GROUP A

(I) WHAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF AND PROPOSED ACTIONS IN RELATION TO ONGOING INITIATIVES BY DIFFERENT PARTNERS

- The initiatives should be in line with the Government policies and strategies. The partners should also try to influence the decisions taken by governments by motivating for key initiatives eg. Important Bird Area (IBA), EBSA, should be considered for additional protection
- Recognize the efforts made by various partners initiatives
- Ocean based Economy should be built on the principle of Sustainable Development
- Governments should take note of the initiatives undertaken in the Green Economy and how lessons should feed into the Blue economy concept

(II) WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF PARTNERS (NGO'S, PRIVATE SECTOR AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS) TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF WIO REGION?

- Key initiatives that enhance NGO's, Private Sector, multilateral organizations and Government collaborations
- Need to appreciate the knowledge and expertize amongst NGO's, private sector and multilateral organizations
- Support the building up of the relationship between biodiversity organizations, Climate Change and the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs)
- Strengthen the relationship (marriage) between government and NGOs, private sector and multilateral organizations
- There should be a communication strategy between government and other actors (to be developed by this partnership)

(III) FUNDING IS A MAJOR BARRIER FOR JOINT PROGRAMMING BETWEEN YOUR ORGANIZATIONS AND THE NAIROBI CONVENTION? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PURSUE THESE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR JOINT PROGRAMMING BETWEEN OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND THE NAIROBI CONVENTION? WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PURSUE THESE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Encourage the joint programming and use Nairobi convention as a platform
- Need for organizations under this partnerships to access funding streams like the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund (AF)
- Need to look at synergies and overlaps on the initiatives implemented by various partners

(IV) HOW ARE THE EXISTING AND NEW PARTNERSHIPS SUSTAINED BEYOND COP 8?

- There should be an expectation that these will be continued in intercessional periods
- At every COP there should be opportunities to renew partnerships
- Need to bring on board the Private Sector in the partnership
- Bring on Board the REC's eg. EAC, COMESA, SADC, ECOWAS, ECCA
- Need to bring on Board the National Fisheries Departments and RFMOs as part of the delegation in the COP
- WIO-SAP can be used to sustain partnerships