NINTH MEETING OF THE CLME+ INTERIM COORDINATION MECHANISM

"ICM9"

held via teleconference, 1-2 December, 2020

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Cluster 1: ICM Governance

Agenda Item 2:   SAP ICM sustainability, rules & procedures/terms of reference, and membership

The ICM adopts the revised ICM Rules & Procedures, now rebranded as ICM Terms of Reference and contained in document "ICM9D1.1. ICM Terms of Reference"

Agenda Items 3: SAP ICM Work Programme

The ICM acknowledges the Secretariat's work on the draft ICM Work Programme and Work Plan and associated progress monitoring tools.

The ICM (a) approves the expansion of the current Work Programme & Plan timeline, to cover a period of 1 year, from September 2020 to August 2021; (b) approves a total of 5 regular ICM meetings during this period; and (c) agrees to consider the week of 15 February 2021 for the next ICM meeting (ICM10).

The ICM adopts the content of the ICM Work Programme as currently contained in document ICM Sep20-Aug21 Work Programme & Plan & Meetings (tab: "Work Programme Overview"), with the understanding that the Work Programme is a living document and that further modifications may be introduced by the ICM throughout its implementation period.

The ICM adopts the ICM Work Plan content as contained in document ICM Sep20-Aug21 Work Programme & Plan & Meetings, and agrees to periodically revise and update the plan, as desired or deemed necessary, throughout its implementation period.

The ICM (a) acknowledges the debriefing by the Secretariat on the prospective ICM membership of UN ECLAC and UNDP; (b) requests the Secretariat to issue a formal invitation on behalf of the ICM to UNDP and UN ECLAC, to consider submitting an Expression of Interest for ICM membership; and (c) to debrief the ICM on further progress at ICM10
QQQ11.

Cluster 2: CLME+ Vision: SAP implementation planning & progress tracking

Agenda Item 4: SAP implementation planning & progress tracking (incl. sustainability) + towards next SAP iteration

The ICM acknowledges the work undertaken by the Secretariat to facilitate the creation and updating of SAP Actions Progress Records, as well as the Project and Pipeline Project Profiles, and to visualize and query related information, progress and statistics through the online CLME+ Hub ([SAP Portal](#) and [Projects Database](#)).

The ICM (a) endorses the SAP M&E Sustainability Strategy as described in the document "[ICM9_Cluster2_SAP_MnE](#)", and (b) agrees to further fine tune/consolidate the Strategy by either ICM11 or 12.

The ICM requests the Secretariat to collaborate with ICM member organisations in the development of profiles on the CLME+ Hub and in the update of SAP implementation status progress.

Agenda Item 5: Programmatic approach: new project proposals, complementarities & synergies

The ICM members (a) acknowledge the existence of several ongoing and planned efforts by multiple parties to leverage financial/donor resources to advance priority actions under the CLME+ SAP and/or complementary/additional regional priorities including "blue" post-covid recovery, sargassum and plastics; and (b) commit to, with the assistance of the Secretariat, further complete and update the inventory contained in document "[ICM Programmatic Approach towards CLME+ Vision/SAP implementation](#)" with a view of facilitating activities under the ICM Work Plan that will support enhanced coordination, collaboration, synergies and complementaries among these different initiatives and objectives.

Cluster 3: Knowledge Management, Regional Data Infrastructure and SOMEE Reporting

Agenda Item 6: "Building the Marine (Spatial) Data Infrastructure for the Wider Caribbean" Consultancy

The ICM (a) acknowledges the objective and value to the ICM, its Members and their Constituencies of the proposed CLME+ Project consultancy "*Building the Marine (Spatial) Data Infrastructure for Healthy Seas and Ocean-Based Sustainable Development ("Blue Economies") in the Wider Caribbean: Baseline and SWOT Analysis, and Development of a Blueprint*", and (b) commits to actively support its execution.

Agenda Item 7: (sustainability of) key ICM KM tools: CLME+ Hub, SOMEE and CLME+ Marine Training Portal

The ICM notes that the CLME+ Hub seeks to build upon existing knowledge platforms that have already been developed by ICM member organizations.

The ICM agrees (a) to adopt the CLME+ HUB as the ICM's collaborative online knowledge management platform; and (b) to ensure that, to the best possible extent, its further development and consolidation as a regional platform of reference is duly considered in any (new) programme, project or activity in which they may be involved.

The ICM members acknowledge the debriefing by the Secretariat on the advances with the development of the first prototype (partial) SOMEE report.

The ICM supports the Secretariat's proposal to use the "Response" sections under the SOMEE report to describe both existing responses as well as response gaps, and recommend additional action.

The ICM (a) endorses the CLME+ SOMEE and CLME+ Hub Sustainability Strategy as described in the document "ICM9_Cluster3_HUB and SOMEE", and (b) agrees to further fine tune the Strategy by either ICM11 or 12.

The ICM welcomes and acknowledges the work of IOCARIBE towards the creation of the CLME+ Marine Training and Capacity Development Portal, as well as its value and potential as a collaborative platform enabling the exchange of information on marine training, and endorses the associated Sustainability Plan.

Cluster 4: Continuity of the CLME+ Initiative: PROCARIBE and PROCARIBE+

Agenda Item 8: The "PROCARIBE" long-term Ocean Governance Coordination Mechanism: debriefing by ICM members on MOU clearance + next steps + proposed naming

The ICM endorses the Secretariat's proposal to brand the long-term ocean coordination mechanism as the Partnership for Regional integrated Ocean Governance in the wider Caribbean ("PROCARIBE"/"the PROCARIBE Coordination Mechanism"), and requests the Secretariat to formally present this proposal to the CLME+ Project Steering Committee for their consideration.

Agenda Item 9: Towards successful submission of the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PIF as the key financing mechanism for the (I)CM(s). Role of ICM members. PIF co-financing and interim ICM financing options

The ICM (a) supports the request for renewed GEF funding, through a new UNDP/GEF Project, in particular to facilitate the operationalization and functioning of the proposed "PROCARIBE" Oceans Coordination Mechanism and to give continuity to the cyclical, knowledge-based TDA/SAP approach through PROCARIBE, SOMEE and the CLME+/PROCARIBE Hub, and (b) ICM members commit to provide further support towards successful submission of the concept note to the GEF Secretariat by March 2021.

Cluster 5: Communications, Advocacy and Branding

Agenda Item 10: ICM Branding Guidelines

The ICM welcomes and acknowledges the value and usefulness of the Branding Guidelines prepared by the Secretariat.

The ICM requests the Secretariat to include an introductory chapeau into the Branding Guidelines, recognising that the Guidelines are It is agreed that these Branding Guidelines are voluntary in nature, and that ICM Members and Secretariat will apply them whenever possible, taking into account the organizations' own branding policies and requirements, and ensuring that the application of these Guidelines remains fully compatible with such policies and requirements.; (b) the revised Branding Guidelines will be shared via email with the ICM by 4 December, with no objections submitted by 18 December 2020 to the Secretariat.

The ICM members (a) commit to inform the ICM of any new initiatives, instruments and emerging/priority issues that are of relevance to the ICM's mandate and objectives and those of its members; and (b) requests the Secretariat to facilitate the related knowledge sharing.

Remaining Matters

The ICM Members (a) acknowledge the importance of post COVID-19 recovery to their Member States; and (b) seek to determine how they can work more closely to support their Member States towards economic recovery in a post COVID-19 environment.

The ICM agrees to undertake short focused meetings on specific issues articulated either under the ICM's work programme or work plan, in advance of ICM Meetings where necessary, in an attempt to define recommendations for consideration at ICM meetings.