserve
09:00 – 10:00	Igang Bay Marine Sanctuary
12:00 – 12:30	Igang Bay Marine Sanctuary to Sitio Landasan
12:30 – 12:40	Sitio Landasan to SEAFDEC
12:40 – 13:30	SEAFDEC
13:30 – 13:40	SEAFDEC to Sitio Landasan (Lunch)
14:10 – 15:10	Sitio Landasan to BPI-NCRDPSC
15:10 – 15:20	BPI-NCRDPSC to Mini Trade Fair
15:20 – 15:40	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
15:40 – 16:10	Travel back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo

	PACKAGE D GROUP 2 (50 pax)
Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:15	Transfer by boat from Iloilo Ferry Terminal to Jordan Wharf
08:15 – 08:25	Welcome Reception at Jordan Wharf by the Provincial Officials
08:25 – 09:50	Jordan Wharf to Sitio Landasan
10:00 – 10:25	Sitio Landasan to SEAFDEC
10:25 – 11:00	SEAFDEC
11:00 – 11:20	SEAFDEC to Sitio Landasan
11:20 – 12:00	Sitio Landasan to Igang Bay Marine Sanctuary
12:00 – 13:30	Igang Bay Marine Sanctuary and Lunch at Villa Corazon
13:30 – 14:30	Villa Corazon to BPI-NCRDPSC (Mango Research)
14:30 – 14:40	BPI-NCRDPSC to Mini Trade Fair
14:40 – 15:00	Mini-Trade Fair at the Provincial Capitol
15:00 – 15:30	Travel back to Jordan Wharf to Iloilo

Iloilo Fieldtrip Packages

Bulabog Puti-an National Park tour package

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
Time	Activity			
07:00 – 08:00	Travel to Bulabog			
08:00 – 09:00	ASSEMBLY/ORIENTATION			
09:00 – 10:00	Guizo Cave	Dao Tree	Tuko Cave	Maestranza Cave
10:00 – 10:45	Viewing Deck	Tuko Cave	Maestranza Cave	Guizo Cave
10:45 – 11:45	Dao Tree	Maestranza Cave	Dao Tree	Viewing Deck
11:45 – 12:00	Visitors' Lounge			
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch			
13:00 – 14:00	Travel back to the Hotel			

Iloilo City tour package

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
Time	Activity		
07:30 – 08:00	Assembly: Grand Xing Imperial Hotel		
08:00 – 08:15	Rolling Tour: Calle Real to Fort San Pedro and Muelle Loney	Rolling Tour: Calle Real to Fort San Pedro and Muelle Loney	Rolling Tour: El 98 – Iloilo Business Park – San Rafael Mandurriao – Atria District Park to SBAA – UP Intersection – Molo Mansion
08:15 – 08:45	Iloilo City Hall Gallery and Roof Top	Rolling Tour: Muelle Loney to La Paz Market to Millionaire's Row to Jaro	Jaro Cathedral
08:45 – 09:00	Rolling Tour: Muelle Loney to La Paz Market to Millionaire's Row to Jaro	Deocampo's Barquillos Tour	Deocampo's Barquillos Tour
09:00 – 09:30	Deocampo's Barquillos Tour	Casa Mariquit	Casa Mariquit
09:30 – 10:00	Casa Mariquit	Jaro Cathedral	Rolling Tour: Muelle Loney to La Paz Market to Millionaire's Row to Jaro
10:00 – 10:15	Jaro Cathedral	Rolling Tour: El 98 – Iloilo Business Park – San Rafael Mandurriao – Atria District Park to SBAA – UP Intersection – Molo Mansion	Iloilo City Hall Gallery and Roof Top
10:15 – 10:35	Rolling Tour: El 98 – Iloilo Business Park – San Rafael Mandurriao – Atria District Park to SBAA – UP Intersection – Molo Mansion	Iloilo City Hall Gallery and Roof Top	To Molo Mansion
10:35 – 11:30	Molo Mansion Tour	To Molo Mansion	Molo Mansion Tour
11:30 – 11:45	Travel to Tatoy's	Molo Mansion Tour	Travel to Tatoy's
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch at Tatoy's Manukan	Travel to Tatoy's	Lunch at Tatoy's Manukan
13:00 – 13:45	JBLFMU Molo – Kabalak Gallery and Maritime Museum	Lunch at Tatoy's Manukan	Iloilo Esplanade Tour (I am Iloilo Site)

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
Time	Activity		
13:45 – 14:15	Iloilo Esplanade Tour (I am Iloilo Site)	JBLFMU Molo – Kabalak Gallery and Maritime Museum	JBLFMU Molo – Kabalak Gallery and Maritime Museum
14:15 – 15:00	Snacks and Drop-off at Case Real de Iloilo	Iloilo Esplanade Tour (I am Iloilo Site)	Snacks and Drop-off at Case Real de Iloilo
	End of Tour	Snacks and Drop-off at Case Real de Iloilo	End of Tour
		End of Tour	

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

PARTNERSHIP NIGHT (25 years anniversary celebration)

November 28

18:30 – 19:30

Book Launch and Signing

PROGRAM PROPER

19:30 – 19:35

Welcome Remarks from the Master of Ceremony

19:35 – 19:40

Opening Remarks from PEMSEA

Ms. Aimee Gonzales

Executive Director

PEMSEA

19:40 – 19:45

Video Presentation

Celebrating 25 Years of Partnership for Sustainable Development

19:45 – 20:00

Launching Ceremony

Sustainable Business Awards and ICM Professional Certification

20:00 – 20:30

Dance Performance

20:30 – 20:50

Special Awards

Ocean Legends and Special Citations Award

Brief remarks from Awardee

20:50 – 21:00

Timor Leste Special Performance

21:00 onwards

Closing Feast Dance (Open Floor)

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

FAREWELL DINNER

November 30

18:00

Arrival of guests

18:00 – 18:15

Appreciation Remarks

Hon. Corazon C. Davis

Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning and Overall Chair of the EAS Congress 2018 National Organizing Committee

19:25 – onwards

Dinner-Cocktails

Rock-e-oke

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