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**Fourth Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Investment Component**

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Expected Outputs from the 4th RWG-I Meeting

After two years of implementation, the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project completed its first major output, the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and now is focusing on its second major output, the Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and National Strategic Action Plans.

At the Fourth Regional Working Group – Investment (RWG-I) Meeting, members and participants will:

- (i) Review the implementation of project activities since the last meeting, including public awareness activities and data and information management;
- (ii) Review the results of the various discussions and meetings that were held for SAP development; and
- (iii) Provide suggestions for future activities, particularly those to implement in the context of the SAP, including Environmental Valuation.

***** The agenda for the SAP preparation will be the focus of the meeting. *****

The expected outputs from the meeting are listed below.

A. Stakeholder Involvement, Public Awareness and Participation (Agenda item 5.1)

The following public awareness activities were organised or planned since the last RWG-I meeting:

- (i) Yellow Sea Partnership*;
- (ii) Youth Programme*;
- (iii) Local Government Training;
- (iv) Regional Conference (Follow-up Meeting of Parliamentary Conference)*;
- (v) Voluntary Internship Programme*;
- (vi) Internship Programme*;
- (vii) Small Grants Programme; and
- (viii) Co-operation with other Organisations and Projects*.

*To be continued in 2008 and onwards.

The meeting should note that securing a wider stakeholder participation is important to prepare, approve, and implement the SAP.

The meeting will:

- Be informed on the progress or results of the activities; and
- **Suggest recommendations on the activities to be continued in 2008.** It is expected that the RWG-I will provide suggestions on how the wider participation of stakeholders could be involved in the SAP preparation, to ensue smooth approval and implementation.

B. Data and Information Management (Agenda item 5.2)

The regional GIS and meta databases were established in 2007 in the China-Korea Joint Ocean Research Centre (CKJORC), Qingdao, China. The CKJORC currently conducts the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the databases.

The mirror sites of the databases should be located in Republic of Korea (ROK) and Project Management Office (PMO).

A training workshop for data and information management should be organised in late 2007 or in 2008.

An activity(ies) for data and information management (consulting service) should be organised in 2008.

The meeting will:

- Be informed on the progress of the O&M activities;
- Be informed on a plan of the training workshop; and
- **Suggest recommendations to improve the activities, specifically:**
 - ***How to establish co-operation and co-ordination with other data centres and networks;***
 - ***Where and how to establish the mirror site in ROK and PMO;***
 - ***How to organise the training workshop (e.g., topics, lecturer(s), co-organiser(s)); and***
 - ***What kind of activities for data and information management should be organised.***

C. Preparation of the SAP (Agenda item 6)

Three SAP preparatory meetings were held in 2007: Consultation Meeting and two Ad-hoc Working Group Meetings.

Major outputs of the SAP preparation meetings include:

- Regional targets and proposed management actions;
- Guidelines on the implementation of feasibility studies;
- Guidelines on the identification of demonstration activities; and
- Possible members of an SAP drafting group.

A draft guideline for preparing the National Strategic Action Plans (NSAPs) was prepared by the PMO.

A draft guideline for the cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of management actions was prepared by the PMO.

A regional governance analysis was conducted by Center for International Law and Policy of Myongji University.

National co-ordination was made by the participating countries through the activities of the Inter-Ministerial Co-ordinating Committee (IMCC), the National Working Groups (NWGs), and others.

The meeting will:

- Be informed on SAP progress-to-date;
- Be informed on possible methods used for valuation studies and of the preliminary CBA results with mariculture as a case study;
- Be informed on the results of the regional governance analysis;
- Be informed on the progress of the national co-ordination;
- **Review and suggest recommendations on regional targets and management actions, focusing on the institutional and legislative actions;**
- **Review and suggest recommendations on the Ad-hoc Working Group's proposed guidelines on feasibility studies and demonstration activities;**
- **Prepare detailed plans for the cost-benefit analysis and the political and social acceptance study, following the guidelines on feasibility studies;**
- **Review and suggest recommendations on the draft NSAP preparation guideline;**
- **Review and suggest recommendations on the draft CBA guideline;**
- **Review and suggest recommendations on the draft final report of the regional governance analysis; and**
- **Suggest recommendations on the national co-ordination for the SAP preparation, endorsement, and implementation.**

D. **Activities to be implemented from 2008 onwards (Agenda item 7)**

The meeting will:

- **Review and suggest recommendations on other planned activities for 2008 and onwards; and**
- **Propose any other activities.**

E. **Workplan (Agenda item 8)**

The meeting will:

- **Agree on revised workplan activities and schedule of implementation for 2008**

F. **5th RWG-I Meeting (Agenda item 10)**

The meeting will:

- **Agree on the date and venue of 5th RWG-I Meeting**

G. **Meeting Report (Agenda item 11)**

The meeting will:

- **Agree on and adopt the Meeting Report**