

# Abstract

## SESSION 2:

Accelerating Actions for Sustainable Development and Climate Change

## WORKSHOP 2.1:

Scaling up ICM: Innovations and Impacts at Local, National and Regional Levels

## Two Decades of Integrated Coastal Management Implementation in the Seas of East Asia: What have we Learned?

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The presentation provides an overview of the regional and national efforts to initiate, promote and implement ICM in the East Asian Seas region over the last two decades. Key accomplishments, impacts and benefits arising from the implementation of ICM practices are presented and analyzed, including the foundation for replication and scaling up of ICM practices.

The review also traces the evolution of ICM as a proven coastal and marine area management system and discusses its application for delivering sustainable development targets at the local and national levels, including its contribution to blue economy.



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## **About Chua Thia Eng:**

Currently serving as Chair Emeritus of the East Asian Seas Partnership Council, the governing council of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). Dr. Chua served in various other capacities with the United Nations and international and regional organizations, including FAO (as Senior Aquaculturist and NACA Regional Training Coordinator, 1980-1985), ICLARM (as Director of Coastal Management Programme and National Research, 1986-1992), GEF/UNDP/IMO PEMSEA (as Regional Programme Director, 1994-2007), PEMSEA (as Executive Director, 2006-2007) as well as the Ocean Policy Research Foundation of Japan (as Research Council member/advisor). He also served as associate editor, executive editor and editor of the *Journal of Coast and Ocean Management*, *Tropical Coasts and Ocean Policy Studies* (Japan) respectively. He extensively published scientific papers, articles, reports and books. He was the founding President of the Malaysian Science Society and the Asian Fisheries Society, and member of the academic staff of the National University of Singapore, Universiti Sains Malaysia, University of the Philippines in the Visayas and Xiamen University in China.

He won the First Gold Medal Award (1995) and Honorary Membership Award (1998) of the Asian Fisheries Society, and the Honorary Life Membership Award (1994) of the Malaysian Fishery Society. He received numerous international awards in recognition of his achievements, including the prestigious "Friendship Award" by State Council of PR China (1997), the Sahak Metrey Medal by His Majesty King Sihanouk of the Royal Government of Cambodia (2002), Outstanding Alumni of the National University of Singapore (2006) and Honorary Citizen of Xiamen, PR China (2011). He received his Doctorate of Philosophy (1971) from the University of Singapore and bachelor degree from Nanyang University, Singapore (1964).