Overview:
The 2030 Development Agenda is strongly dependent on water that connects and links most of
the SDG’s. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is critical to make this happen, as
explicitly recognized through the SDG Target 6.5: “By 2030, implement IWRM at all levels”.
This is an approach to ensure that water is managed inclusively across sectors and administrative
levels. One of the most critical links is between the “water SDG 6” and the “ocean SDG
14”. With more than 80% of the world’s wastewater flowing untreated to the sea, and plastic
production having increased twenty-fold over the last 50 years, the oceans are paying the price
for our unsustainable freshwater management practices: virtually no marine area is unaffected by
anthropogenic activities, and dead zones in coastal areas have spread exponentially since the
1960’s. This presentation argues that the way forward is to ensure holistic, integrated and
inclusive management by linking a source-to-sea approach with IWRM, moving towards joint and
coordinated implementation of the water and ocean SDG’s.

About the Speaker:
Dr. Torkil Jønch Clausen is currently Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee of the World Water Week in Stockholm, Chair of the Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management and Senior Adviser to the Global Water Partnership. He recently served as Chair of the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture, Governor of the World Water Council (WWC), Chair of the Thematic Commission for the 8th World Water Forum 2018, Chair of the Regional Commission for the 7th World Water Forum 2015, Chair of the WWC Task Force on IWRM, etc. He received the King Hassan II Great World Water Prize, awarded by the Government of Morocco and the WWC, at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico 2006. He has degrees in hydrology (MSc) and water resources (PhD), and has for more than 45 years worked in these fields in more than 80 countries world-wide, including multi-year residences in Asia.

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It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

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