

12:30 – 13:00

Advocacy for strengthening environmental education for children in the african and indian ocean island states

Panelists: Yanga GCEYA- Expert in circular economy education

From the floor: Heads of delegation from Cape Verde, Madagascar, Seychelles

Moderator: Juliette JANIN- Officer in charge- IOC

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Demonstration of the circular economy by children

Coordinators: Yanga GCEYA- Expert in circular economy education and Mission Verte

14:00 – 14:30

High-level panel on the greening of ports

The feasibility of shore-side power supply in ports with a view to an energy transition

From the floor: Heads of delegation from Cape Verde, Mauritius, Seychelles

Moderator: Raj MOHABEER – Officer in charge IOC

14:30 – 15:30

Round table on financing the blue and circular economy in the african and indian ocean island states

Speakers:

- Agence Française de Développement
- World Bank
- African Union Commission
- Delegation of the European Union
- Global Youth Climate Network
- Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Moderator: Herland CERVEAUX- Directeur OceanHub Africa

15:30 – 16:00

Finalisation of ministerial declaration

16:00 – 17:30

Closing

Messages from the Heads of delegation

Messages from IOC Partners and Observer members

Presentation, reading, and adoption of the ministerial declaration by acclamation

Speaker: Pr. Vêlayoudom MARIMOUTOU, IOC Secretary General

Master of ceremonies: Gilles RIBOUET- COI

Acknowledgment speech and closing remarks

Speakers:

Representative of the Comorian Presidency of the African Union

Representative of the Mauritian Presidency of the IOC.

Master of ceremonies: Gilles RIBOUET-COI

Session opened to the press

17:30 – 18:30

Network pause

THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY OF THE AFRICAN AND INDIAN OCEAN DEVELOPING ISLAND STATES (AIODIS)

📍 Caudan Arts Center–Port Louis

▶ 21 September 2023



CONCEPT NOTE

▶ CONTEXTE

The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) is the only intergovernmental organisation of island states in Africa that promotes regional cooperation for sustainable development. It has adopted a Regional Action Plan on the Blue Economy (PAREB) for 2021.

The ministerial conference on the blue economy and climate action held in Moroni from 12 to 14 June last, adopted the Moroni Declaration, which "recognizes the role of regional organizations and institutions in bringing together African island and coastal states in collective actions, such as the IOC".

The AIODIS sub-component (African and Indian Ocean Developing Island States) of the SWIOFish2 project implemented by the IOC, is one of the regional federating initiatives that contributes to the implementation of the PAREB and supports the promotion of the circular economy by offering opportunities for south-south exchanges and better access to the expertise needed to formulate actions along these lines.

At the last high-level meeting under the project, held in Mauritius in December 2022, it was decided to hold a Ministerial Conference of the African and Indian Ocean Island States before the end of the project. It is in this context that the IOC General Secretariat is organizing the Ministerial Conference on 21 September 2023 in Mauritius.

The conference will deal with thematic areas that have been the subject of in-depth studies, followed by validation of their recommendations. The thematic areas are:

Circular economy through:

- ▶ Setting up **national and regional frameworks**
- ▶ Reducing **single-use plastics**
- ▶ Supporting **innovative entrepreneurship** by promoting intellectual property rights and innovation
- ▶ Promoting the **right to repair**
- ▶ Promoting the national and regional value chain for **tyre waste**.
- ▶ **Promoting the national and regional value chain for electrical and electronic waste**
- ▶ Environmental education for children
- ▶ Greening of ports.

▶ EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The ministerial conference will result in:

- ▶ A joint resolution setting out the countries' priorities for action and the concrete proposals requiring regional cooperation to promote the circular economy on the above-mentioned issues, and which will be used to develop partnerships and mobilise funding from the relevant bodies.
- ▶ A collective commitment to accelerate the promotion of the circular economy.
- ▶ Adoption of a Ministerial Declaration.

▶ AGENDA PROPOSAL

09:00 - 09:30 | Arrival of dignitaries

09:30 - 10:00 | Welcome address

Pr. Vêlayoudom MARIMOUTOU, Secretary-General of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Setting the scene

Presentation of the objective, format and expected outcomes of the ministerial conference.

Speaker: Raj MOHABEER, Officer in Charge- IOC

Master of ceremonies: Gilles RIBOUET- IOC

10:00 - 11:00 | High-level panel on the implementation of the regional action plan for the prevention, reduction and control of marine pollution

Panelists:

• Timothy ANDREW-Senior Programme Manager- Coordinator, SAPPHIRE Project- Nairobi Convention Secretary- UNEP

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

• Raj MOHABEER- Officer in Charge IOC- MASE Program Manager

From the floor: Heads of delegation of the Union of Comoros and Mauritius

Moderator: Anne REGLAIN- Marine pollution expert

11:00 - 11:30 | Group Photo and Networking Break

11:30 - 12:30 | High-level panel on the establishment of national and regional frameworks for the regional cooperation in the waste management and the promotion of the circular economy in the african and indian ocean island states

Panelists:

• Nassim OULMANE- Director a.i. Division of Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management- UNECA

• Manisha DOOKHONY, Economics and Market Reform Expert- AFRICA RISE

• Teddy SOOBRAMANIEN, CEO- COMESA Business Council

• Josielle RAFIDY, Managing Director - Economic Development Board of Madagascar

From the floor: Heads of delegation from the Union of Comoros, Seychelles, Madagascar, and Mauritius

Moderator: Toolseeram RAMJEAON, international expert in sustainable development