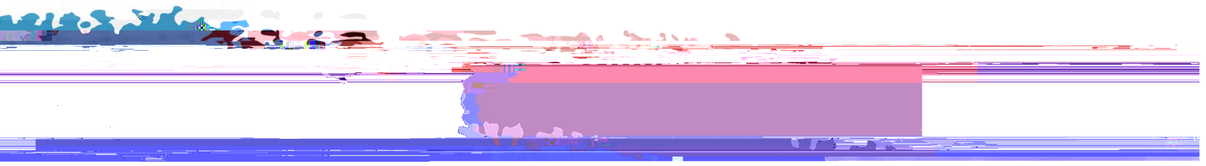

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A healthy ocean for a sustainable Asia and the Pacific: Achieving SDG14

The importance of the ocean and their **critical role for sustainable development** is widely recognized and is an integral part of the core commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

However, the ocean, seas and **marine resources in Asia and the Pacific are increasingly threatened** by human activities and physical alterations and destruction of marine and coastal habitats

The world's top five countries accounting for **more than 50% of 'mismanaged' plastics** in the ocean are from Asia and the Pacific (China, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam). Weak laws, poor governance and ineffective fisheries management have made coastal fisheries in most of the region largely **open access and overfished**.

The prospects for the achievement of SDG 14 in the region hinge on **successful conservation and sustainability of marine and coastal ecosystems** while maintaining the economic, food security and livelihood benefits of marine resources.

ESCAP Resolution 73/5

E/ESCAP/RES/73/5 encourages member States to continue to enhance their capacity in relation to the sustainable management and use of oceans and requests ESCAP to support current regional partnerships and develop new regional partnerships, where appropriate, for enhancing data and statistical capacities for Goal 14 in

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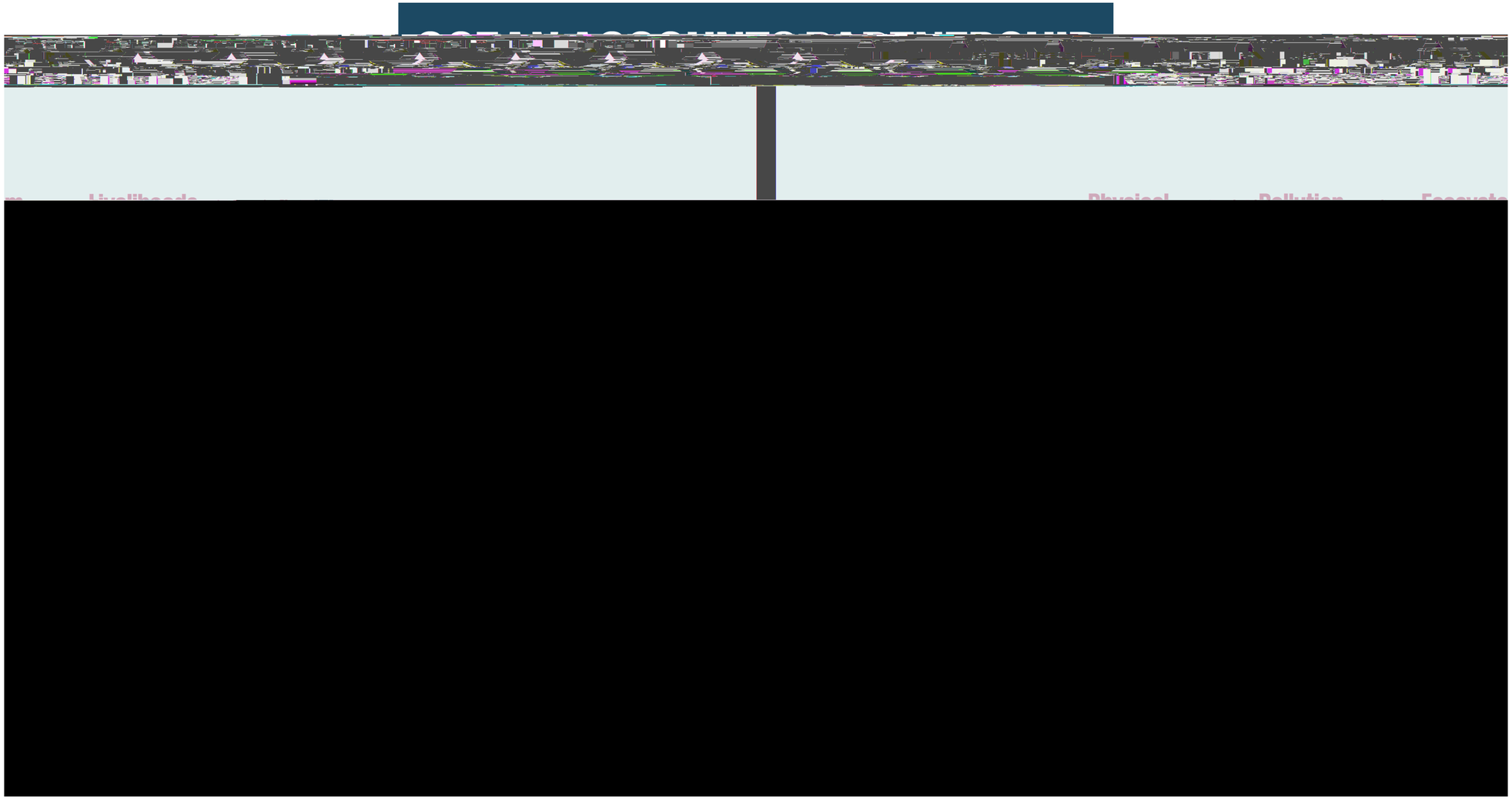

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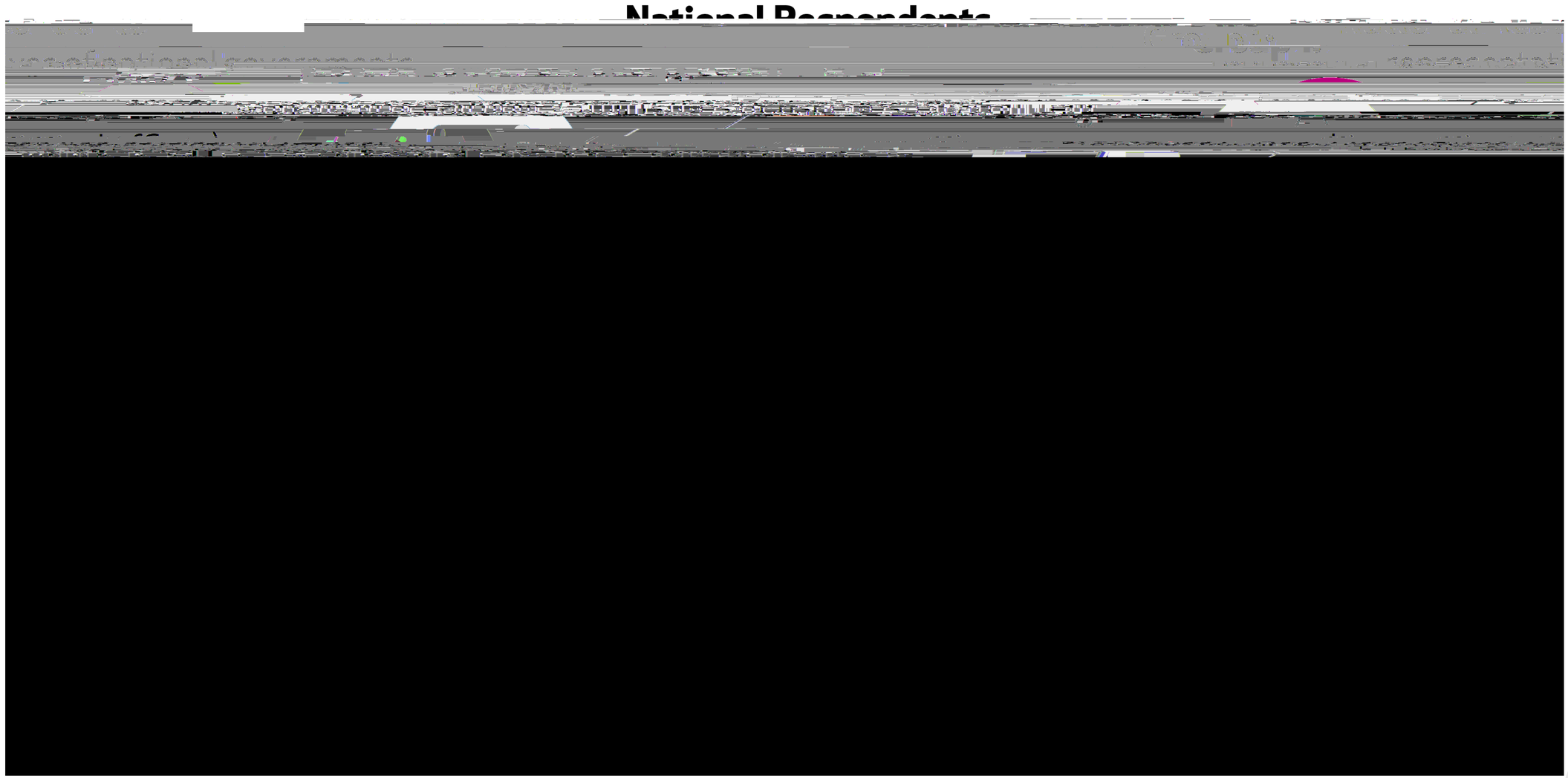

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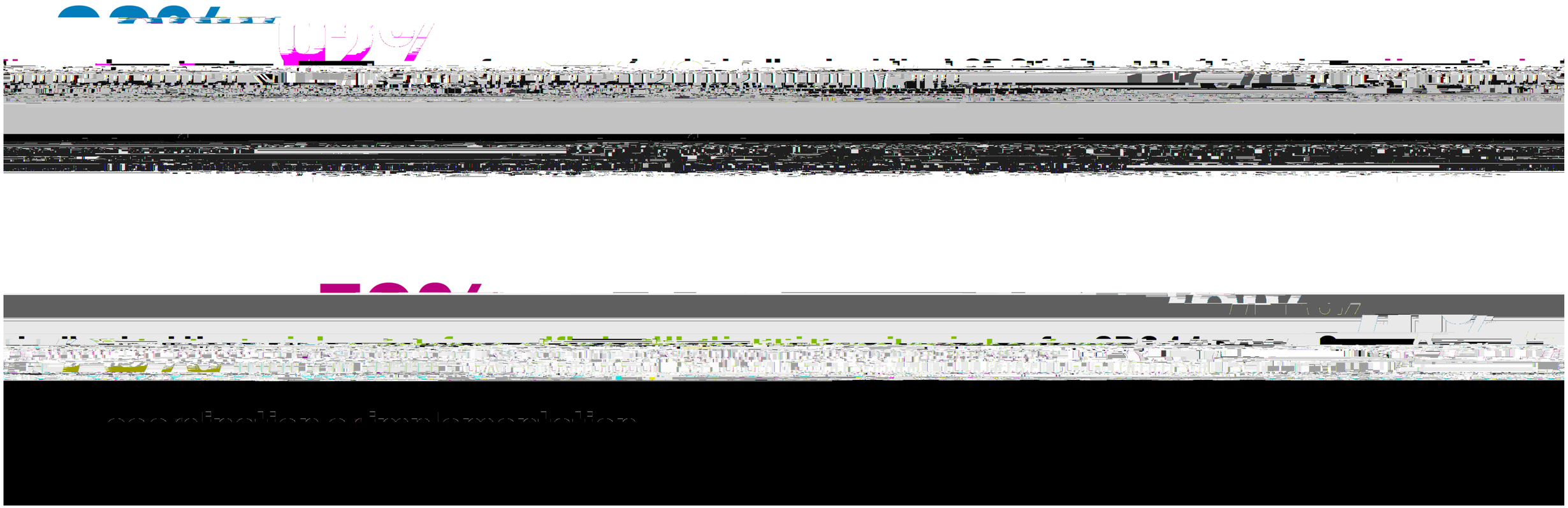

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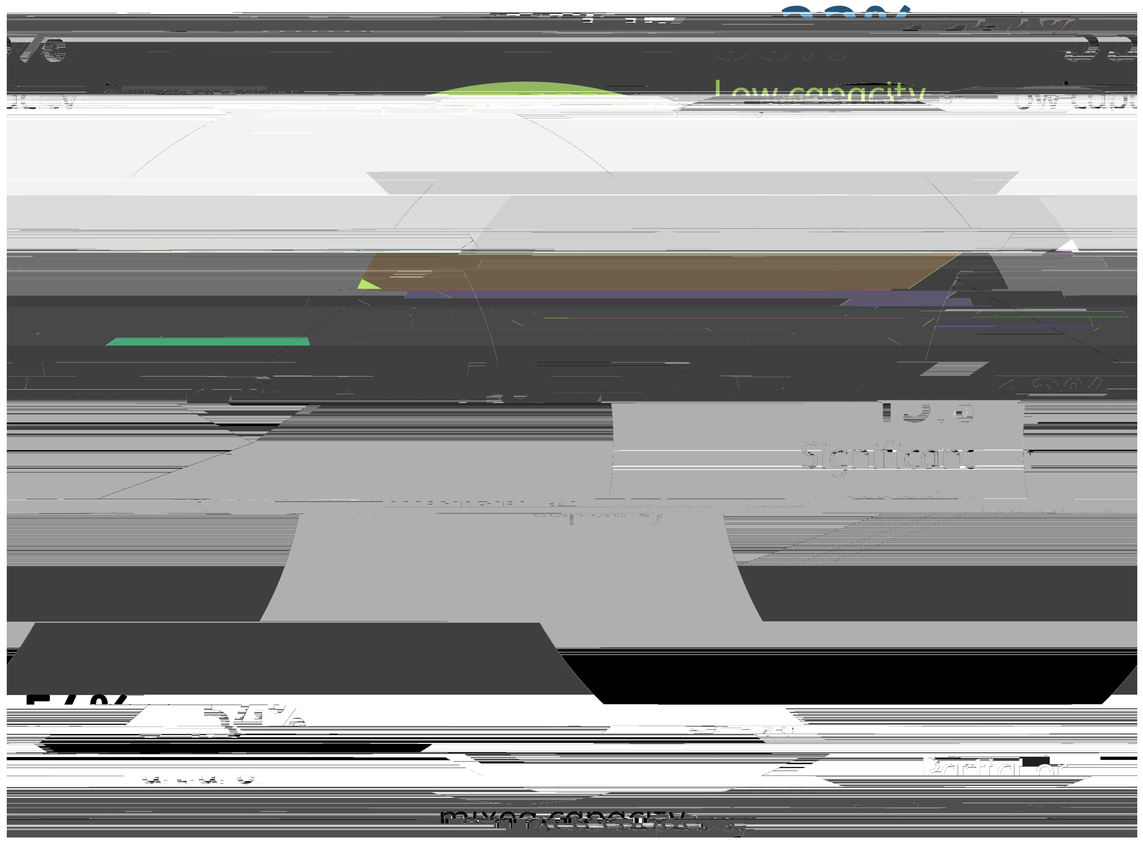


We need more capacity

Obstacles for effective coordination

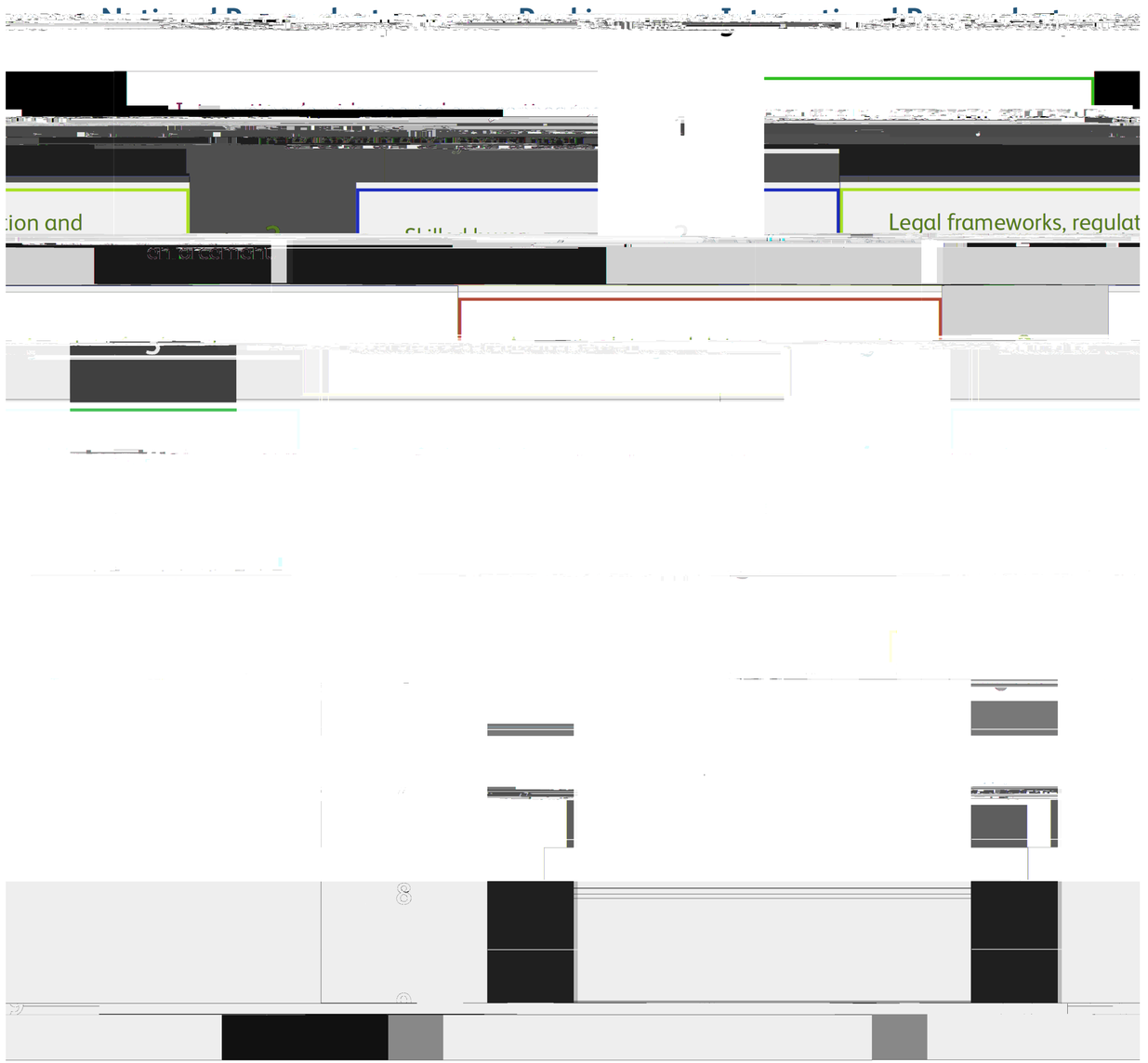
Ranking:

1 = most frequent
10 = least frequent

Critical capacity-building needs

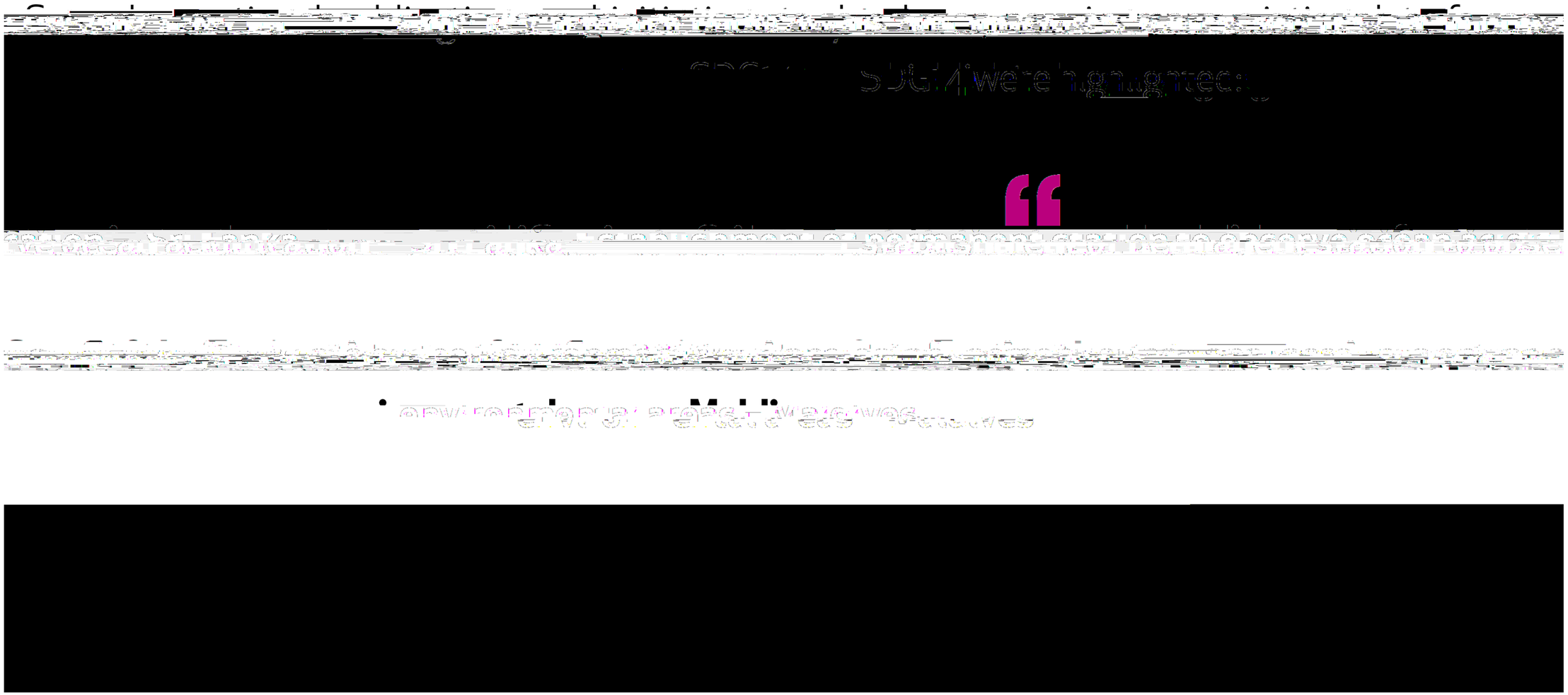
Ranking:

1 = more critical
10 = less critical



SDG targets: priority areas and data availability

Data availability (continued)



Stakeholder participation and awareness

How can ESCAP support these needs

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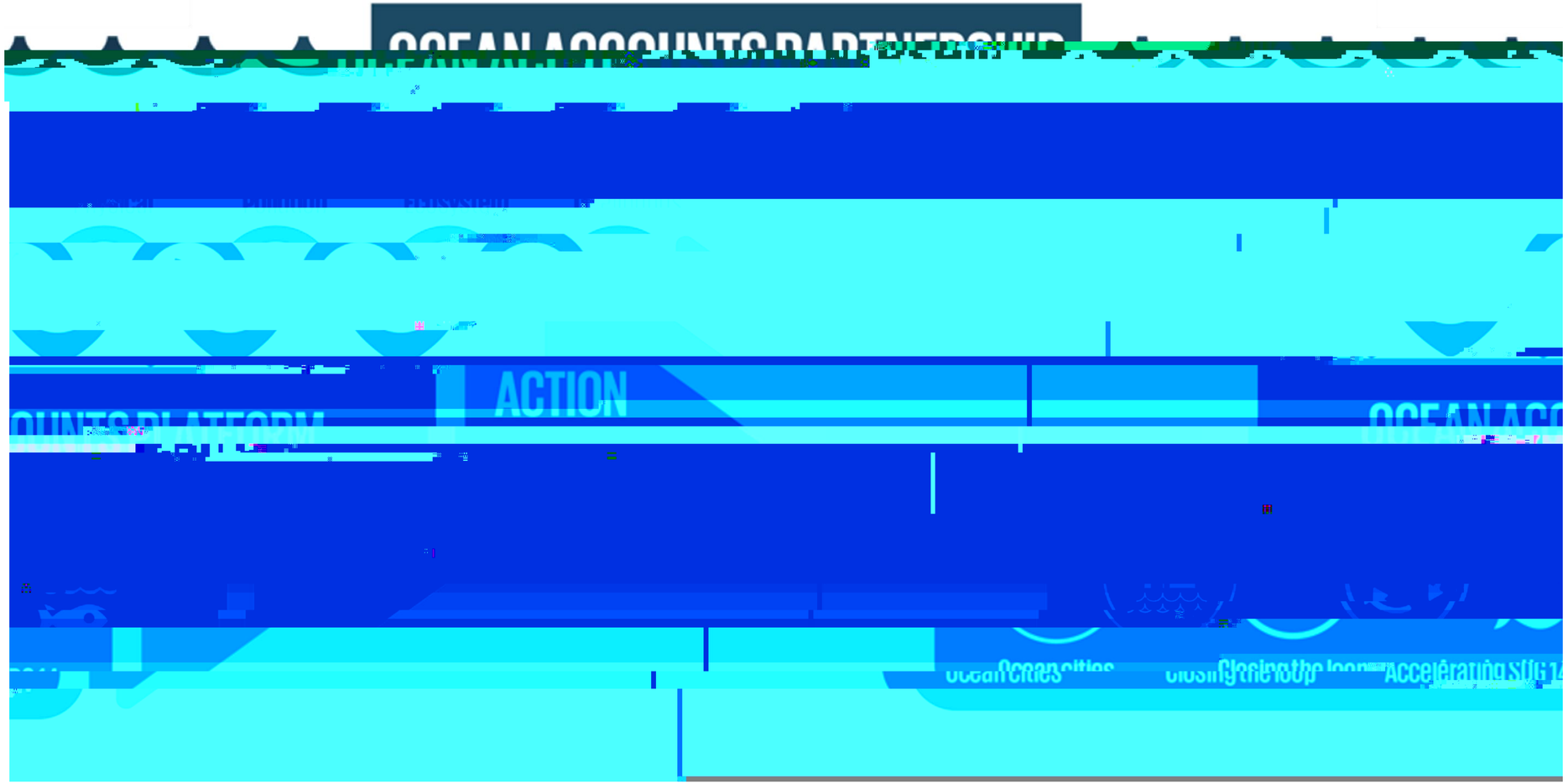

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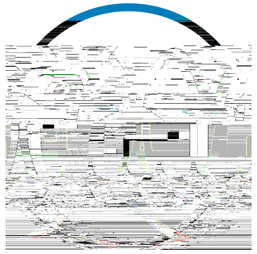

Ocean Cities

Supporting sustainable urban development in island systems

ESCAP is helping Pacific island developing States develop and apply an integrated policy approach for oceans-friendly and climate responsive urban development adapted to island systems.

Closing the Loop

Improving plastic waste management and reducing marine pollution

ESCAP is supporting cities in the region improve their urban waste management systems and reduce marine pollution by improving understanding of the intersections of the informal and formal waste sectors as part of a larger circular economy.

Accelerating SDG14

Supporting countries achieve SDG 14

ESCAP is developing a methodology to help governments in the region prioritize needs and identify entry points to accelerate implementation of the SDG 14 and its targets systems.

Ocean Accounts Partnership in Action - Technical assistance

Thank you!

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