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***Annual reporting by Ministerial priority:
Progress on the Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial
Declaration on SBE – (Algeria)***

Country reporting template: aim and objectives

- This “country reporting template” has been created with the aim to collect 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 SBE) 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 analyze 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 for projects and one for initiatives, including different sections for 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 sections, a simple **table** should be completed by the countries.
- 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: alessandra.sensi@ufmsecretariat.org and adriana.salazar@ufmsecretariat.org
- 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 07 October, end of day.**

Major updates on progress at national level on the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

National strategy development: Algeria has advanced its national blue economy strategy (SNEB 2030) through extensive stakeholder consultations and the development of sectoral action plans. This provides an overarching governance framework for all blue economy activities.

Innovation and entrepreneurship: A robust ecosystem for blue startups has been established, resulting in the creation and labeling of **75 innovative projects and startups in fisheries, aquaculture**, and the marine environment, supported by a national network of 34 incubators.

Sustainable fisheries and conservation: Progress was made in marine conservation with the classification of three Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and a project underway to classify four more. Efforts to combat IUU fishing have been strengthened through legislative measures and participation in international inspection plans (ICCAT).

Energy transition in maritime sectors: Algeria is strongly committed to decarbonization, launching the National Renewable Energy Program aiming for 15,000 MW capacity. Key projects include the development of green hydrogen in Arzew and plans for hydrogen transport pipelines to the EU.

Port modernization and digitalization: The major infrastructure project of the integrated port of El Hamdania in Cherchell is underway. Simultaneously, a national program is being implemented to strengthen the digitalization of the maritime transport and port sectors.

Initiatives at national (and sub-national) level within the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Initiatives at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	- National Marine Conservation Plan - Blue Economy Strategy: Specific objective 3 on strengthening control capacities against IUU fishing- Artisanal Fishing Support Program- Multi-year training and capacity building plan for SSF- Sustainable Development Strategy for Aquaculture (LINK)
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	- A state policy on purpose-driven technological innovations for climate neutrality - Maritime emissions reduction policy (OMI)- Renewable energy development program (30% share by 2035)- National Strategy for the Development of Hydrogen- National digitalization plan
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	- National tourism policy and strategy (Tourist Development Plan) LINK
Marine Renewable Energies	- Projects under preparation under the INTERREG NEXT MED 2021-2027 program - NAFTEX 2025
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	- National Waste Management Strategy - Marine waste awareness program (including microplastics) - Plastic Reduction Program - Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2025)
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	- National maritime safety training strategy - International Cooperation Policy for multilateral and bilateral cooperation - Blue economy program "fishing and aquaculture Algeria"
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	- National food security, health, and energy strategies; National blue economy strategy (SNEB 2030) - Establishment of thematic research agencies (Health, Science/Tech, Social Sciences) - National Training Program in Marine Sciences, maritime engineering and entrepreneurship - Maritime innovation support policy
Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management	- Coastal development plan - National strategy for integrated management of coastal zones "GIZC" - Blue economy program "fishing and aquaculture Algeria" (LINK) and (LINK) - BBNJ



Projects at national (and sub-national) level within the implementation of the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on SBE

Ministerial Declaration Priorities	Projects at national/sub-national level
Food from sea: fisheries and aquaculture	- Classification of three marine protected areas (Cap Lindles, Iles Planne, îles Habibas) and a project to classify four more- VMS project underway with EU support - Participation in the ICCAT international inspection plan for BFT fishing - Support program for developing the artisanal fishing value chain and fisherman cooperatives.
Sustainable, climate-neutral and zero-pollution transport and ports	- EMFAF POWER4MED project for green and smart ports - Several projects on the use of Biofuels - Launch of an experimental project for green hydrogen production in Arzew (Oran) - Project for the realization of hydrogen transport pipelines across the Mediterranean - The major project of the integrated port of El Hamdania in Cherchell.
Coastal and Maritime Tourism	- Identification of tourist activity zones and creation of underwater trails - Ecotourism trails project in Jijel - Digital Platform Initiative for Tourism in Algeria.
Marine Renewable Energies	
Interactions between marine litter and the blue economy	- Waste collection and recycling project at fishing ports via the national waste agency (AND) - Campaign to clean beaches and ports (blue port operation) - Single-Use Plastics Reduction Initiative - Report: "Rapport de caracterisation des déchets cotiers 2019-2020". (LINK)
Maritime safety and security of blue economy activities	- Training program for maritime professionals (safety, certificates, STCW) - Various partnership projects in maritime security, surveillance, and rescue - Capacity building program for fisheries inspectors with EFCA (LINK) - Strengthening the technical skills of trainers and equipping maritime training establishments (LINK)
Marine research and innovation, skills, careers and employment	- Launch of national research programs (2021-2025) with 150 projects per year (LINK) - Creation of a thematic research network in desalination - Creation of 83 startups and innovative projects in fishing, aquaculture, and marine environment - Support program for young researchers and students (LINK)
Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management	- Draft law on marine/maritime spatial planning and ICZM currently being developed - Project with GIZ to strengthen the capacity of local actors within the framework of PEM and "GIZC". (LINK) + (LINK)



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?**

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.**

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



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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, our country Algeria has a National Strategy for the Blue Economy ([LINK](#)), which includes consultations with stakeholders and the development of specific action plans for each key sector. As part of the SNEB2030 and also the Blue Economy program “Fishing and Aquaculture Algeria” ([Website](#)), this process is structured around several key stages:

- **Consultations and workshops with stakeholders:** We organized a series of workshops and consultations with key stakeholders, including relevant ministries, local authorities, coastal communities, the private sector, and research institutes. These consultations aim to gather opinions and contributions on the priorities and challenges of the blue economy.
- **Development of sectoral diagnoses:** Detailed studies have been carried out to analyze the current state of the different sectors of the blue economy, such as fishing, aquaculture, environment and renewable energies, tourism, maritime transport, higher education and scientific research. These diagnostics include an assessment of resources, existing capacities, and sustainable development opportunities.
- **Development of a strategic framework:** Based on consultations and diagnostics, a strategic framework was developed to guide the development of the blue economy in Algeria. This framework includes short, medium and long term objectives and priority actions.



Open questions

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, our country has established a national financing program to support sustainable investments in the blue economy. This program includes the Algerian Startup Fund (<https://asf.dz/>), which being the first investment fund entirely dedicated to startups in Algeria, it constitutes one of the essential pillars for the emergence of an ecosystem adapted to the creation and development of startups which have the capacity to bring real added value to the Algerian economy ([nesda](https://nesda.dz/)). Added to this is the Blue Economy fishing and aquaculture program which aims to operationalize the national Blue economy strategy by 2030. This cooperation program with the EU was launched in December 2021 over a period which extends over 48 months (<https://www.economiebleue.dz/>).



Open questions

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

Accelerating the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Sustainable Blue Economy (SBE) in our country could be triggered by:

Strengthening cross-sector coordination: The blue economy involves many different sectors (fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, maritime transport, renewable energy, environment, etc.) which require close coordination between different government agencies and stakeholders. A platform to facilitate this coordination and ensure an integrated approach could be an accelerating tool.

Budgetary strengthening: Although financing programs exist, the financial resources available are often insufficient to support all the necessary projects at the same time, particularly projects that require the acquisition of equipment.

Strengthening institutional and technical capacities: It is essential to strengthen the capacities of national and local institutions to plan, implement and monitor initiatives related to the blue economy. However, there is a deficit of technical skills and specific knowledge in some sectors, which slows down implementation.

Stakeholder awareness and engagement: Public awareness and stakeholder engagement are still insufficient. It is necessary to strengthen communication, visibility and education on the benefits and sustainable practices of the blue economy to obtain better buy-in and active participation of all parties concerned.

Climate and environmental changes: The impacts of climate change, such as rising sea levels, more frequent and intense storms, and acidification of seas, represent major challenges for the sustainability of maritime economic activities. It is crucial to develop adaptation and resilience strategies and put in place regional programs to face these challenges.