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OUTLINE

1. National and/or regional interests in ABNJ
2. Issues (environmental, social and economic) that affect those interests
3. National and regional initiatives put in place to address those issues
4. Factors that constrain the effectiveness of those initiatives
5. Your ideas and perspectives, based on what you have learned from this course so far, on how to improve the situation in your region
6. Lessons drawn from coastal management and governance, and in the management of resources in the EEZs, which would be useful to apply in the management and governance

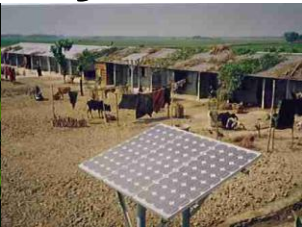
of ABNJ in your region



1. Regional interests in ABNJ



- **Fishing**
- **Shipping**
- **Deep sea mining**
- **Telecommunications**
- **Marine genetic resources**
- **Carbone capture/storage**
- **Offshore oil and gas**
- **Acquaculture / Sea farming**
- **Security**



2. Issues (environmental, social and economic) that affect those interests

- **Information, knowledge and capacity**
- **No control over the resources**
- **Competition with developed nations**
- **Poverty is still at an unacceptable level**
- **Threats to marine biodiversity**



3. Regional initiatives put in place to address those issues

- **Decision - CP. 11/10. Conservation and Sustainable use of the Marine Biodiversity of the Areas Located beyond National Jurisdictions**
- **Africa Group statement at the 8th Ad-Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (i.e: common heritage of mankind principle + technical capabilities + transfer of marine technology**



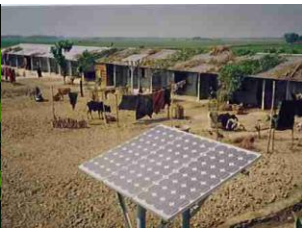
4. Factors that constrain the effectiveness of those initiatives

- No coherent regional framework
- Lack of capacities
- Lack of financial means
- No ocean governance mechanisms



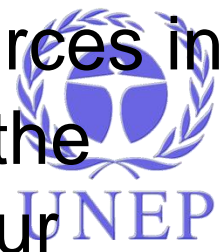
5. Ideas to improve the situation in my region

- Establish comprehensive ocean governance mechanism
- Capacity building and transfer of maritime technology
- Learning from regions which have an « experience » on the subject (e.g: OSPAR)
- Focusing on the socio-economic aspects



6. Lessons drawn from the management of resources in the EEZs, which would be useful to apply in the management and governance of ABNJ in your region

- **N.A**
- **There is no regional approach or mechanism for EEZ management**
- **National maritime boundaries delineation is an issue**
- **EEZ seems far away**
- **ABNJ is even further**



THANK YOU!

