

- (d) Ensure the effective operation of coordinating mechanisms for the components of the United Nations system dealing with environment and development matters with respect to oceans, and other concerned organizations including links with donor and assistance agencies.

Activities

Management

142.

(a) Global

(i) [The United Nations General Assembly should] ensure regular consideration [within the United Nations System] at intergovernmental level of general ocean [and coastal] issues [environment and development matters with respect to oceans] and request the Secretary-General and Executive Heads of United Nations agencies and organizations to strengthen consultative and coordinative mechanisms for this purpose.

(ii) Introduce special arrangements to ensure the participation of all relevant international organizations, including the development and donor agencies;

(iii) Seek scientific advice and consider the use of advisory expert groups [expert groups], as needed;

(iv) Establish reporting arrangements as between the General Assembly and the governing bodies of the United Nations system;

(v) Strengthen consultative and coordinative arrangements within the United Nations system and particularly IOC, UNEP and UNDP, including their regional components, in support of the General Assembly forum and other intergovernmental meetings with broad mandates in ocean [and coastal] affairs.

Regional

143.

(i) Strengthen existing intergovernmental regional cooperation, particularly the Regional Seas Programmes of UNEP, and establish or designate regional, intergovernmental fora where needed, for consultations on questions of harmonizing policies and integrating cooperative activities taking account of environmental circumstances, regional priorities and levels of development;

(ii) Introduce arrangements for the participation of all relevant organizations and bodies, development assistance and donor agencies, as well as of the private sector;

(iii) Ensure collaboration and coordination among all relevant institutions active in a region, including adequate staff representation;