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PERIOD: 11-14 October, 2016

PROJECT: Nairobi Convention Secretariat

MEETING:

1. Partnership on Science to Policy Forum, 11-12 October 2016.
2. Area Based Planning tools and Regional Cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda Meeting, 13-14 October 2016.

VENUE: Mahe, Seychelles

MAIN PERSONS CONTACTED:

- Hon. Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Seychelles; Hon. Dr. Ylenia Randrianarisoa, Hon. Minister, Secretary of Ocean Government of Madagascar,
- Mrs Laure Nanette, Director General, Waste, Enforcement and Permits Division, Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change, Seychelles
- Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu, Director General, National Environment Management Authority, Kenya,
- Dr. Rezah Badal, Director General, Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration, Mauritius

OBJECTIVES:

Partnership on Science to Policy Forum

1. Develop the terms of reference, mode of operation and composition of the Science to Policy Platform;
2. Increase interaction between science and policy to promote science based management in the WIO region;
3. Promote and strengthen partnerships, and networking between the science community, the Nairobi Convention, policy relevant institutions with mandate in the coastal and marine environment in the WIO region;

Area Based Planning tools and Regional Cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda Meeting

1. Update on the GEF project on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) in the Western Indian Ocean region;
2. Identify data, capacity and institutional needs for implementation of ABNJ

- project among Contracting Parties of the Nairobi Convention;
3. Identify regional and national actions and cooperation needs for implementing the SDGs with specific reference to SDG 14 on marine and coastal environment.

1. Partnership on Science to Policy Forum

Brief Description of the meeting

The meeting was organized by the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean region in collaboration with the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) as a follow up on Decision CP8/12, adopted at the Eighth Conference of Parties that was held on 22 to 24 June 2015, in Seychelles. The Contracting Parties requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, *to develop terms of reference, mode of operation and composition of the Science to Policy platform and transmit them to the Contracting Parties for subsequent approval by the Nairobi Convention Bureau.*

Summary of Outcomes

- a. Participants agreed to form a multi stakeholder platform comprising of representatives of formal and informal knowledge generating institutions, practitioners, policy makers, communities and the private sector within the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region which will serve as an intermediary body to bridge the gaps between science, policy and practice.
- b. The platform will deliver reports, assessment reports, synthesis reports, summary for policymakers, technical summary, technical papers, recommendations for decisions, and assessment tools.
- c. Report of the Science to policy forum (Annexed)

2. Area Based Planning tools

Brief Description of the meeting

The meeting was organized by the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean region in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP WCMC) as a follow up to Decision CP8/10, *urging the Contracting Parties to cooperate in improving the governance of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ).*

Summary of Outcomes

- a. Countries noted that the high seas/ABNJs account for about 70% of the oceans. Most of the oceans are beyond the national areas of jurisdiction; however, most countries are more focused on the management of Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs).
- b. Countries reiterated the need to combine the management of resources within areas of national jurisdiction with those outside national jurisdictions due to issues of interconnectivity (migratory species), and activities that occur in EEZs and ABNJs (such as tourism, sea bed mining, recreational fishing, piracy, high seas environment crimes, mineral resources etc.). The link between EEZ and adjacent waters need to be made explicitly clear to countries for governance.
- c. Countries called on the Nairobi Convention to for support to manage ABNJs. This support could be

in the form of capacity building and creation of awareness on issues of ABNJ.

d. Report of the Area Based Planning Tools Meeting (Annexed)

3. Implementation of SDG14 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in the Western Indian Ocean region

Brief Description of the meeting






This session was organized by the Nairobi Convention Secretariat in collaboration with Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), pursuant to *Decision CP8/1.2* that requested the Secretariat to take note of the Sustainable Development Goals, and incorporate the relevant outcomes into the new work programme for 2018-2022.

Summary of Outcomes

- a. Nairobi convention and partners to provide an enabling environment for the implementation of SDG14 through resource mobilization, technical and human capacity development at the national and regional level.
- b. Encourage experts in the WIO region to exchange best practices, lessons learnt and policy actions for example through the Science-Policy platform
- c. Increase communication and outreach between various governments departments e.g. the Foreign Affairs docket (that communicates with UN, New York on SDGs) and relevant ministries, departments and institutions in the implementation of SDG14.
- d. A summary of the implementation of SDG 14 of the 2030 development agenda in the WIO region included in the Area Based Planning Tools meeting Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOWUP:

1. Secretariat to conclude the Science-Policy operational terms of reference, composition of members and roles of different actors and institutions.
2. Submission of the Science to Policy forum and Area Based Planning Tools and Regional Cooperation in the Western Indian Ocean meeting reports to the Bureau of the Nairobi Convention for approval.
3. Create awareness of marine spatial planning through the planned GEF projects (WIOSAP and SAPPHIRE) implemented by the Nairobi Convention

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