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Editorial

It is our pleasure to introduce the first issue of The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands Newsletter. The Newsletter will cover:

- Major global news related to oceans, coasts, and islands
- Major developments in international negotiations and implementation of international agreements related to oceans, coasts, and islands
- Major news from Global Forum partners—international organizations, governments, nongovernmental organizations, private sector
- Progress in the implementation of the commitments made at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and the voluntary partnerships (Type II) created at the WSSD
- Regional and national-level news related to oceans, coasts, and islands of global significance
- Events, conferences, and major meetings related to oceans, coasts, and islands.

In this introductory issue, we feature the forthcoming global conference on oceans, coasts, and islands, to be held at UNESCO on November 12-14, 2003, which will focus discussion on progress achieved and obstacles faced in the implementation of the commitments made at the World Summit on Sustainable Development; provide an overview of Global Forum activities; and introduce issues and a panel discussion taking place at the Commission on Sustainable Development next week in New York. The next issue and subsequent issues will provide fuller coverage of international developments in the categories outlined below.

Contributions are invited in the following categories:
—Feature articles: Interpretative articles about developments related to oceans, coasts, and islands

- News reports from international organizations, governments, nongovernmental organizations, private sector
- Reports about WSSD implementation and progress in WSSD partnership initiatives
- Summaries of reports and meetings
- Opinion section: Critical analyses of important issues related to oceans, coasts, and islands

The newsletter will be published on a bimonthly basis. This schedule may, at times, be altered to focus, on a timely manner, on an important international development. Potential contributors are kindly requested to follow the schedule noted below. Submissions will be evaluated by an editorial committee. Please note that some submissions may not be accepted due to appropriateness, timeliness, and space considerations.

The newsletters will be archived as part of the Oceans, Coasts, and Islands website accessible at www.globaloceans.org, and also at icm.noaa.gov

The publication and contribution submission schedule for 2003 is as follows:

<i>Publication date:</i>	<i>Submissions must be received no later than:</i>
Issue 2 May 15, 2003	May 1, 2003
Issue 3 July 15, 2003	July 1, 2003
Issue 4 September 15, 2003	September 1, 2003
Issue 5 November 1, 2003	October 15, 2003
<i>(with final program for Global Conference November 12-14, 2003)</i>	
Issue 6 December 15, 2003	December 1, 2003

Contributions should be sent to Dr. Miriam Balgos, Center for the Study of Marine Policy, mbalgos@udel.edu

We kindly request your involvement in making this newsletter a useful contribution in the global dialogue on oceans, coasts, and islands.

Global Forum Co-Chairs

The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, created following the WSSD in Johannesburg in September 2002, aims to advance the interests of oceans – incorporating 72% of the Earth; coasts – the home of 50% of the world's population; and islands – 43 of the world's nations are small island developing states which are especially dependent on the oceans. The Forum is composed of individuals from governments, intergovernmental and international organizations, and non-governmental organizations (environmental, scientific/technical, industry, foundations) with the common goal of achieving the sustainable development of oceans, coasts and islands.

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November 12-14, 2003

UNESCO, Paris

Background

The World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), which took place in Johannesburg, South Africa from August 26 to September 4, 2002, brought together 21,340 participants from 191 governments, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, industry, and academia, including many heads of state and other high level officials.

Oceans, coasts, and islands were not initially on the WSSD agenda, which emphasized development issues, and especially issues concerning water and sanitation, energy, health, agriculture, and biodiversity. However, thanks to the mobilization of interested governments, nongovernmental organizations, and UN agencies early in the WSSD preparatory process, advances in oceans, coasts, and islands represent one of the most important outcomes of the World Summit.

Government delegates negotiated and agreed on an action plan for oceans, coasts, and islands, with quite specific targets and timetables for action—see summary in Table 1. Major examples include applying the ecosystem approach to marine areas by 2010 and establishing networks of marine protected areas by 2012. Important targets were also established on issues related to small island developing states (e.g., developing community-based initiatives in sustainable tourism by 2004); on fisheries issues (e.g., managing fishery capacity by 2005 and controlling illegal fishing by 2004), and in other ocean-related areas as well. The targets and timetables found in the WSSD Plan of Implementation represent an important advance because they have enshrined, as global imperatives by the world's political leaders, many of the goals posited by expert groups and specialized agencies. There is now a global consensus reached at the highest political levels that there is an urgent need to take specific action to achieve sustainable development of oceans, coasts, and of small island developing States.

The WSSD targets and timetables, however, are not “self-implementing.” Instead, governments around the world will need much assistance and support from all parts of the oceans, coasts, and islands community—to operationalize what needs to be done, to mobilize the requisite knowledge and financial resources, and to maintain the high-level political support essential to achieve the sorely needed “on-the-ground” improvements in the health and condition of marine ecosystems and in the well-being of coastal communities.

The Global Conference is organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, comprised of individuals from governments, intergovernmental and international organizations (IOs), and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) (environmental, scientific/technical, industry, foundations), with the common goals of advancing the interest of oceans—incorporating 72% of the Earth; coasts—the home of 50% of the world's population, and islands—43 of the world's nations are small island developing states, which are especially dependent

Table 1. Major Targets and Timetables Adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

Integrated ocean and coastal management

- Encouraging the application of the ecosystem approach by 2010 for the sustainable development of the oceans, particularly in the management of fisheries and the conservation of biodiversity
- Establishing an effective, transparent and regular inter-agency coordination mechanism on ocean and coastal issues within the United Nations system (no deadline)
- Promote integrated coastal and ocean management at the national level and encourage and assist countries in developing ocean policies and mechanisms on integrated coastal management (no deadline)
- Assist developing countries in coordinating policies and programs at the regional and subregional levels aimed at conservation and sustainable management of fishery resources and implement integrated coastal area management plans, including through the development of infrastructure (no deadline)

Fisheries

- Implementing the FAO International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing by 2004
- Implementing the FAO International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity by 2005
- Maintaining or restoring depleted fish stocks to levels that can produce their maximum sustainable yield on an urgent basis and where possible no later than 2015
- Eliminating subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and to overcapacity (no deadline)

Conservation of biodiversity

- Developing and facilitating the use of diverse approaches and tools, including the ecosystem approach, the elimination of destructive fishing practices, the establishment of marine protected areas consistent with international law and based on scientific information, including representative networks by 2012

Protection from marine pollution

- Advancing implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities in the period 2002-2006 with a view to achieve substantial progress by 2006

Science and observation

- Establishing a regular process under the United Nations for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects, by 2004

Small Island Developing States

- Developing community-based initiatives on sustainable tourism in small island developing States by 2004

- Reducing, preventing, and controlling waste and pollution and their health-related impacts in Small island developing States by 2004 through the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities
- Supporting the availability of adequate, affordable and environmentally sound energy services for the sustainable development of small island developing States, including through strengthening efforts on energy supply and services by 2004.
- Undertaking a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in 2004

on the oceans. The Forum was created following the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September 2002 by the WSSD Informal Coordinating Group on Oceans, Coasts and Islands.

Purposes of the Global Conference

- 1) To focus on useful strategies for and experiences in implementing the commitments made at the World Summit on Sustainable Development at global, regional, and national levels, through discussions among experts from governments, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations (including environmental, industry, scientific/technical, and foundation groups). For each of the major areas of oceans, coasts, and islands where WSSD targets have been set, the conference will:
 - a) Invite reports by governments, nongovernmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations on progress and challenges in implementation of the WSSD Plan of Implementation;
 - b) Discuss the contribution of partnership initiatives, including the identification of gaps in knowledge/resources/political will needed for implementation of the WSSD targets;
 - c) Analyze, in particular, the needs of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), especially in relation to the forthcoming global review of progress achieved in SIDS countries since the 1994 Barbados conference to be held in Mauritius in 2004.
- 2) To discuss emerging issues on oceans, coasts, and islands that are not yet being addressed.
- 3) To develop strategies for mobilizing private sector involvement and increased public awareness on oceans, coasts, and islands, to insure continued support for the global oceans agenda.

Conference Structure

The Conference will run over a three day period (Wednesday November 12 through Friday November 14, 2003) with opportunities for informal group meetings the day before the Conference, on November 11, 2003. There will be plenary presentations in the morning and plenary roundtable discussion sessions in the afternoon, revolving around major WSSD areas of concern (see Table 2).

Participants from governments, NGOs, and IOs, and other actors will be invited to provide written informal reports on progress in activities related to WSSD implementation. These reports will be compiled into a book and distributed to the participants before the conference

During the plenary sessions, each thematic area will be reviewed with presentations from a group of panelists consisting of participants from governments, NGOs, international organizations and the private sector, along with input from leaders of the relevant Type II initiatives. Lead papers are asked to address the following aspects:

- Strategies for achieving the objectives of the WSSD Plan of Implementation;
- Initial progress in implementation and progress in partnership initiatives;
- Identification of gaps in targets and partnership initiatives; and
- Capacity building issues.

Some of the questions that papers and discussants are asked to address are the following:

- Operationalizing the commitment/target. What will it take in terms of knowledge resources, financial resources, and political will? If accomplished, what would the result be “on the ground”? (for example., what would a “representative network of marine protected areas” look like?)
- What will the commitment/target take to implement? I.e., what is the path to implementation? e.g., National-level action? International action? Subnational action? Action by private sector?
- What is the role of international agencies/NGOs/Governments in assisting/catalyzing implementation?
- To what extent is the specific target already on the agenda of various groups, and how might these efforts be synergized?
- Is it best to approach the issue/target regionally? In what regions? Through pilot or demonstration projects? What about issues of scaling up?
- Which group/countries/agencies have the knowledge resources needed for achieving this target? Which have the financial resources?
- Which groups/countries/agencies might be/are taking leading roles? How to further encourage/catalyze this?
- Are the financial resources already pledged for the WSSD commitments/targets, including in the Type II initiatives, adequate to mobilize implementation of the target?

Following plenary presentations, focused plenary roundtable discussion sessions will provide participants the opportunity to address the major topics in more detail.

The plenary roundtable discussion sessions will run on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (November 12 and November 13). On Friday, the roundtable leaders will review the findings of the roundtables, providing opportunity for further discussion concerning implementation and potential collaboration across the range of WSSD objectives and initiatives.

Call for Expressions of Interest to Prepare Papers or Serve on Discussion Roundtables—due June 15, 2003

A set of invited background papers on a number of topics relevant to each thematic area will be prepared prior to the Conference (due on September 30). The papers will be put together in a volume, which will be circulated prior to the Conference. It is expected that about 4 papers per theme will be presented, for a total of approximately 32 papers.

Participants wishing to prepare a thematic paper or participate in a roundtable discussion, should write a note expressing their interest to Stefano Belfiore, conference coordinator (email: sbelf@udel.edu) no later than June 15, 2003.

Poster Exhibits

Partnership initiatives and other initiatives will be allowed space to exhibit posters and distribute documentation in the conference area.

Side Events and Meetings

Representatives of partnership initiatives and other initiatives will be able to organize side events and meetings. Partnership initiatives, in particular, will be able to meet on Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11. Interested partners should submit their request for side meetings by August 1.

Participants

About two hundred and fifty participants are expected from the governmental, non-governmental, and international organization sectors.

Conference Duration and Venue

November 12-14, 2003, with November 11 available for small group meetings. The Conference will be held at UNESCO head-

quarters in Paris, France, with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission serving as host.

Conference Co-chairs

The Conference Co-Chairs are the Co-Chairs of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands: Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, Director, Center for the Study of Marine Policy, University of Delaware; Dr. Patricio Bernal, Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO; and Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director, UNEP/GPA, The Hague.

For Further Information

For information regarding the conference program, please contact Stefano Belfiore and Catherine Johnston, Center for the Study of Marine Policy, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19716 USA, telephone: 1-302-831-8086; fax: 1-302-831-3668; email: sbelf@udel.edu, johnston@udel.edu. For details about local facilities at UNESCO, exhibits, etc., please contact Julian Barbieri, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (Email: j.barbieri@unesco.org; Tel.: 33-1-45-68-40-45; Fax: 33-1-45-68-58-12).

Table 2. Tentative Conference Program Overview

Time	Monday 10 Nov.03	Tuesday 11 Nov. 03	Wednesday 12 Nov. 03	Thursday 13 Nov. 03	Friday 14 Nov. 03
Breakfast					
AM	Side events/meetings	Meeting of partnership initiatives and other informal meetings	Opening Plenary Co-Chairs Introduction Conference guidelines Thematic Session Overviews (Part 1): Integrated ocean and coastal management Small island developing States Fisheries Biodiversity and marine protected areas	Thematic Session Overviews (Part 2): Marine pollution Science and observation Emerging issues Awareness raising Private sector	Plenary Session Presentations: Reports from Session Chairs Open Forum to identify commonalities and synergies for future action
Lunch					
PM	Side events/meetings	Registration	Roundtable Discussion of Thematic Presentations Strategies for achieving the objectives of the WSSD Plan of Implementation Initial progress in implementation Closing Plenary Brief reviews of discussion sessions Daily wrap-up	Roundtable Discussion of Thematic Presentations Progress in partnership initiatives Identification of gaps in targets and partnership initiatives Capacity building Closing Plenary Brief reviews of discussion sessions Daily wrap-up	General Discussion Closing Session
Evening		Cocktail Gathering		Cocktail Gathering	

Update on the Activities of The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands

Background

The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands serves as a platform for cross-sectoral information sharing and dialogue on issues affecting oceans, coasts, and islands, with the common goal of attaining the sustainable development of these areas. The aim of the Forum is the improvement of global, regional, and national policies related to oceans, coasts, and islands.

The problems of oceans (comprising 72% of the earth), coasts (the home of 50% of the world's population), and islands (43 of the world's nations are small island developing states) are interrelated and should be addressed as a whole.

The Forum is composed of individuals from governments, intergovernmental and international organizations (IOs), and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) (including environmental, industry, scientific/technical groups, and foundations). While members of the Forum serve in their individual, not institutional, capacity, they are expected to be "ocean advocates" within their organizations and countries and in global and regional oceans deliberations.

The Forum grew out of the WSSD Informal Coordinating Group on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands. Currently, the Forum is led by a Steering Committee of 53 members from all sectors.

Initial Forum Goals for the First Phase

As agreed at the Johannesburg Summit, the initial Forum goals for the first phase are to:

- Work to effectively implement the commitments made in the *Plan of Implementation* of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), and remaining commitments from Agenda 21 and other related agreements;
- Work to achieve the effective implementation of the WSSD voluntary partnership initiatives of governments, NGOs, international organizations,

and the private sector to put sustainable development practices into action;

- Raise the international profile of oceans, coasts, and islands in all relevant global, regional, and subregional fora and mobilize resources to address these issues;
- Mobilize public awareness on oceans, coasts, and islands, and promote information sharing and dissemination on these issues.

Forum Activities

As agreed to at Johannesburg, the work plan for the first year of the Forum included: 1) a series of information services, 2) analyses to support implementation of the Summit outcomes, 3) conduct of side events on implementation of Summit outcomes, and 4) Global conference on oceans, coasts, and islands. The following activities have been carried out so far:

1. Information services:

—All WSSD outcomes and related developments have been posted on the Global Web Service on Oceans, Coasts and Islands (<http://icm.noaa.gov>) (web server will also be accessible through <http://www.globaloceans.org>)

—The *Guide to Oceans, Coasts, and Islands at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and Beyond* has been revised and a Post-Johannesburg version has been prepared, printed and is being distributed. The Guide is also available on the website noted above.

—An outreach media package on WSSD outcomes and what the public can do to help. is under development and will be disseminated in collaboration with the association of museums and aquaria, NAUSICAA (a Forum Partner) (Phillippe Vallette).

—A bi-monthly newsletter covering global and selected regional and national developments on oceans, coasts, and islands, is being launched with this issue.

—Information on the progress of the Type II initiatives related to oceans, coasts, and islands is being collected and will be posted on the global web service and on the newsletter.

2. Analyses to support implementation of the Summit outcomes

—The Plan of implementation is being compared to the Type II initiatives to identify areas in need of further attention. These are being prepared as short articles which will be posted on the newsletter and on the webserver.

—Following the initiative and support of UNEP/GPA, the Global Forum is assisting Small Island Developing States in the assessment of progress achieved and obstacles faced since the 1994 Barbados Programme of Action (POA), in anticipation of the ten year review of the POA in Mauritius 2004. A first analysis will be distributed in May 2003.

—A study of funding of oceans, coasts, and islands, and the possible future development of a special Fund, is being mobilized under the leadership of Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam, World Bank Africa region.

3. Conduct of events on implementation of Summit outcomes

Events were held at the 20th year Anniversary of the Law of the Sea Convention (December 10, 2002, New York), the World Water Forum on the connection between freshwater and oceans (with the lead of Forum partners the Ship and Ocean Foundation, Japan, UNEP/GPA, and IOC), and special events are planned for the Commission on Sustainable Development on April 30, 2003 (see newsletter), and for the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, for June 4, 2003.

4. Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands will be held at UNESCO in Paris, November 12-14, 2003. Planning for the conference is underway, as noted in this newsletter.

5. Fundraising to support the Global Forum

Forum activities have so far been funded through volunteer efforts, and the financial support of the UNEP/GPA, the IOC, and NOAA's National Ocean Service.

A proposal to support 3 years of operation of the Global Forum has been presented to a foundation.

6. Outreach to ocean and coastal industries

While international organizations, NGOs, and interested governments are well represented on the Forum Steering Committee, individuals from ocean and coastal industries are, at present, notably lacking. A concerted effort to invite key ocean and coastal industries to join the Steering Committee of the Forum is underway, led by Dr. Paul Holthus, Marine Aquarium Council, and Dr. Sian Pullen, World Wildlife Fund, UK.

7. Next steps

The Steering Committee will meet, in person and on the telephone, to refine plans for the Global Conference on Monday July 7, 2003, at IOC, in Paris.

8. Invitation to participate

Leaders from governments, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, international organizations, foundations, are kindly invited to express their interest in becoming members of the Forum and in noting the various kinds of contributions they are prepared to provide in the common cause of achieving sustainable development of oceans, coasts, and islands, by writing to the co-Chairs and/or filling out the enclosed form.

Oceans, Coasts, and Islands Panel at the Commission on Sustainable Development

April 30, 2003, 1:15 to 2:45 PM
Conference Room IV, United Nations

The next session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, known as CSD11, will take place in New York from 28 April to 9 May 2003. The Commission meeting, which will be the first since the Johannesburg Summit last September, will set the framework for the work program that will review progress, monitor implementation and set direction for action on the targets, goals and commitments made in the WSSD *Plan of Implementation*. Roundtable discussions will be organized around the main thematic areas of the *Plan of Implementation*. These nine areas (including the specific goals and targets for oceans, coasts and islands) are:

1. *Poverty Eradication*

2. *Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production*

Target:

8. Ensure the entry into force of the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedures for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade by 2003 and that of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by 2004.

3. *Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development*

Targets:

12. Encourage the application by 2010 of the ecosystem approach.

13. Maintain or restore fish stocks to levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield with the aim of achieving these goals for depleted stocks on an urgent basis and where possible not later than 2015.

14. Put into effect the international plan of action for the management of fishing capacity by 2005 and the international plan of action to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing by 2004.

15. Establish marine protected areas consistent with international law and based on scientific information, including representative networks by 2012.

16. Make every effort to achieve substantial progress by the next Global Programme of Action conference in 2006 to protect the marine environment from land-based activities.

17. Establish by 2004 a regular process under the United Nations for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment.

4. *Sustainable Development in a Globalizing World*

5. *Health and sustainable development*

6. *Sustainable development of small island developing States*

Targets:

27. Undertake by 2004 initiatives aimed at implementing the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities in small island developing States.

28. Develop community-based initiatives on sustainable tourism by 2004.

29. Undertake a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in 2004.

7. *Sustainable development for Africa*

8. *Means of implementation*

9. *Institutional framework for sustainable development*

Further information on the CSD11 sessions and relevant documentation, including the "*Framework for*

Discussion” paper by the Chair of CSD11 for the Interactive Ministerial Roundtables, can be accessed at: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd11/CSD11.htm>.

In addition to the official session discussions, a ‘Partnerships Fair’ will be held as a parallel activity during CSD 11 from 29 April through 8 May 2003. The aim of the Partnerships Fair is to provide an opportunity for existing and potential partners of WSSD Partnerships to come to the CSD for networking, creating synergies between partnerships, and identifying future partners and/or funding opportunities. Partners will also have the opportunity to report on progress with their partnerships and to present their ideas on the follow-up process within CSD. A preliminary schedule for the Partnerships Fair can be found at: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd11/PF_provisional_schedule.pdf

Forum Event on April 30

The Global Forum invites you to participate in an oceans side event entitled: “Towards Implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation: Oceans, Coasts and Islands” to be held on April 30, from 1:15 to 2:45 PM in Conference Room IV. The following speakers are expected and/or have been invited:

“The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Island: A Platform to Promote the Advancement of WSSD Commitments,” *Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, Center for the Study of Marine Policy*

“The Importance of the Barbados + 10 Assessment for Small Island Developing States: A Discussion,” *Ambassador Jagdish Konjuul, AOSIS Chairperson, Ambassador Enele Sopoaga (Tuvalu), Ambassador Stewart Leslie (Belize), and Mr. Manuel Dengo (UNDESA)*

“Implementing WSSD Commitments: Focus on Abating Marine Pollution and Ensuring the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,” *Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, UNEP/GPA*

“Global Marine Assessment and Agenda for the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans,” *Dr. Louise de Lafayette, DOALOS*

“White Water to Blue Water: Implementing Partnership Initiatives in the Caribbean,” *Ambassador Mary Beth West, U.S. Department of State*

“Australian Ocean and Coastal Initiatives: WSSD Type 2 Partnerships” *Dr. Krista Singleton-Cabbage, Environment Australia*

“Acting together for the Future of the Blue Planet: Raising Public Awareness on Oceans, Coasts and Islands,” *Mr. Manuel Cira, Nausicaä (association of museums and aquaria), France*

“Initiatives to Support WSSD Fisheries Commitments,” *Ellen Pikitch, Wildlife Conservation Society*

An overview of the main discussion points emerging from the CSD 11 session relating to oceans coasts and islands will be included in the next Global Forum newsletter.

UNEP/GPA to Assist Small Island Developing States in Preparation for the Barbados+10 Review, with Support from Global Forum

The international community gave renewed attention to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in 2002. The political declaration approved at the World Summit on Sustainable Development called for continued attention to the developmental needs of SIDS. Strong commitments were adopted in the Plan of Implementation of the Johannesburg Summit including undertaking a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the SIDS (SIDS/POA) in an international meeting to be held in Mauritius in 2004.

UNEP/GPA, with the support of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, is undertaking several activities, as noted below, to assist in the preparation for Mauritius 2004:

- Examination of how the Type II initiatives agreed to at the WSSD correspond with the SIDS targets and timetables agreed to in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and to identify possible gaps, financial needs, priorities, and actors involved.
- Identification of and review of worldwide initiatives and instruments that can assist SIDS in addressing their environmental concerns; including, among others, the International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN), global

conventions such as the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; as well as regional conventions and their protocols (such as the regional seas conventions).

- To consult widely with all parts of the SIDS community; and
- To identify additional analyses and processes that should be undertaken to assist in the preparation of the Barbados+10 conference, including specific recommendations on how can UNEP and the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands best support the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the SIDS.

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b) Please describe the contributions that you and/or your organization would be able to provide to the Forum, such as financial support, in-kind support, technical expertise, connections to particular networks, media outreach capabilities, artistic expertise, etc.

2. I am interested in participating in the Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands to be held at UNESCO, in Paris, November 12-14, 2003

Please note the contributions you would like to make at the November 2003 Global Conference (paper presentation, discussant at Roundtable, organizer of informal side events, other)

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