

## GROUP C

**NC VISION: Strengthening institutional/human capacity, increasing investments, knowledge generation, uptake of research results**

1. *What should governments take note of? Propose actions related to ongoing initiatives*

- Evolve a mechanism for more coordinated approaches in implementation of activities, implement projects with links to government commitments
- Initial pilot projects have been run, but geographic coverage is limited and governments should domesticate this process
- Use science to inform policy by accessing domestic and regional data sources at regional level to reform policies
- Take note of blue economy and adopt and build government capacity to cope with Blue Economy
- Nairobi Convention makes a small contribution but governments should take a pro-active approach action for marine and coastal resource management

2. *What are the needs of partners (NGOs, multilateral organisations, private sector orgs) to the governments of the WIO region?*

- Facilitate access to existing data that can be used to inform management actions to promote uptake of research results
- Need consistency, transparency between private sector and governments in relationships with governments
- Needs action, consistency, and commitment to joint agreements
- Consistency in approach and direction in joint plans and programmes, and relationships with individual organisations in contractual arrangements
- Frameworks needed which reward corporate sustainability/responsible investment in marine sector
- Joint funding / co-funding to increase the scope and impact of work to promote sustainability and ownership over projects

3. *Funding is a major barrier – what are the opportunities available for joint programming between your organizations and the Nairobi Convention?*

- Partners should come together with Secretariat of Nairobi Convention to conduct joint programming with clear roles and responsibilities for each partner

- Secretariat could act as endorser for programmes more consistent with the mandate of the BC and which are developed by partners to access outside funding sources
- Secretariat can define programmatic areas which partners can solicit funding for implementation

4. *How are the existing and new partnerships sustained beyond COP8?*

- Through joint activities, information dissemination/facilitating joint activities/ more robust cooperation between partners
- NC provides a platform for partners to meet regularly