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# Session 10

## *LME Community*

### *Medium Term Framework Strategy*



# MEDIUM TERM LME COMMUNITY STRATEGY

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# Mid-term LME community strategy

- First draft presented and discussed at LME21
- Two levels of presentation
  - LME Community
  - LME Consultation Meeting

# Structure (1)



- **Introduction**

- Current situation
- Issues and problems
- Opportunities
- What does the LME Community need?

- **Mission statement**

- Vision: what do want to achieve in the medium term
- Goal of the strategy
- Timeframe

- **Objectives**

- Specific objectives and targets
- Operational objectives

- **Major strategic directions**

- Present new strategic directions that should be the basis of the strategy and will be detailed through the components of the strategy

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## Structure (2)

- **Components of the strategy**
  - Detailed presentation of the strategic components
  - Description
  - Activities
  - Partners
- **Tools for the strategy implementation**
  - Stakeholders/Partnerships
  - Financing
  - IW:LEARN
  - Annual LME Consultation Meeting
- **Action plan**
- **Monitoring the implementation of the strategy**

# Major strategic directions (1)



## Evolution of the ocean governance framework

Link with the UN SDG agenda and ABNJ negotiations: global vs regional approach

Status of regional ocean governance and role of the LME Community

Technical cooperation to advance EBM within and across regions



## Blue economy

Thinking out of the box and articulating contribution of LME to Business Community

Involvement of and partnerships with the private sector/business sector

LME Investment Forum: how realistic it may be in the medium term

Marine Spatial Planning: will the MSP be integrated in the LME initiatives or the MSP initiatives will complement the LME ones

Rebranding of TDA/SAP approach in the framework of the Blue Economy



## LMEs and 2030 Agenda

What elements of the LME initiatives/projects need to be linked to the 2030 Agenda and implementation of SDG14

Relevance of other SDGs for the LME Community and how it could be integrated

Monitoring and reporting - possible common/harmonized formats across LME portfolio

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# Major strategic directions (2)



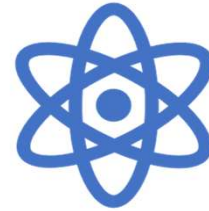
## Sustainability

What needs to be done to improve the LME initiatives' sustainability particularly at the national level

How long the dependence on GEF funds?

Institutional, legal financial linkages and challenges

Partnership with the business community



## Science in support of EBM

UN Decade of Oceans Science

Integrating emerging science issues in the LME Agenda

Other scientific initiatives (e.g. GESAMP)

Capacity development and cooperation

Academic work with journals

Possible future meetings (LME Summit, LME Conference with ICES and IOC maybe in 2022)

# LME Consultation Meetings

- **Paris**, first half of July every year
- **3 days** maximum, no field trip
- Continue reaching out **outside of the “box”**
- **Expand the LME community** by introducing other interest groups, in particular the private sector
- **A combination of interactive sessions** (lessons learned and implementation experiences), training (subjects to be surveyed before the meeting) and information on the latest scientific advances (mobilizing knowledge)
- **Natural sciences, (marine) social sciences**, SDG14 and other relevant SDGs implementation
- Integrate brief (half a day) **regional network meeting**



# LME Consultation Meeting

- Show **quantitative changes in states and conditions of LMEs** in response to evidence-based governance interventions, including those made through GEF and institutions this has assisted
- **Present the state of implementation** of some LMEs to raise issues faced
- Meeting would benefit of a **more open participation process**. Ensuring implementers, governments, partners and stakeholders are able to attend and represent their projects and initiatives
- Meeting should also allow for specific time for **sharing lessons learned** and to find advice from more experienced LME on how to better address challenges
- Importance to **measuring the impact** that the TDA-SAP-NAP approach had on the LME

# LME Consultation Meetings

Long-term objectives



Networking



Sharing  
lessons  
learned



Mobilizing  
knowledge  
resources




Promoting  
regional  
ocean  
governance



Each meeting has its  
specific objectives,  
outcomes and  
outputs

## Next steps

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- Assess need to update draft – *Are the strategic directions still relevant?*

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- Prepare the second draft of the strategy

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- Consult the community members

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- Prepare the final draft

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- Adopt at one of the major events in 2023 e.g. IWC10

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**Any Questions ?**

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