

# Abstract

## SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

## WORKSHOP 1.3:

Coastal and Ocean Governance in the Seas of East Asia: From Nation to Region

## China's Marine Sustainable Development Policy

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In 1996, China's Ocean Agenda 21 proposed the background, aims, and priority areas for the sustainable development of marine areas. Since its implementation, the sustainable development of China's ocean and coasts in the past two decades coincides with the transition of China's economic and social development. Now, the policy framework of China's marine sustainable development has gradually been established. The paper will discuss the policy framework from three aspects: 1) the development process and the composition of China's marine sustainable policy system including the legal system, strategy and planning; 2) the latest progresses of China's marine sustainable development policy such as ecosystem-based management mechanism from mountain to sea, marine ecological-civilization and blue economy; and 3) China's actions for marine sustainable development based on the framework of SDG 14.



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