



UNDP Statement

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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Excellencies,

As the United Nations Development Programme, we are supporting efforts to uphold a human rights-based approach to the ocean, including by placing the right to a healthy environment at the core of these efforts.

Firstly, UNDP launched a Practical Tool for Business on Human Rights Due Diligence and the Environment which incorporates the ocean as an environmental indicator for assessing business responses to human rights impacts. We will integrate the Tool into our Business and Human Rights Academy, which trains over a thousand businesses each year.

Secondly, through our Ocean Promise, UNDP will support the development of climate-resilient blue economies in one hundred coastal countries by 2030, helping curtail the estimated \$1 trillion dollars in annual losses from ocean mismanagement.

Finally, UNDP's coral reef insurance programme in Indonesia is protecting reefs and strengthening the financial resilience of reef-dependent communities and businesses. We are also working with the government of Indonesia to create a Marine Trust Fund for sustainable marine financing.

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To conclude, based on UNDP's experience driving development solutions, we would like to echo two recommendations from the Special Rapporteur's report:

It is critical to conduct human rights impact assessments before approving activities that could harm oceans, and; States and businesses should uphold their responsibility to promote and respect human rights in all ocean-related efforts.

UNDP reiterates our continued support to all actors in advancing the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Thank you.