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Blue Synergy for a Shared Future: One Sustainable and Resilient Ocean

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The East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2024 will be held in collaboration with Xiamen World Ocean Week, and will be hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China, Xiamen Municipal People's Government, and Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA).

This year's theme, "Blue Synergy for a Shared Future: One Sustainable and Resilient Ocean," resonates strongly with the vision and approaches of the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA). It gives emphasis on harnessing collective synergies across governments, organizations, and local communities to secure the sustainability and resilience of our shared ocean resource. The EAS Congress will assess progress made and challenges faced in actualizing regional targets and global commitments, as it looks ahead at pathways for building greater collective action through cooperation, coordination, and knowledge exchange among various stakeholders to secure a sustainable and resilient ocean for a shared future.

Expected Outcomes



Validated and/or novel best practice models and locally optimized solutions for sustaining the ocean while enabling prosperity, with such innovations amplified through regional knowledge sharing



Expanded connections between innovators across borders to accelerate the development application of technologies and approaches that drive "triple wins" - environment, social, and economic gains



Renewed momentum and mobilization of partnerships and resources to fulfill the collectively endorsed SDS-SEA vision, with progress gaps overcome through concerted near-term actions that countries agree to through the 8th Ministerial Declaration and other Congress commitments



Key Events



8th East Asian Seas (EAS) Ministerial Forum

The Ministerial Forum is composed of the Ministers of the relevant government agencies or PEMSEA focal agencies in the East Asian Seas countries. The Ministerial Forum provides policy directions and commitments for improving and strengthening the implementation of the SDS-SEA.



International Conference

The International Conference features plenary and parallel sessions on key thematic areas on seas and ocean ranging from research, threats and challenges, innovations, policy, and solutions. It is open to the participation of various stakeholders within and outside the East Asian Seas region including policymakers, local and national government representatives, resource and economic managers, scientists, members of the academe, private or business sector, youth and community representatives, development organizations, and funding institutions.



International Exhibition

The exhibition is conducted parallel to the International Conference. It showcases innovative solutions, approaches, and good practices contributing to the sustainable development of seas and coasts within the region and globally. The exhibit is closely linked to the International Conference workshops and seminars and provides an interactive venue during the EAS Congress.



PEMSEA Network of Local Governments Annual Forum

The PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG) Annual Forum is the yearly gathering of PNLG members to discuss the governance and operational aspects of the network and hold a learning event on PNLG members' experiences, best practices, and innovative ways to address persistent and emerging challenges besetting local governments in their coastal and marine management and development.



PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers General Assembly

In the year of the EAS Congress, the PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers (PNLC) hold their general assembly as one of its side events, convening learning centers and regional centres of excellence from the East Asian Seas region for a joint learning event with PNLG.



6th EAS Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is composed of youth (aged 21 to 35) from the countries in the East Asian Seas region. The Youth Forum provides a venue for the youth to share their experiences, learn more about the issues on coastal and marine environment, and identify areas where youth can play a significant role and contribution in the sustainable development of coasts and seas in the region. This year's Youth Forum will be conducted as a pre-Congress event on 15-19 April 2024, in partnership with the Korea National Ocean Science Museum in Uljin City, Korea.



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