Item 4.2 of the Provisional Agenda

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG, PARTICULARLY SDG 14, AT NATIONAL LEVEL, AND CONTRIBUTION OF IOC AND WESTPAC

1. Since the adoption of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, a number of Member States have been demonstrating strong political will to fulfil their commitments, by taking immediate actions to initiate the Agenda 2030 implementation, and in many cases actively implementing and monitoring the Agenda 2030 implementation at national level.

2. In order to identify clearly the role of WESTPAC in assisting countries in the region in the implementation of SDG 14. A survey was conducted in early 2017 with WESTPAC countries with feedbacks received from Bangladesh, China, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Russia Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

3. The results from the survey indicated that most of WESTPAC countries have been taking substantive steps towards the attainment of SDG14, which embrace:
   
   a) convening multi-sectoral consultations on SDG implementation,
   
   b) launching SDG related advocacy and public relation to ensure integrated and participatory processes,

   c) establishing inter-ministerial SDG coordination while specifying responsibilities to relevant sectors, and

   d) aligning national development plan with SDGs.

4. In several countries with advance SDG implementation, national plans for SDGs, including SDG 14, are already in place, SDG indicators are identified, and monitoring boards for the SDG implementation are established.

5. In particular, Japan and China already formulated their SDG National Implementation plan while Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Republic of Korea are in the process of drafting or getting the draft national SDG implementation plans approved. Other countries such as Thailand, Russian Federation and Bangladesh have incorporated the SDG in their national strategic framework or national economic and social development plans.
Roles of WESTPAC in facilitating and assisting its Member States in ocean related SDGs implementation

6. With a recognition of WESTPAC critical roles and extensive experience in ocean science development and research coordination in the Western Pacific to serve the country’s and regional need, the Member States request WESTPAC to continue its support via strengthening international collaboration in the following areas for SDG 14 accomplishment;

a) Regional collaborative research to understand the marine related challenges, especially regarding marine pollution and ocean acidification, and bridge the knowledge gaps necessary for addressing the Goal 14’s targets and improving ocean health.

b) Scientific knowledge dissimilation to facilitate regional information sharing platform and science-policy interface in order to effectively apply the existing knowledge to achieve ocean related SDGs and reverse any negative impact of the ocean. This also include sharing research findings and applications on ocean observation and forecasting systems among the Member States.

c) Marine technology transfer and capacity development to empower the individuals, institutes, countries and the region in tackling the SDG 14 and maintaining sustainability of the ocean via the existing WESTPAC capacity development Mechanisms (RTRCs, trainings via research, workshops and summer schools). In addition, WESTPAC shall provide technical advice or expert assistants to address specific need of its Member States.

d) Ocean and SDG 14 advocacy to raise awareness of decision makers and general public in order to enhance science-based policy and integrated participatory approaches.

e) Creating regional platform for SDG implementation progress update for countries to share lesson learned, promising innovation and best practices; address transboundary dimensions of Goal 14; encourage the Member States to participate and contribute to regional aspect of SDG 14; and promote integrated ocean governance.
# ANNEX: INPUTS FROM THE MEMBER STATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDG, PARTICULARLY SDG 14, AT NATIONAL LEVEL, AND CONTRIBUTION OF IOC AND WESTPAC

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<td>Bangladesh</td>
<td>Prime Minister’s Office (Lead), Ministry of Planning (Coordination/Compilation/Reporting)</td>
<td>Several relevant government agencies</td>
<td>No, but integrated in National Plans</td>
<td>1. Involving high level government officers in SDG assessments to incorporate SDG in national plans. 2. Engaging several ministers in SDG planning and implementation</td>
<td>In progress of incorporating SDG 14 in Blue Economy paradigm pf the 7th- five year plan.</td>
<td>1. WESTPAC researches scoping on blue economy 2. Supporting capacity development for TOT and building local experts</td>
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<td>China</td>
<td>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</td>
<td>State Oceanic Administration</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>1. National coordinating mechanism 2. National SDG implementation plan</td>
<td>Incorporated in the National SDG implementation plan</td>
<td>1. Encouraging more engagement of IOC and relevant framework to the Agenda 2030; 2. Guiding WESTPAC’s projects/working groups to focus on and strengthen their links with the relevant priorities of UN 2030 Agenda; 3. Creating a platform for MS to exchange UN 2030 Agenda implementation progress 4. Encouraging the member states to engage and contribute to regional aspects of UN 2030 Agenda</td>
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| 3  | Japan         | Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters established by the Cabinet                | Several relevant government agencies | Yes                                         | 1. Adopting universality, inclusiveness, participatory approach, integrated approach, and transparency and accountability approaches for SDG implementation.  
2. SDG promotion headquarters to coordinate national implementation.  
3. Awareness raising of the Agenda 2030 and the national implementation plan.                                                                 | No                        | 1. Coordinating international cooperation on ocean researches relevant to ocean-related SDGs.  
2. Providing scientific and technical inputs to policy makers in implementation of SDG 14.  
3. Assisting MS on capacity development and marine technology transfer  
4. Promoting importance of Ocean science in SDG 14 implementation to policy makers and general public.  
5. Providing relevant information for implementation measures and monitoring via regional partnership.  
6. Enhancing international cooperation for effectively using STI to solve emerging issues |
<p>| 4  | Indonesia     | National Development Planning Agency                                                                | In process of appointment            | Under preparation                           | SDG will be mainstreaming in ministerial program and voluntary commitments from other organization and industries.                     | Under development       | 1. Supporting joint corporation program, provide experts for alternative livelihood of coastal communities, scientific based on adaptation of climate change, marine resource related study to assist decision making. |
| 5  | Korea         | Ministry of Environment                                                                            | Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries     | Under preparation                           | N/A                                                                    | No                        | 2. providing information on the most urgently desired technologies to protect marine environment which                                                                 |</p>
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<td>Russian Federation</td>
<td>Government of Russian Federation</td>
<td>Several relevant government agencies</td>
<td>Integrated in National Plans</td>
<td>1. Integrated policy analysis 2. Coordinated institutional mechanisms 3. Establishing monitoring and evaluation 4. Developing indicators for SDG 5. Engaging in international information exchange</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>1. Promoting coherent actions of the countries in solving major environmental problems. 2. Assisting MS in obtaining reliable scientific information for solving complex problems related to oceans and coastal zones in order to ensure environmental safety in the world, conservation of marine ecosystems and resources of the world ocean. 3. Ensuring respect the law of the sea, in particular the Convention on the law of the sea and related instruments and in a timely manner inform about its violations. 4. Providing financial support for successful development of international projects.</td>
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<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>The National Aquatic Resources research and Development Agency</td>
<td>Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development</td>
<td>Under development</td>
<td>Participatory by several organizations</td>
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<td>Supporting regional cooperation on coastal habitat monitoring, coral reefs status and ocean observation and forecasting system.</td>
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| 8  | Thailand       | SDG Committee Chair by the Prime Minister | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment | Integrated in National Plans | 1. Inter-ministerial mechanism  
2. Assigning particular ministries to responsible for specific SDGs  
3. Incorporating SDG in 20-year national strategic framework and national economic and social development plan | Yes, for some specific targets | Supporting technology transfer and capacity building. |
| 9  | Vietnam        | Ministry of Planning and Investment | Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development | Draft Plan is in approval progress | 1. Drafting Action Plan with specific tasks in 2 implementation phases and measures to facilitate the implementation  
2. Appointing advisory group to Government and Prime Minister to support the implementing the plan  
3. Assigning particular ministries to responsible for specific SDGs | Yes (incorporated in the draft National SDG implementation plan) | 1. Providing information and building capacity for members in early warning and reduction of ocean hazards  
2. Contributing to build the confidence among states through organizing joint activities in the seas and ocean |