Suggestions for actions to make progress on the ocean accounts within the next year

1. Political motivation and leadership – engagement with policy makers

2. Ocean accounts must be adopted at the national, regional and global levels
   a. Connect the ocean accounts to the needs of national governments
   b. Treat the ocean accounting as an instrument for other development topics

3. Establish communities of practice, including via GOAP

4. Development partner support:
   a. Financial support from international and national community to develop ocean accounts
   b. Capacity building and technical support from development partner community to develop the ocean accounts
      i. Provide training courses; not only for technicians but also for politicians
   c. Commitment of development partners to support the ocean accounts (technical)
   d. Have a partnership and resource mobilisation plan for identified priority actions for pilots

5. Extend the current pilot projects, and support more pilots

6. Data issues:
   a. mechanism to share data (open data)
   b. Encourage the public to contribute to the data collection
   c. Align with SNA and involve all related industries to reduce transboundary issues
   d. Integrate data into the national accounts (SNA)
   e. Integrate bottom-up scientific data with top-down national account
   f. Sustainable data gathering and sharing of best practice

7. Technical guidance:
   a. Complete the technical guidance and have it endorsed by the statistical commission
   b. To set a common language when talking blue economy, (technical guidance)
   c. Treat the ocean accounting as a satellite account of SEEA
   d. Combine ESCAP inventory and portal work.
   e. Narrow the ocean accounts to specifics topics and have a hierarchic structure
   f. Citizen science

8. Regional/ Global institutional and partnership issues:
   a. Regional institutional body to govern the GOAP partnership
   b. Ensure that the work of the GOAP partnership comes under U.N. umbrella.
   c. Communicate widely how to become a member of the GOAP partnership and including requirements conditions to become a member
   d. Establish agreements with the U.N. to work with governments (top-down approach)
   e. Establish the regional and national working group on ocean accounting.

9. National policy and institutional issues:
   a. Develop a national integrated plan on oceans
   b. National policy for ocean accounts
   c. Establish a coordination mechanism to engage stakeholders and to prepare a national action plan
d. Involvement of the national statistics offices in the development of the accounts

e. Link the ocean account to the UNFCCC for monitoring

f. Prioritize the data gaps and have an investment plan to fill the gaps

10. Outreach and awareness:
- Movies to demonstrate the usefulness of ocean accounts
- Create a brief introduction and video to the ocean accounts
- Promote high level workshop, consultations
- Have simple concepts (like SDGs) to be understood by government and public
- Create a web forum where industries can upload their activities to create awareness and identify Blue economy champions (to get industry involvement)
- Create a clear outreach strategy which includes translation of manual into local language
- Create narratives to support priorities identification