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***Annual reporting by Ministerial priority:  
Progress on the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial  
Declaration on SBE – **The Arab Republic of Egypt*****

# Country reporting template: aim and objectives

- This “country reporting template” has been created with the aim to gather data and information at national level to feed the **2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE Roadmap’s Monitoring, reporting and evaluation system**.
- As reflected in the “Stand-alone document on the Monitoring system of the Roadmap / 2021 UfM Ministerial on SBE” and its related Annex on “Sector-specific indicators”, the process kick-starts every year with the **delivery of presentations by the countries** (UfM Focal Points on Blue Economy) in the context of the **Regional Platform on SBE meetings**.
- By filling in this template, countries’ crucial inputs will feed current and future updates of the Roadmap and contribute to analyse progress over time in the implementation of the SBE Ministerial Declaration.
- Instructions to fill in this template are provided in the next slide.

# How to fill in this template

- This template contains **one slide per each of the SBE Ministerial Declaration Priorities** and related progress. Three open questions have also been included at the end of the document.
- For each of the Ministerial Declaration priorities, a simple **table** should be completed by the countries, with the following information:
  - Policies, strategies and plans in place at national (and sub-national) level
  - Projects and initiatives at national in place at national (and sub-national) level
- Please fill in these tables to the best of your knowledge and feel free to enrich with **hyper-links** to key documents, publications, videos, etc. as needed.
- In case of questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to:  
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- These presentations will be delivered orally by each Focal Point on the UfM Regional Platform Meeting, and should be submitted to the UfM Secretariat team **no later than June 19<sup>th</sup>, end of day.**

# Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Development of socioeconomic observatories	National strategy for Blue Economy Innovation	National Blue Economy Research and innovation Center launched 11 January 2023  BLUEMED  Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)
Clusters development	National prefeasibility study  Maritime Cluster Stakeholders dialouge	Egyptian Maritime cluster – ongoing on national scale  governance project of to establish maritime cluster for Egypt, morocco and Mauritania funded by EMFAF call
Training activities	Blue Economy Strategy	Conferencies , Seminars on national level  Blue Economy Conference “Opportunities for Sustainable Development” were launched, organized by the Universities of Mansoura and Port Said, on April 22-23, 2024,

# Sustainable food from the sea: fisheries and aquaculture

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Establishment of Marine Protected Areas and Fisheries Restricted Areas		
Tackling Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU)	Blue Economy Strategy	
Support to Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF)		
Other		



# Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution maritime transport and ports

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Setting up an Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides in the Mediterranean Sea	Sustainable Green Transport Strategy Launched 2018 . MARPOL Annex VI	
Development of alternative and transitional fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set national low-carbon hydrogen strategy that seeks to place Egypt as a global leader in the low-carbon hydrogen economy targeting call for 42% of Egypt's power generation to be based on renewables by 2035. ,</li> <li>- Established National Council for Green Hydrogen to stimulate green investment, as part of the country's plan to promote sustainable social and economic development.</li> <li>- Released The Green Hydrogen Incentives Law that provides several significant tax incentives equivalent to 33% up to 55% for new green hydrogen production projects,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Several agreements with international alliances</u> to produce green hydrogen in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone) including Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power, Benchmark's consortium, the Holding Company for Chemical Industries, China's China Energy, Germany's DAI, India's OCIOR ENERGY, VoltaLia – TAQA, and bp.</li> </ul>
Digitalisation of the sector	Sustainable Maritime Transport Strategy released in 2018 – includes Maritime Transport Digitilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maritime Single Window</li> <li>- - Yacht and Maritime Tourism Single window</li> <li>- On going prohect with Singapore Cooperation Enterprise on Establishment of National Single window</li> </ul>



# Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
<p>Prevention measures and circular approaches</p>	<p>National action plan for the sustainable management of Marine litter in the red sea coast –December 2021</p> <p>National strategy for blue economy</p>	<p>Plastic Busters CAP</p>
<p>Raising awareness and addressing marine litter including microplastics</p>	<p>national training programs on marine litter monitoring and mitigation measures</p>	<p>National workshops</p>
<p>Other</p>		



# Coastal and maritime tourism

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Eco-tourism, slow tourism and reduction of carbon emissions of the industry	<p>National Eco-Tourism agenda</p> <p>National Climate Strategy 2050</p>	<p>"Eco Egypt" promoting 13 protected areas and "Stories from Its People" national campaigns serve as powerful tools to create awareness about eco-friendly Tourism</p> <p>- Ismailia Yacht Marina project: first green yacht marina powered by renewable energy and extended over an area of 25,000 square meters to accommodate 65 yachts,</p>
Promotion of the digitalisation of the sector	<p>Yacht and Marine Tourism development strategy</p> <p>Tourism digitalization plan</p>	<p>- Yacht and Maritime Tourism Single window launched 1st September 2022 <a href="http://www.mts.gov.eg">www.mts.gov.eg</a></p>
others		



# Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Stakeholder engagement, consultations or establishment of MSP plans	Egyptian ICZM Strategy	
Other		

# Marine Renewable Energies

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
<p>Research and innovation on MRE technologies</p>	<p>BLUE Economy strategy</p> <p>Integrated Sustainable Energy Strategy 2035</p>	
<p>Specification of licensing procedures</p>	<p>Through National Energy Supreme committee</p>	
<p>Other</p>	<p>Egyptian Solar Plan</p> <p>Green Hydrogen Strategy</p>	<p>SCZone Green Hydrogen Cluster</p> <p>Powerplant - Gulf of Suez</p> <p>Windbreakers projects in Egyptian Ports</p>



# Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities

Ministerial Declaration related progress	Policies and strategies at national/regional level	Projects and initiatives at national/regional level
Development of training activities	National Maritime Transport Strategy  Maritime safety training agenda	SAFEMED  National workshops , capacity building programs by National Institute of Maritime Safety – Egyptian Maritime Safety Authority
Exchange of information, expertise, technical assistance and best practices		SAFEMED  Collaboration with EMSA
Other		



# Open questions

1 – Related to the priority on Governance and the future of sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean region: **Is there any overarching blue economy strategy in your country? Or any process initiated leading to the elaboration of such a strategy?**

Yes , Egyptian Blue Economy Strategy released 2022

2 – Related to the priority on Sustainable investments in the blue economy: **is there any national funding/financing scheme related to the blue economy (or any of its sectors) promoted by your country? If yes, please specify.**

Yes , Egyptian Sovereign Funds

3 - **What are the main challenges, issues or bottlenecks for the implementation of the SBE Ministerial Declaration in your country? -----**

