

Concept note

Side event: Ocean Accounts: The Economy and Beyond

When: Friday, Oct. 19, 2018; 12:00-13:00

Where: UNCC, CR2

Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00-12:10	Introduction	Hongjoo Hahm, Officer-in-Charge, ESCAP
12:10-12:20	Overview of the Ocean Accounts Partnership	Natalie Harms, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP
12:20-12:40	What do Ocean Accounts look like?	Michael Bordt, Statistics Division, ESCAP
12:40-13:00	Discussion	



Asia-Pacific is home to the most biologically diverse and productive marine ecosystems on Earth. From fisheries to marine-based tourism, our ocean is a vital source of livelihood, employment, nutrition and economic growth and is essential in balancing our climate. Marine and coastal ecosystems are the first line of defence from saltwater inundation and storms. Yet, rampant marine pollution, ocean acidification and warming, destructive fishing practices, unsustainable trade and transport, and inadequate coastal and marine governance threaten the health of our ocean and its capacity to nurture sustainable development. Countries in Asia-Pacific are both major sources of ocean degradation and highly vulnerable to its impacts.

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