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World Ocean Week in Xiamen

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

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中华人民共和国自然资源部
Ministry of Natural Resources of the People's Republic of China

厦门市人民政府
Xiamen Municipal People's Government



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

As of 16 October 2024





ABOUT EAS CONGRESS 2024

The East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2024 will be held in collaboration with World Ocean Week (WOW) in Xiamen, and 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.

The East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress is a triennial event that serves as a platform for various stakeholders, partners, and collaborators to share knowledge, build partnerships, monitor progress, and undertake collaborative planning in support of implementing the shared regional framework, Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA), and towards a common vision of promoting 'Healthy Ocean, People and Economies.'

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

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

TIME	ACTIVITY	MINISTERIAL FORUM
DAY 1 (NOVEMBER 6)		
OPENING CEREMONY		
0830 - 0835	Opening Video	
0835 - 0840	Introduction of Key Guests	
0840 - 0910	Opening Address <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Address of the National Leader of China Address of the Leader of Fujian Province Address of PEMSEA <p>Dr. Vann Momyneath, Chair of the EAS Partnership Council</p> Address of the Host Ministry <p>H.E. Wang Guanghua, Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, China</p> 	
0910 - 0925	Keynote Address "30 Years of Integrated Coastal Management in Xiamen" Mayor of Xiamen Municipal People's Government	
0925 - 0935	Awards Ceremony	
0935 - 0945	Launch of National Bulletin on Ecological Restoration of PR China	
0945 - 1000	Presentation and Signing of the Xiamen Ministerial Declaration and Group Photo	
1000 - 1030	Opening of the EASC Exhibition (Ribbon-cutting ceremony)	Exhibition Tour of the Ministers
1045 - 1215		Ministerial Forum Proper*
1200 - 1300	Lunch for other participants	
1230 - 1330		Ministerial Luncheon*
1300 - 1400	Plenary Session: Ocean Innovations and Financing	
1430 - 1730	Parallel Sessions and Workshops; and Exhibits	Ministerial Field Visits*
1800 - 2100	Welcome Banquet	
DAY 2 (NOVEMBER 7)		
0900 - 0945	Plenary Session: Ocean Science, Policy, and Practice	
1000 - 1200	Parallel Sessions and Workshops; and Exhibits	
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300 - 1400	Plenary Session: Global Challenges, Local Solutions	
1430 - 1730	Parallel Sessions and Workshops; and Exhibits	
1800 - 2100	Partnership Night (including awarding of Humans of EAS)	
DAY 3 (NOVEMBER 8)		
0900 - 1000	Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Future Trends for the Ocean EAS Congress International Conference Conclusions and Recommendations 	
1030 - 1200	PNLG and PNLC General Assemblies*	
1200 - 1330	Lunch	
1400 - 1800	Field visits	
1800 - onwards	Dinner and Free Time	

* This event is by invitation only

KEY EVENTS

International Conference

The EAS Congress International conference and exhibit will:

- **Showcase** positive results and outcomes for replicating and scaling up integrated coastal management (ICM) across the region - whether local blue economy entrepreneurship programs, solid waste management, Eco-DRR, blue carbon, community-led habitat restoration projects or policy instruments like payments for ecosystem services, among others;
- **Facilitate** knowledge exchange between multiple stakeholders pursuing cutting-edge advancements in areas like renewable ocean energy, utilizing AI-powered solid waste systems, crowdsourced monitoring using smartphones and drones, climate adaptive infrastructure designs, blockchain-enabled traceability for responsible fisheries, innovative measures to mitigate marine debris, among others, to promote their wider application in the region utilizing existing partnerships, collaborative arrangements and networks; and
- **Quantify and consolidate** the progress achieved over the past 3 years of implementing SDS-SEA across dozens of distinct indicators tied to habitat, communities, ecosystems - while also pinpointing specific actions to be elevated moving forward on harder-to-tackle issues.

SUBTHEMES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2024 East Asian Seas Congress International Conference builds around four key subthemes that showcase various enabling conditions in which synergies can be established, maintained, or strengthened to ensure a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient ocean for the region.



OCEAN SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

Advancing ocean knowledge and governance by building on integrated approaches and collaborative measures that bridge science, policy formulation and planning, and on-the-ground implementation to secure a healthier ocean.



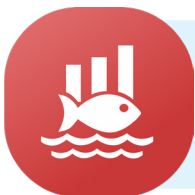
GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Scaling local solutions and community-driven initiatives to combat transboundary and global threats such as climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, and unsustainable use of resources.



INNOVATION AND DIGITIZING OCEAN ACTION

Harnessing emerging technologies and innovative approaches such as AI, big data, and online knowledge sharing, among others, to accelerate evidence-based decision-making on sustainable coastal and ocean development.



BLUE FINANCING AND INVESTMENTS

Mobilizing public and private financing mechanisms to support long-term blue economy growth, marine conservation, and sustainable ocean industries across and beyond the region.

Plenary Sessions

The Plenary Session and Panel Discussion are daily plenary events. The Plenary Session will feature keynote presentations from renowned experts/speakers covering key ocean issues, such as: governance; climate change; air and marine pollution; biodiversity loss; sustainable fisheries; and ocean plastics; innovative technologies; and financing.

Following the keynote presentations is the Panel Discussion which serves as the plenary dialogue session with various stakeholders at the EAS Congress. At the Panel Discussion, various respondents will have the opportunity to share their insights and perspectives on the topics covered in the keynote presentation during the Plenary Session.

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 (DAY 1) | 1300 H

OPENING CEREMONY OF EAS CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1300 – 1305

Introduction and Context of the EAS Congress 2024 International Conference
Dr. Keita Furukawa, Technical Session Chair, EAS Partnership Council

PLENARY SESSION 1

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 (DAY 1) | 1300 H

OCEAN INNOVATIONS AND FINANCING

How can we harness cutting-edge technologies and innovative financing to protect our oceans while fostering sustainable development? Dive into the future of ocean management with keynote presentations on maintaining momentum for ocean conservation, leveraging satellite technology, and exploring ocean-climate financing opportunities. This session promises to unveil the latest trends shaping the blue economy.

Moderator: Dr. Minhan Dai, Chair Professor of Marine Biogeochemistry, Xiamen University

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1305 – 1310

Introduction to Plenary Session I
Dr. Minhan Dai, Chair Professor of Marine Biogeochemistry, Xiamen University

1310 – 1315

Maintaining the Momentum for Action to Conserve and Sustainably Use the Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources for Sustainable Development - video
Dr. Kanni Wignaraja, UN Assistant Secretary- General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

1315 – 1325

Keynote Presentation on Financing and Investment for the Oceans
Mr. Andrew Hume, Senior Environment Specialist, International Waters Focal Area Coordinator, Global Environment Facility

1325 – 1325

Keynote Presentation on Sea from Space: Harnessing Information from Ocean Observation Platforms for Sound Planning and Decision Making” and “Today’s Models, Tomorrow’s Future
Prof. Icarus Allen, Chief Executive, Plymouth Marine Laboratory

1330 – 1400

PANEL DISCUSSION

Respondents

Dr. Akiko Yamamoto, Regional Team Leader, Nature, Climate, Energy and Waste Team, UNDP Asia-Pacific

Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Research Fellow, Sasakawa Peace Foundation and President, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation

OCEAN SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE

What does effective ocean governance look like in an era of complex environmental challenges? Join leading experts as they unravel the intricate web connecting ocean science, policy formulation, and real-world practices. Through a dynamic panel discussion, explore how we can bridge the gap between research, decision-making, and implementation to create more resilient marine ecosystems.

Moderator: Dr. Jungho Nam, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Maritime Institute

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0900 – 0945

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Dr. Chen Bin**, Deputy Director General of the Third Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, China
- **Mr. Le Dai Thang**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Marine Resources Control and Marine Island Environmental Protection, Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- **Ms. Minna Epps**, Global Ocean Director, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action
- **Dr. Luky Adrianto**, Director of International Research Institute on Maritime, Marine and Fisheries, IPB University
- **Dr. Sheila Vergara**, Regional Project Manager ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Can local actions truly make a difference in addressing global marine issues? Discover the power of community-driven initiatives in tackling worldwide ocean challenges. From the critical role of coastal communities in meeting climate targets to innovative approaches in sustainable fisheries, this session will inspire and showcase how local solutions can create global impacts.

Moderator: Mr. Mahesh Pradhan, Coordinator, Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

PROGRAM

1300 – 1400

PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Mr. Darren Waterman**, Engagement Director, Oil Spill Response Limited
- **Dr. Handoko Adi Susanto**, UNDP/GEF ATSEA 2 Regional Project Manager
- **Ms. Aya Silva**, Vice President, Fish Forever, RARE, Philippines
- **Mr. Prak Visal**, Director, Division of Public Relation and International Cooperation, Preah Sihanouk Provincial Government, Cambodia
- **Mr. Delio da Costa**, EAS Youth Forum Delegate for Timor Leste and Coordinator, Sustainable Ocean Alliance Timor-Leste

NOVEMBER 8, 2024 (DAY 3) | 0900 H

CLOSING CEREMONY OF EAS CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

What lies ahead for our oceans, and how can we prepare for future challenges and opportunities? As the Congress draws to a close, gain insights into emerging trends in ocean management and reflect on the key outcomes of this landmark event. This forward-looking session will set the course for collaborative action in the East Asian Seas region and beyond.

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0910 - 0920	Keynote Presentation on Future Trends for the Ocean Dr. Shenghui Li , EAS Youth Forum Delegate for China and Deputy Director, Department of Land Resource Management, School of Management, Guangdong Ocean University
0920 - 0930	Presentation of Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations of the International Conference Dr. Keita Furukawa , President, Association for Shore Environment Creation (NPO); Technical Session Chair, East Asian Seas Partnership Council
0930 - 0945	Closing Remarks Ms. Aimee Gonzales , Executive Director, PEMSEA Resource Facility

Parallel Sessions

SESSION WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 (DAY 1) | 1430 - 1730 H

SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
INNOVATION AND DIGITIZING OCEAN ACTION	
ST 3.1 Marine Spatial Planning Utilizing a Big Data-driven Policy Simulator	Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST)
ST 3.2 Workshop on Digital Deep-sea Typical Habitats Programme	China Deep Ocean Affairs Administration Second Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources National Deep Sea Center, MNR
BLUE FINANCING AND INVESTMENTS	
ST 4.1 Marine Litter Fund Forum	Korea Maritime Institute (KMI)
ST 4.2 a. Blue Carbon - Credit Mechanisms, Incentive Schemes and Challenges; and Marine Carbon Sink Policy and Legal Issues; and b. Exploring Marine Biodiversity Valuation and Credit Creation	Ocean Policy Research Institute - Sasakawa Peace Foundation (OPRI- SPF), China Institute for Marine Affairs (CIMA) and PEMSEA Resource Facility
OCEAN SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE	
ST 1.7 State of the River Basin Reporting: Establishing the baseline and mechanism to track progress in the Source to Sea Continuum	GEF/UNDP/ASEAN IRBM Project, PEMSEA Resource Facility

SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL SOLUTIONS	

ST 2.10 Achieving Sustainability through Connectivity for Resilient ASEAN Seas	ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)
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VIRTUAL SESSION WORKSHOP	
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ST 2.15 From EEZs to the High Seas: Leveraging the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus in accelerating the implementation of ocean-climate action (17:00 - 18:30 H)	Global Ocean Forum and Plymouth Marine Laboratory
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SESSION WORKSHOPS	NOVEMBER 7, 2024 (DAY 2) 1000 - 1200 H
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SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
OCEAN SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE	

ST 1.1 From Ratification to Implementation: Asia Dialogue on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement	High Seas Alliance
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HIGH-LEVEL SESSION

ST 1.3 Mobilizing Action beyond 30x30 Commitment through Institutional Partnership	Blue Nature Alliance
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ST 1.5 Area-based marine ecosystem management to cope with Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Korea Marine Environment Management Corporation
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ST 1.2 Sharing Experiences and Best Practice in Sustainable Management of MPAs" workshop (AM Session)	China-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Center (CPC) Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources (FIO)
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ST 1.8 Biofouling Management in the EAS region	PEMSEA International Maritime Organization
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GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL SOLUTIONS	
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ST 2.2 A Training Session on Pollution Assessment and Management (PAM)	State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution (SKLMP) City University of Hong Kong
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ST 2.6 Harmonizing Oceans: Transboundary Strategies for Climate Resilience in North-East Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), KMI
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ST 2.8 Reducing Marine Plastics in the East Asian Seas Region: Innovative Solutions and Good Practices at Local Level	Marine Plastics ODA Project, PEMSEA Resource Facility
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SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
ST 2.12 13 th East HAB Symposium/ Exchange the latest status of red tide in East Asia and the discussion on the prevention and mitigation on harmful algal blooms-hypoxia at the background of "Ocean Decade"	Second Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources

ST 2.14 China-ASEAN Marine Ecosystem Protection and Restoration Symposium	Forth Institute of Oceanography (4IO), Ministry of Natural Resources, China Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Ocean Development
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BLUE FINANCING AND INVESTMENTS

ST 4.3 Start-up and Leadership Development for Sustainable Blue Economies	OPRI-SPF
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SPECIAL EVENT

2024 PNLG-PNLC Joint Learning Forum: Local Practices on Marine Ecological Protection and Restoration under the Integrated Coastal Management Framework	PEMSEA Network of Local Governments (PNLG), PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers (PNLC)
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SESSION WORKSHOPS NOVEMBER 7, 2024 (DAY 2) | 1430 - 1730 H

SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
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GLOBAL CHALLENGES, LOCAL SOLUTIONS

ST 2.1 Strategic collaboration in tackling the Triple Planetary Crises in the East Asian Seas Region - Climate Change and Marine Impacts; Nature and Marine Biodiversity Loss; Marine Pollution	UNEP, COBSEA and UNEP, GEF South China Seas Strategic Action Programme
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ST 2.3 Capacity Building Workshop on the Global Estuaries Monitoring (GEM) Programme (PM session)	SKLMP
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ST 2.4 Perspectives on collaborative actions for effective oil spill preparedness and response	Oil Spill Response, Ltd. IMO-IPIECA- GISEA
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ST 2.7 Yellow Sea Biosphere Conservation Cooperation (Regional Cooperation for the Yellow Sea Ecosystem Conservation)	Korea Environment Institute
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ST 2.8 Reducing Marine Plastics in the East Asian Seas Region: Innovative Solutions and Good Practices at Local Level BY INVITATION ONLY	Marine Plastics ODA Project, PEMSEA Resource Facility
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ST 2.13 International Symposium on Tsunami Warning and Storm Surge Prediction and Mitigation in the Asia-Pacific Region	National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center, MNR, China
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SESSION TITLE	CONVENER/S
OCEAN SCIENCE, POLICY, AND PRACTICE	
ST 1.1 From Ratification to Implementation: Asia Dialogue on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement - public session	High Seas Alliance
ST 1.2 "Sharing Experiences and Best Practice in Sustainable Management of MPAs" workshop (PM Session)	China PEMSEA Center, First Institute of Oceanography (FIO), Ministry of Natural Resources, PR China Partners: Third Institute of Oceanography (TIO), Ministry of Natural Resources, PR China Qingdao Ocean Decade International Cooperation Center (ODCC) Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) World Wildlife Fund (WWF) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
ST 1.6 Regional Governance for Integrated Coastal Management (How PEMSEA network can be enforced?) - A multi-layered ocean governance methodologies)	Ocean Policy Research Institute - Sasakawa Peace Foundation (OPRI-SPF), China Institute for Marine Affairs (CIMA), and COAST CARD Japan
ST 1.9 Engaging stakeholders in river basin planning and risk management BY INVITATION ONLY	GEF/UNDP/ASEAN IRBM Project, PEMSEA Resource Facility
INNOVATION AND DIGITIZING OCEAN ACTION	
ST 3.3 China-ASEAN Ocean Remote Sensing Technology Training Workshop	Forth Institute of Oceanography (4IO), Ministry of Natural Resources, China Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Ocean Development
SPECIAL EVENT	
PNLG General Assembly	PEMSEA Network of Local Governments
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	NOVEMBER 8, 2024 (DAY 3) 1030 - 1200 H
SPECIAL EVENT	
PNLC General Assembly	PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers



8th Ministerial Forum*

**6 November 2024 (Opening Ceremony and EAS Ministerial Forum Proper)
Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel**

The East Asian Seas (EAS) Ministerial Forum (MF) serves as the highest platform for strategic direction within the PEMSEA mechanism. Held every three (3) years alongside the East Asian Seas Congress (EASC), the EAS MF shapes the region's medium- and long-term course and priorities.

In accordance with the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2023-2027 targets, the 8th EAS Ministerial Forum is scheduled for 2024. Its purpose is to facilitate the evaluation of the contributions, including the impacts and benefits of the partnership arrangement to SDS-SEA implementation, in accelerating national goals. Additionally, it aims to reaffirm Country Partners' commitments to regional and national targets and program objectives.

Marking a historic collaboration, the EAS Congress and EAS MF 2024 will be jointly conducted with the World Ocean Week in Xiamen (WOW). This collaboration is expected to provide an expanded platform for knowledge exchange, partnership building, and future or direction setting for a sustainable and resilient East Asian Seas.

KEY OBJECTIVES

In line with the EAS Congress theme, "Blue Synergy for a Shared Future: One Sustainable and Resilient Ocean", the 8th MF and Ministerial Declaration aims to:

- **Highlight** the progress made to date by the EAS region through the PEMSEA partnership in delivering the PEMSEA Roadmap to 2030 and the SDS-SEA Implementation Plan 2023-2027;
- **Catalyze** synergies for a sustainable and resilient East Asian Seas, particularly focusing on advancing ocean knowledge and integrated approaches on ocean governance, scaling local actions and solutions to address persistent and emerging transboundary challenges, strengthening evidence-based decision-making by leveraging on innovative technologies and approaches, and identifying blue financing and investments; and
- **Ensure** alignment and contribution of the EAS region's efforts to achieving key international and regional commitments in support of Blue Economy.

MF KEY EVENTS

- Pre-MF Event: EAS Senior Government Officials' Meeting (SGOM)- Online meeting targeted to be conducted on the 3rd or 4th week of October 2024 to finalize the Ministerial Declaration and arrangements for the MF
- Key MF Events (November 6, 2024)
 - Opening Ceremony of the EASC with Signing of the Ministerial Declaration
 - Ministerial Forum Dialogue
 - Exhibit Tour for Ministers
 - Ministerial Field Visit
 - Ministerial Luncheon and Dinner Banquet

* *This event is by invitation only*

PROGRAM OF THE MINISTERIAL FORUM DIALOGUE*

From Declaration to Delivery: Innovations, Opportunities and Prospects for the EAS Region

Moderator: Aimee Gonzales, Executive Director, PEMSEA Resource Facility

TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
1045 - 1050	Opening by moderator and Introduction of Ministers/HODs
1050 - 1105	Synergy on Ensuring Inclusive Multi Stakeholder Engagement and Science-Policy interface
1105 - 1120	Synergy on Innovations in Technologies and Approaches
1120 - 1130	Synergy on Blue Financing and Investments
1130 - 1210	Statements on commitments and aspirations linked with the EAS Congress theme and the Xiamen Ministerial Declaration
1210 - 1215	Conclusion by the Moderator

* *This event is by invitation only*

** *Moderated dialogue*



EAS Congress 2024 Exhibition

6-8 November 2024

Xiamen International Conference Center Hotel

One of the key features of the EAS Congress is the Exhibition, which will run in parallel with the International Conference of the EAS Congress. This Exhibition provides an opportunity for organizations to showcase their innovations and progress on various aspects of sustainable coastal and ocean management, including tools, technologies, products, experiences and best practices.

PROGRAM

Time	Activity
DAY 0 (NOVEMBER 5) Ingress	
0700 - 1630	Registration for exhibitors and distribution of Exhibitor badges (exhibition area)
0800 - 1630	Ingress of EAS Congress exhibitors
DAY 1 (NOVEMBER 6) Ribbon-cutting ceremony and Opening of Exhibition	
1000 - 1010	Exhibit Ribbon-cutting/Opening
1010 - 1030	MF Tour to Exhibition centerpiece
1030 - 1800	Opening of Exhibit to all participants
DAY 3 (NOVEMBER 8)	
0800 - 1100	Egress



PEMSEA Network of Local Governments Annual Forum*

**8 November 2024
1030 - 1200**

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*

**8 November 2024
1030 - 1200**

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.



East Asian Seas Youth Forum

**15-19 April 2024
Uljin City, RO Korea**

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 was conducted as a pre Congress event on 15-19 April 2024, in partnership with the Korea National Ocean Science Museum in Uljin County, RO Korea.

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