



EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CLME+ INTERIM COORDINATION MECHANISM

“ICM8”

held via teleconference, 21-22 September 2020

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Enhanced Governance Arrangements for the ICM

Decision 1.1. The ICM: (a) adopts the concepts of “**ICM Work Programme**” and “**ICM Work Plan**” as a means to enhance its conduct of business; (b) acknowledges that: 1. The **Work Programme** identifies and lists all matters to be considered for **strategic-level discussions and decision-making** by the ICM member representatives during any given Work Programme’s implementation period, and 2. The **Work Plan** identifies, plans, assigns responsibilities and timelines, and monitors progress with the implementation of collaborative **activities** of the ICM members and the Secretariat; and (c) adopts the formal use of Work Programmes and Work Plans in the furtherance of the ICM goal and objectives, and requests the Secretariat to support the processes leading to their development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

Decision 1.2. The ICM agrees to incorporate in the ICM Work Programme for September 2020 to March 2021 a total of 14 items, grouped in 5 main **thematic clusters** as follows:

- Cluster #1: items related to the governance of the ICM
- Cluster #2: items related to SAP implementation and tracking
- Cluster #3: items related to knowledge management, the regional data infrastructure and SOME reporting
- Cluster #4: items related to the continuity and sustainability of the CLME process
- Cluster #5: items related to communications, advocacy and branding

Decision 1.3. The ICM agrees to review and provide inputs, inter-sessionally, on a proposed **draft “full” version of the ICM Work Programme**, to be prepared by the Secretariat, with the aim of adopting it at its next regular meeting (ICM9).

Decision 1.4. The ICM: (a) considered and discussed the proposal of the Secretariat to establish an **ICM board or similar structure**; and (b) while recognising the importance of the creation of an executive group in the context of the forthcoming long-term mechanism, decided not to create new structures within the ICM at this stage.

Decision 1.5. In order to facilitate the successful implementation of the ICM September 2020 – March 2021 Work Programme, the ICM agrees to a **meeting schedule** consisting of two additional meetings: ICM9 (November 2020, dates to be confirmed) and ICM10 (first trimester of 2021, dates to be confirmed). The ICM also agrees to use a digital platform facilitating the **inter-sessional work** under the Work Programme.



Decision 1.6. The ICM agrees on a need for the ICM “**Rules & Procedures**” to be reviewed, revised and updated, and requests the Secretariat to: (a) document the need for such changes and (b) formally submit such proposed revisions to the ICM members, for consideration at ICM9.

Decision 1.7. The ICM: (a) acknowledges the Secretariat’s efforts to create a **dedicated ICM section on the CLME+ Hub** (clmeplus.org/regional-coordination-mechanisms/#ICM), for the purpose of providing permanent access to, amongst others, the ICM MOU, Rules & Procedures, Work Programme, Work Plan and Meeting Reports and Decisions documents; and (b) commits to review such documents when requested by the Secretariat and provide clearance for their publication on the CLME+ Hub ICM.

Decision 1.8. The ICM asks the Secretariat to liaise with the UN ECLAC on its behalf regarding their **possible adherence to the ICM**, and report back to the ICM on this matter at ICM9.

2. SAP Implementation

Decision 2.1. The ICM acknowledges and endorses the updated approach to **SAP Actions Progress Tracking and Progress Visualisation** currently being implemented through the CLME+ Hub:

Recommendation for Work Plan 2.1:

- set clear targets and timeline.

Decision 2.2. The ICM members: (a) reiterate their commitment to actively and regularly contribute to the updating of the information on **SAP progress implementation** status available through the CLME+ Hub, with individual ICM member responsibilities being aligned with each organisation’s own thematic and geographic scope of mandate, including through the provision of information on planned and effective contributions to SAP Strategies and Actions from projects or project components under their lead; and (b) request the Secretariat to support and actively contribute to this effort, in alignment with its mandate.

Decision 2.3. The ICM members reiterate their commitment to developing a **programmatic approach** consisting of well-coordinated projects and initiatives towards achieving the CLME+ SAP vision, through the incorporation of dedicated activities and targets in the ICM Work Plan.

Recommendations for Work Plan 2.3:

- secure password protection for soft pipeline project profiles on the Hub (restricted access, ICM members + possibly selected partners)
- CLME+ Secretariat to identify minimum info to be filled in the project profile template
- ICM members requested to create project profiles for their hard proposals (not password protected) and advised to also create project profiles for soft (password protected) pipelines



3. Knowledge Management, Regional Data Infrastructure and SOME Reporting

Decision 3.1. The ICM acknowledges the Secretariat’s efforts to facilitate knowledge management through **the CLME+ Hub**, and agrees to the inclusion of related activities in the ICM Work Plan.

Decision 3.2. The ICM: (a) takes note of the ongoing efforts of the ICM Secretariat to conduct a baseline analysis and proposal for a **consolidated oceans data infrastructure** for the region, in support of the CLME+ Vision and the successful implementation of the CLME+ SAP and ICM member Strategies and Action Plans; and (b) commits to engage in and support this important effort.

4. Continuity of the CLME+ Initiative / Coordination Mechanism (long-term)

Decision 4.1. The ICM acknowledges the verbal debriefing of the Secretariat relative to the progress obtained to date towards **creating the Coordination Mechanism (CM)**.

Decision 4.2. The ICM formally expresses its support for the **proposed step-wise approach** towards operationalising and consolidating the CM.

Decision 4.3. The ICM members commit to **review the draft Coordination Mechanism MOU** and other documents developed by the CM MOU drafting group including, where necessary, consulting with their legal departments with a view towards having specific feedback and positions that could be provided at the next PSC Meeting when the draft MOU is presented for discussion and possible adoption.

Recommendation for Work Plan 4.3.

- fine-tune the process for ICM members to provide feedback, in alignment with outcomes of last CM MOU Drafting Group meeting, whilst focusing initially on their organisation’s institutional review of the draft Coordination Mechanism MoU

5. Advocacy and Awareness Raising

Decision 5.1. The ICM members agree, where feasible and for the purpose of promoting and raising the awareness about the ICM, to use **ICM-related branding tools** in communications related to their activities in support of the ICM Work Programme and Work Plan, and request the Secretariat to develop the related guidelines for further discussion and consideration by the ICM, and for possible adoption at ICM9.

Decision 5.2. The ICM members acknowledge: (a) the different initiatives and instruments presented at ICM8 and listed in the document **“Initiatives and Pipeline Projects”**; (b) their linkages to and relevance for the achievement of the CLME+ Vision and related regional SAP/Action Plan objectives; (c) the associated potential and/or needs for synergies and collaboration.

Decision 5.3. The ICM members commit to continue raising awareness on these initiatives and instruments, both within their organisations and among their constituents, as well as across their wider-ranging networks.