**Joint Indian Ocean Commission and Regional Seas Conventions Workshop on proposed Regional Action Plans on Marine Plastic Pollution**

*Online: 27 July 2023, 14:00 to 17:00 Mauritius time*

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**Programme and Goals Overview**

**1. Opening remarks**

Indian Ocean Commission and

Nairobi Convention on behalf of the Regional Seas Conventions

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

**3. Part I. Review of proposed regional action plans**

*Facilitated by the Indian Ocean Commission Secretariat*

1. Presentation of proposed action plans for the Western Indian Ocean / Nairobi Convention region and Atlantic Sub-Saharan Africa / Abidjan Convention region
2. Plenary Q&A
3. Panel discussion on key questions with Q&A and participant comments:
   1. The need for regional action plans (or similar instruments)
   2. Core elements of a regional action plan
   3. Links to the Plastics Treaty and other processes

*Goals*

* Increase shared understanding regarding regional action plans on marine plastics pollution
* Discuss the need for regional action plans on marine plastics pollution and their key elements
* Discuss links between regional action plans on marine plastics pollution and related processes

**4. Part II. Dialogues on opportunities for follow-up actions**

*Facilitated by the Nairobi Convention Secretariat*

1. Panel discussion (moderated)
   1. Needs and opportunities for alignment and coordination of initiatives
   2. Possible next steps
   3. Institutional and financial support for ongoing and follow-up actions
2. Q&A
3. Summary of outcomes including suggested follow-up actions by the Indian Ocean Commission and the Regional Seas Conventions

*Goals*

* Discuss and generate inputs for the ROGS regarding reduction of plastics pollution
* Relational: Build further trust for dialogue among key stakeholders and ROGS Task Force
* Process: Understand how this Technical Dialogue fits into the participatory ROGS development process

**5. Closing remarks.**

Nairobi Convention/ Regional Seas Conventions and Indian Ocean Commission

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**Workshop guidance note**

*Please read in advance in order to save meeting time*

1. **Zoom app:** It is recommended that you download the Zoom app to your computer in advance and use it for the meeting to ensure a high quality experience. Also, please try to ensure that you have a strong Internet connection in a setting that is free from distraction.

2. **Simultaneous Translation**: We will be working with simultaneous French/English translation. [Add a tech sentence about how people select their language channel.](Asha will ask the technicians to details)

3. **Label yourself upon starting the meeting:** In the top right hand corner of your video feed in Zoom, please click on the three dots […] and then on click on ‘rename’ in the dropdown menu. Please type your name (as you would like to be called), organization, and country.

4. **Video.** If possible, turn on your video. We love to see your faces and feel the interaction. This will enhance the quality of our dialogue experience.



5. **Mute.** Turn off your microphone unless you are speaking. Raise hand if you want to speak by clicking on the icon at the bottom of the screen.

6. **Technical issues**. Use the Text Chat for any technical support questions (e.g. no audio) and an Organizing Team member will try to help. Please use the Text Chat to describe any technical problem you may have..

7. **Shared, real-time documentation**: We will use a shared Word-style document to collect inputs from participants. Panellists will be able to see and respond to your comments and the comments will be part of our reporting. The link for the Shared Document will be shared during the sessions in the Text Chat. For each question that is asked of participants:

* Please type your name in front of your comment, which we request you to keep short and precise.
* Responses may be in French or English.

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**Provisional Programme**

| **Time** | **Session** |
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| 14:00 | **Informal Welcome**   * Participant Tech Check * Translation Orientation |
| 14:05 | **Opening remarks**   * Indian Ocean Commission * Nairobi Convention on behalf of the Regional Seas Conventions |
| 14:15 | **Adoption of agenda and goals** |
| 14:20 | **Review of proposed regional action plans**  Presentation by Kieran Kelleher, IOC Consultant  Draft Action Plans on Marine Plastic Pollution in the Atlantic Sub-Saharan Africa / Abidjan Convention region and in the Western Indian Ocean / Nairobi Convention region |
| 14:40 | **Moderated Q&A**  Please submit any questions you may have in the text chat |
| 14:55 | **Participant Inputs on Key Questions**  Please use our shared document to offer your perspectives on these key questions. Your clustered responses will be put to our panellists for further comment.   1. Is there a **clear need for the regional action plans**? Yes or no? 2. What are the **key actions** that can be taken at the regional level? 3. What are the **possible links between a regional action plan and other processes** such as the Plastics Treaty? 4. Are you likely to discuss the proposed action plan(s) with your institution following this workshop? Yes / No / Maybe |
| 15:10 | **Panel Responses to Participant Inputs**  Panellists will have the opportunity to reflect and elaborate on the participant inputs on the above questions. |
| 15:40 | **Any Additional Questions to Panelists**  Please submit any further questions you may have in the text chat |
| 15:50 | **Group Photo** |
| 15:55 | **Participant Inputs on Key Questions**  Please use our shared document to offer your perspectives on these key questions. Your clustered responses will be put to our panelists for further comment.   1. What **priority next steps** can we take to best align and coordinate regional initiatives on marine plastics pollution? 2. What kind of **institutional support** is required to move forward regional initiatives on marine plastics pollution? 3. What kind of **financial support** is required to move forward regional initiatives on marine plastics pollution? |
| 16:10 | **Panel Responses to Participant Inputs**  Panellists will have the opportunity to reflect and elaborate upon clustered inputs from participants on the above questions. |
| 16:40 | **Any Additional Questions to Panellists**  Please submit any further questions you may have in the text chat |
| 16:50 | **Summary and closing remarks**  Indian Ocean Commission and Regional Seas Conventions |
| 16:55 | **Participant Feedback** |
| 17:00 | **Closure** |