



# State of Palestine

## ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER ATHENS DECLARATION

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- **First Steering Committee Meeting ENI-SEIS South Support Mechanism project**
- **Horizon 2020 7th meeting of the Review and Monitoring group (RM) 12-14 Dec 2016**



## *A. Update of Palestinian National Action Plan (LBS)*

State of Palestine had updated its National Action Plan (NAP) for the prevention of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea from land-based sources in Palestine.

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# The drafting process of the plan was implemented in the following stages:

- a) **NAP legal basis**
- b) **Midterm baseline assessment**
- c) **Identification of Gaps**
- d) **Operational Targets**
- e) **Program of measures.**
- f) **Priority investment projects**


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## ***B. Implementation of the Regional Plan for the Marine Litter***

Regional Plan has adopted for the Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean through partnership with local communities, NGOs and International Organizations to conduct the following activities:

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- Conduct public awareness and education of pollution.
  - Implement adequate waste management measures (4Rs) reducing/reusing/ recycling/ recovery.
  - Design National Monitoring Program on Marine Litter.
  - Enforce measures to combat illegal dumping including littering on beaches and illegal sewage disposal in coastal zones.
  - Enhance coordination and collaboration between national, regional and local authorities in the field of marine litter management.

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- Implement National Marine Litter Cleanup Campaigns on a regular basis.
  - Participate in International Coastal Cleanup Campaigns and Programmes.
  - State of Palestine in coordination with Municipal Development and Lending Fund MDLF is constructing three solid waste transfer stations and two main solid landfills in Gaza Strip. These facilities will be operated in 2017.




## *C. Implementing environmental protection and sustainable development*

Regardless the status of State of Palestine as an observer member, State of Palestine is implementing instruments, programmes, action plans and guidelines adopted at COP 19 as crucial means for the achievement of the objectives of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols with renewed impetus.

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- National Policy Agenda was built based on SDGs.
  - EQA keep track of the SDGs goals related the environment ( Marine, CC, BD)
  - EQA participated in the Regional Strategy of Education for Sustainable Development Workshop





## ***D. Promoting adaptation to climate change and increase the resilience of the Mediterranean marine and coastal environment***

- State of Palestine became a full member in UNFCCC on 17 March 2016, and signed and ratified Paris Agreement on 22 April 2016.
- State of Palestine with support from Belgium Government prepared the First National Communication Report and Climate Change Adaptation Plan which includes 12 main sectors ( Coast and Marine was one of the 12 sectors)
- State of Palestine in the process to prepare the National Determined Contributions.
- In 2016 EQA prepared a study on the Effects of Climate Change on Gaza Coast.
- A study on "Economic Impacts of Climate Change on the Food, Agriculture and Water in Gaza and West Bank"; first draft will be ready in Jan. 2017.



## *E. Implementation of ICZM Protocol and Action Plan*

- State of Palestine is participating in the International Training Programme funded by SIDA on Integrated Sustainable Coastal Development ISCD Programme.
- Support the establishing of the Palestinian Excellence Center for Marine and Coastal Science PECMAS,
- Cooperation among Governmental, Academic and non governmental Institutions for marine and coastal issues.



# For Phase Two of SWIM-H2020 ( pool of expertise)

1. Building capacities in Awareness on implementing Med. Education for sustainable development
2. Manual Preparation for the Industrial Pollution
3. Hazardous Waste Management, (Palestine needs help in preparing the First National Report) to comply with Basel Convention requirements

Thank You

