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CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY

For reasons of economy and the environment, Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the Working and Information documents to the Meeting, and not to request additional copies.

UN Environment, in response to a request from Governments of the Wider Caribbean Region, established the Caribbean Environment Program (CEP) in 1981 as one of its Regional Seas Program. This was done in recognition of the importance and value of the Wider Caribbean Region ' s fragile and vulnerable coastal and marine ecosystems.

Countries of the region then adopted an Action Plan, also in 1981, that led to the development and adoption of the Cartagena Convention on 24 March 1983.

The Cartagena Convention is the first and only regionally binding treaty of its kind. It promotes the protection and development of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and provides the legal framework for the Caribbean Environment Program.

It is supported by three technical agreements or protocols on oil spills, specially protected areas and wildlife and land-based sources of marine pollution which were adopted in 1983, 1989 and 1999 respectively and which have all entered into force.

The Caribbean Regional Co-ordinating Unit (CAR/RCU) was established in 1986 in Kingston, Jamaica and our projects and activities take place under three program areas:

Assessment and Management of Environmental Pollution (AMEP)

Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW)

Communication, Education, Training and Awareness (CETA)

In 2015, the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) conducted an audit of the Caribbean Environment Program as presented in reference document (No.AA2015/220/03). The audit concluded with the recommendation to update the strategy for CEP to assure that program activities were aligned with strategic goals.

In March 2017 the contracting parties to the Cartagena Convention instructed the Secretariat to begin this updating process for a new strategy to the Cartagena Convention with the decision in reference document (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.39/INF.8).

The following questionnaire supports the preparatory process for the strategic directions of the Cartagena Convention.

What period of time should the upcoming strategy for the Caribbean Environmental Program cover?

1-3 years

3-5 years

5-10 years

Other (20 characters) |

The Strategy for the Development of the Caribbean Environmental Program (1990) mentions twelve principles :

- Mutual Technical Assistance**
- Strengthening the Environmental Policy and Legislative Framework**
- Encouraging Integrated Resource Management**
- Institutional Strengthening**
- Standardization of Approaches and Methodologies**
- Ensuring Public Participation**
- Encouraging Policy-Oriented Research**
- Exchange of Relevant Information**
- Human Resources Development**
- Increasing Technology Transfer**
- Attracting Adequate Financial Resources**
- Joint Management of Transboundary Resources**

that should have been incorporated to achieve the long-term goal of the Caribbean Environmental Program.

Do these principles need to be revised? If yes, do you have any preliminary ideas?

Does the Cartagena Convention need other legally binding protocols to meet future challenges?

Yes

No

Other (50 characters) |

If you chose 'other topic' in the question before, please name the topics that should be covered by an additional protocol. (300 characters)

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Are you a contracting party to the Oil Spill Protocol?

- Yes
- No

If not, what are your main challenges preventing your ratification?

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Does the Oil Spills Protocol cover the major areas of concern related to oil spills?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Are you a contracting party to the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol (SPA) ?

- Yes
- No

If not, what are your main challenges preventing your ratification?

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Does the SPAW Protocol cover the major areas of concern related to protection of coastal and marine biodiversity?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

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Are you a contracting party to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS Protocol)?

Yes

No

If no, what are your main challenges preventing your ratification?

Does the LBS Protocol cover the major areas of concern related to land-based sources of marine pollution?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Should the strategy address root causes of pollution and/or impacts on marine biodiversity that originate outside of the Convention Area?

- Yes
- No

Concerning the problem of unsustainable fishing, which fisheries mechanisms is your country a member of? (e.g. OSPESCA, CRFM)

Does the fisheries body or bodies that your State is a part of have mechanisms, policies, plans, etc. in place to address the issue of unsustainable fishing practices?

- Yes
- No

Do you consider the existing mechanism against unsustainable fishing sufficient?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

The Cartagena Convention has been ratified by 25 United Nations Member States in the Wider Caribbean Region. It covers the marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea and the areas of the Atlantic Ocean adjacent thereto, south of 30 north latitude and within 200 nautical miles of the Atlantic Coasts of the States. The resolution UNEP EA.2/Res. 10 "Oceans and Seas" in 2016 encourages the contracting parties to existing regional seas conventions to consider the possibility of increasing the regional coverage of those instruments in accordance with international law.

Should the Cartagena Convention expand its geographical scope towards areas beyond national restriction?

- yes
- no
- undecided

Should the Convention expand its legal geographical scope to cover other countries based on transboundary considerations? (e.g. Brazil)

- yes
- no
- undecided (150 characters) |

Are you familiar with the CLME+ SAP (Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems + Strategic Action Program)?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Do you believe that the CLME+ (Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems) supports the Cartagena Convention Secretariat?

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

Do you think that the Convention and its protocols should help countries achieve other related regional and global targets?

- Yes
- No

If yes, to what extent do you think the Convention is contributing to these?

- Significantly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

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Are you knowledgeable about the mechanisms endorsed in the CLME+ SAP by CLME+ countries for improved ocean management and governance?

(E.g. CLME+ SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism; Permanent Policy Coordination Mechanism for Improved Ocean Governance; Interim Coordination Mechanism for Sustainable Fisheries)

- Mostly
- Somewhat
- Not at all

How do you think governments which are parties to the Cartagena Convention should contribute more to the work of the Secretariat? Tick all that apply.

- provision of in-kind staff support and experts
- increase level of financial contributions
- hosting meetings and workshops
- additional option (255 characters) |

How can we improve the working relationship between the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention and the external partners (e.g. International Organizations, private Organizations and Enterprises, etc.)?

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Each protocol as well as each program contains its own monitoring mechanism, e.g. **SOMEE (State of the Marine Ecosystems and Associated Economies)**, **SOCAR (State of Convention Area Report)** or **State of Habitat**.

To increase their effectiveness and your ability to manage all reporting mechanisms sufficiently, we want you to name the mechanism that are in need of improvement.

(e.g. concerning reporting template, reporting frequency, reporting mechanism, periods of evaluation, setting of targets, etc.)



Does your State have a national awareness program for marine environmental issues?

yes

no

How can our CETA Program (Communication, Training and Awareness Program) assist in raising awareness about coastal and marine issues in your State? Please rank the following options.

	Mostly	Somewhat	Not at all
more frequent outreach using social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
more regular newsletters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
more dynamic website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public environmental competitions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
public environmental campaigns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
more frequent exchanges with focal points	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
organizing regular webinars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
participation in regional events and exhibitions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
increased number of press releases and news stories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
development of more video material	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased Interaction with media through interviews	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
more promotional material: facts sheets, infographics, brochures etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
other (100 characters)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Specific targeted messages for various audiences

To what extent should the Caribbean Environmental Program Strategy be informed by the ...? Please identify all possible agreements.

	Significantly	Partially	Not at all
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MARPOL Convention on Ship-Generated Wastes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
London Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UN Agenda 21	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Barbados Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Program of Action	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Johannesburg Plan of Implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
the target of the Green Economy as declared in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Samoa Outcome for Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Globald Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
United Nations Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2014	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Does your State need support for monitoring the national results of the SPAW, LBS and the Oil Spill Protocol and to report those results through the reporting template?

Yes

No

Partially (100 characters) |

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Can you suggest specific resource mobilization strategies/ approaches that the Secretariat should implement to ensure financial sustainability?

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Do you have any other comment left concerning the strategic process, this questionnaire or the Secretariat of the Cartagena Convention?

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Thank you for your participation!

We appreciate that you take the time to support the upcoming strategic process. All your input and recommendations will be considered for the upcoming strategic direction for the Cartagena Convention.