

Resolution 1

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE 2018-2019 BIENNIUM

Acknowledging RACs and RCU efforts in implementing the NOWPAP 2016-2017 Programme of Work (PoW),

Recognizing the importance of joint efforts to protect the shared marine environment and manage sustainably its natural resources by engaging neighboring countries in comprehensive and specific regional actions contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

Recognizing the need to initiate new activities, including NOWPAP Special Projects in line with the NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy 2018-2023 principles,

Taking note that about 95% of the activities included in the 2016-2017 NOWPAP Programme of Work were implemented on time or to be completed at the beginning of 2018,

The Twenty Second Intergovernmental Meeting.

1. Approves the Report of the Executive Director of UNEP (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/3), taking note of the progress in the implementation of NOWPAP activities during the 2016-2017 biennium.
2. Approves also the reports of the four Regional Activity Centers of the NOWPAP (CEARAC, DINRAC, MERRAC and POMRAC) (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/4/1-4) and acknowledges with satisfaction progress made.
3. Decides, to simplify the administrative process of recruitment of and payment to foreign experts (consultants), to continue the existing practice of assigning the responsibility of implementation of POMRAC activities with a total 2018-2019 biennium budget of US\$80,000 to DINRAC, while these activities will be overseen by POMRAC.
4. Approves the NOWPAP Programme of Work (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/12/Ver.1) with the total budget of US\$1,300,000 as presented in Table 1.
5. Adopts the revised Terms of Reference of the NOWPAP Regional Coordinating Unit (RCU) as described in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/7/Ver.1.
6. Requests RAC directors, in consultation with their Focal Points, to prepare detailed work plans with quarterly milestones to monitor the progress of implementation in line with the approved budget and NOWPAP 2018-2019 Programme of Work.
7. Requests also RAC Directors when reporting to the NOWPAP IGM to provide summary of their Focal Point Meetings and indicate clearly relevance of their activities to the NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy (MTS) 2018-2023.8. Requests NOWPAP RCU to facilitate the implementation of work by providing coordination, support and assistance to the RACs and to circulate work plans of each RAC (with quarterly milestones) for Member States consideration by correspondence within two months after this IGM.
9. Requests NOWPAP RCU to undertake contractual arrangements to support timely and effective implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2019.

10. Encourages NOWPAP RCU and RACs to continue their best efforts to develop and maintain partnerships with related organizations, programmes and projects to further implementation of the biennial Work Programme 2018-2019 and MTS 2018-2023.

11. Encourages NOWPAP RCU and RACs to continue their best efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the NOWPAP Programme and report progress at each NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting.

12. NOWPAP RCU and RAC Directors to enhance efforts in public communication and outreach aiming at the increased NOWPAP presence, relevance and visibility in the region and beyond, including in all four languages of the region.

13. Hold the 23rd NOWPAP IGM in the Russian Federation in 2018.

Table 1. NOWPAP workplan and budget for the 2018-2019 biennium

(Thousand US\$)

Activity	Approved Budget	Suggested Budget Option B
	2016-2017	2018-2019
CEARAC	140	185
DINRAC	140	185
MERRAC	140	185
POMRAC*	140	185
RAP MALI	70	91
Public Awareness (RCU)	19	20
Coordination of RACs (RCU)	16	127
Implementation of NOWPAP (RCU)	83	
RCU Operation (RCU)	78	50
Resource Mobilization (RCU)	15	27
NOWPAP Special Projects / Initiatives	-	95
Sub-total	841	1150
13% of the sub-total as Programme Support Cost	109	150
TOTAL	950	1,300

Resolution 2

SUSTAINABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NOWPAP TRUST FUND AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Recognizing with satisfaction the full replenishment and continuing and stable contributions to NOWPAP Trust Fund by member states achieved by the end of the year 2017,

The Twenty Second Intergovernmental Meeting.

1. Agrees to the contributions to the NOWPAP Trust Fund in 2018 as presented in Table 1.
2. Request NOWPAP RCU together with RAC Directors undertake efforts to reach 100% expenditure rate of the NOWPAP Trust Fund biennial contributions by the end of 2019;
3. Encourages NOWPAP RCU and RACs to continue their best efforts to mobilize additional financial resources for the implementation of the NOWPAP Programme.

Table 1. Scale of contributions to NOWPAP Trust Fund for 2018

	Annual contribution (US\$)
People's Republic of China	125,000
Japan	125,000
Republic of Korea	125,000
Russian Federation	125,000
Total	500,000

Resolution 3

THE NOWPAP MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2018-2023

Recognizing the importance of the NOWPAP Medium term Strategy 2018-2023 for aligning NOWPAP activities with national and regional priorities and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals,

Acknowledging the progress achieved and lessons learned during the implementation of the NOWPAP Medium Term Strategy 2012-2017 adopted at the NOWPAP 16th IGM 16th in 2011,

The Twenty Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Agrees on the principles contained in the NOWPAP Medium-term Strategy 2018-2023 (MTS 2018-2023) as proposed in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/10 and to this effect requests:
 - a. NOWPAP Focal Points to submit additional editorial comments to the RCU by February, 2nd 2018;
 - b. NOWPAP RCU to prepare a revised version reflecting upon agreed principles of the MTS 2018-2023 considering comments received by Member states by March 1st, 2018 and submit for one month review by Member States, followed by the adoption by correspondence by June 30th, 2018;
 - c. NOWPAP RCU and RACs in consultation with the Focal Points, to develop the monitoring and evaluation framework for MTS 2018-2023 for adoption by the 23rd NOWPAP IGM.

Resolution 4

REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON MARINE LITTER

Acknowledging the negative impacts of marine litter, including microplastics on the coastal and marine environment in the NOWPAP region,

Acknowledging also the efforts of NOWPAP member states to address marine litter problem to prevent harm to the coastal and marine environment,

Taking into account that the implementation of the NOWPAP Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI) adopted in 2008 is in line with national and regional priorities identified by the NOWPAP member states,

Taking note that most of RAP MALI activities are expected to be implemented at the national and local level, in cooperation with local governments and relevant authorities as well as private sector, research institutions, NGOs and the general public,

Complimenting NOWPAP RCU for its efforts working with UNEP GPA office and other relevant organizations and initiatives to expand activities addressing marine litter, including microplastics and its sources,

The Twenty Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Approves NOWPAP RAP MALI work plan and budget (UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/9) for the 2018-2019 biennium as presented in Table 1.
2. Requests NOWPAP RCU to prepare and submit proposal for funding by the UNEP Global Programme of Action (GPA) as described in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/8.
3. Requests NOWPAP DINRAC to provide hosting services and management of the Regional Node and CEARAC with a help from RCU to facilitate smooth transfer of the available information resources from NPEC to DINRAC.
4. Requests NOWPAP RCU in consultation with the NOWPAP RAP MALI Focal Points to prepare the Terms of Reference of RAP MALI Focal Points for the adoption by NOWPAP Focal Points by correspondence no later than two months before the 2018 RAP MALI Focal Points Meeting.
5. Requests NOWPAP RACs and RCU to implement the NOWPAP RAP MALI work plan as scheduled in close consultation with UNEP GPA office and other international organizations, projects and programmes involved.
6. Encourages NOWPAP Member States to carry out activities to prevent, monitor and remove marine litter at a national and local level through the implementation of the NOWPAP RAP MALI.

Table 1. NOWPAP Trust Fund allocation for 2018-2019 RAP MALI activities

	Budget, US\$
2018 NOWPAP ICC campaign and NOWPAP-TEMM Workshop in R. Korea	20,000
2018 NOWPAP ICC campaign and NOWPAP-TEMM Workshop in P.R. China	20,000
Enhancing NW Pacific regional node of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)	External funding by UNEP GPA (up to 20,000)
CEARAC: Regional overview of national efforts to address microplastics	9,250
DINRAC: Updating and visualizing database on marine litter	9,250
MERRAC: Understanding floating marine litter sources and flows	9,250
POMRAC: Research on micro-plastics content and migration in the Peter the Great Gulf	9,250
RCU supported by all RACs: Third Regional Overview of marine litter in the NOWPAP region	6,000
RCU: Support for regional cooperation, travel and development of public awareness materials	8,000
Total:	91,000

Resolution 5

NOWPAP SPECIAL PROJECTS

Acknowledging the importance of securing larger-scale and sustained impact of the NOWPAP MTS 2018-2023 through closer integration of MTS objectives into national or regional strategies and plans using partnerships,

Acknowledging also the importance of external resource mobilization to complement and enhance the impact of NOWPAP RAC activities, particularly in areas with insufficient expertise,

Having considered four project proposals submitted by Member States as presented in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/11/Ver.1,

The Twenty Second Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. Approves budget envelope of up to US\$95,000 for the 2018-2019 biennium to develop two project proposals.
2. Requests NOWPAP RCU together with the lead project agency to develop project proposal submitted by P.R. China “Monitoring and Assessment Methods for Microplastics Pollution” with the total budget for project preparation not exceeding US\$50,000 and the second project proposal to be selected by NOWPAP Focal Points, including from the list of proposals in the document UNEP/NOWPAP IG. 22/11/Ver.1 for consideration by the 23rd NOWPAP IGM.
3. Requests NOWPAP RCU to keep track record of the submitted project proposals and continue soliciting further project ideas for consideration by the 23rd NOWPAP IGM.