



ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE CLME+ INTERIM COORDINATION MECHANISM

“ICM11”

held via teleconference on 15, 16 and 29 June, 2021

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Cluster 1: ICM Governance

Agenda item 2: Status of ICM Work Programme and Work Plan implementation

The ICM:

- (a) Approves the updated [ICM Work Programme and ICM Work Plan](#) as shared intersessionally with ICM members and takes note of current status of implementation.
- (b) Requests the Secretariat to further update the ICM Work Programme and Work Plan in line with the decisions and recommendations emanating from ICM11 for the agreement of ICM members during the intersessional period.

Agenda Item 3: Post-project ICM sustainability

ICM MoU addendum

The ICM:

Re-affirms the commitment of **all** ICM Members to continue participating in the CLME+ ICM as outlined under decision [4a Post-project ICM sustainability](#) of ICM 10.

Acknowledges the comments sent by several ICM members on the draft addendum of the ICM MoU, as presented in the document “[Comments Received on draft Addendum to the ICM MoU](#)”.

Urges ICM members that have not done so yet, to submit their comments to the Secretariat, following review of the Addendum by their legal departments, no later than 16 July 2021; and agrees that Members which have not provided any comments to the ICM Secretariat by 16 July 2021 are in support of the draft Addendum.



Commits to having the Addendum signed for entry into force by 30 September 2021 to enable the continuity of the ICM beyond the CLME+ Project end date.

Role of the Secretariat after the end of the CLME+ Project

Endorses the content of the document titled “[Proposed Minimum Functions of an interim Secretariat to the ICM](#)” shared by the Secretariat.

Requests that the ICM Secretariat provides the ICM with information on the resources required to execute the proposed minimum functions of the interim secretariat.

Invites Members interested in fulfilling the role of interim Secretariat to submit their organisations expressions of interest no later than 16 July 2021.

Need for translation and interpretation into Spanish

Acknowledges the importance of using both English and Spanish when required or deemed beneficial for the full and meaningful participation of all ICM members during its meetings. It further notes paragraph 7 of the [ICM Terms of References](#) in relation to the working languages of the ICM.

Requests that the ICM Secretariat make arrangements to convene the ICM 12 Meeting in both English and Spanish and that the meeting materials for ICM 12 be made available in both English and Spanish where possible.

Acknowledges that alternative arrangements may need to be sought to cover possible associated costs of having ICM meetings in both English and Spanish once the CLME+ Project has ended.

Agenda Item 4: Selection of new ICM Chair and Vice-Chair

The ICM:

Noting that Articles 10 and 11 of the ICM [Terms of References](#) state that the ICM Chair and Vice Chair shall hold their position for a period of 2 years while simultaneously taking into account the current circumstances, decides to adopt at interim a rotational system where a Chair and Vice Chair will be elected every six months, starting after ICM-12.



Decides to extend the ICM Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of IOC of UNESCO and UNEP CEP, respectively, until the end of the ICM-12 Meeting with a view to provide continuity to the implementation of the current ICM Work Programme and Work Plan.

Date of ICM-12

Agrees to convene the 12th meeting of the ICM (ICM12) in August 2021, prior to the end of the current ICM Work Program and Work Plan and requests the Secretariat to coordinate its organization.

Cluster 4: Continuity of the CLME+ Initiative

Agenda Item 5: Coordination Mechanism (CM) draft MOU

Confirms the commitment of all ICM Members to become a part of the Coordination Mechanism.

Notes the Decision of the Final Regular (February 2021) CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting to convene a Special Meeting of the CLME+ Project Steering Committee before the end of June 2021 with the aim of achieving finalization and opening for signature of the Coordination Mechanism Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Acknowledges that States, Territories and Inter-governmental organisations listed in Annex I to the Coordination Mechanism MoU were encouraged to submit the document to their legal departments for review to allow for its finalization and subsequent opening for signature.

Further notes that several ICM Members have not yet completed the review process for clearance of the MoU and recommends that the Special Meeting of the CLME+ Project Steering Committee be postponed to a later date, but prior to the end of the CLME+ Project.

Acknowledges the importance and urgency for ICM members to obtain feedback and clearance on the Coordination Mechanism MoU to enable its finalization and opening for signature and requests all ICM members to work urgently and diligently towards achieving this aim.

Requests ICM Members to urgently finalize their internal processes for successful clearance of the draft MoU and send any comments to the Secretariat no later than 31 July, 2021.

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

Agenda Item 6: Post COVID-19 recovery



The ICM:

- (a) Acknowledges the efforts of the Secretariat to develop a draft paper titled [“Recommendations for a Sustainable and Equitable Ocean Economic Recovery and Improved Resilience in a Post COVID-19 Environment in the CLME+ region”](#) based on the outcomes of discussions held among ICM members during ICM-9 and ICM-10;
- (b) Invites ICM Members to send any feedback on the draft paper by 31 July 2021 and requests the Secretariat to integrate the comments received into a new version and for the ICM to subsequently consider its adoption as a "Joint Position Paper of the ICM Membership" at ICM-12.
- (c) Requests the Secretariat to confirm and inform the ICM whether financial resources would be available for graphical design and layout.
- (d) Commits to collectively pursue its widespread dissemination through each ICM member's networks.

Agenda Item 7: Any Other Business

The ICM:

PROCARIBE+

Congratulates partner countries, ICM Members, UNDP, and the CLME+ PCU, for the successful approval of the USD 17,2M PROCARIBE+ Concept Note (PIF) at the GEF June 2021 Council Meeting.

Acknowledges the achievement of having received 16 country endorsement letters and close to 130 Million USD in indicative co-financing for the proposed project, including indicative co-financing support from non-GEF eligible countries, the Netherlands and the USA, and from several ICM members.

Notes the fact that: (a) several GEF eligible countries that are constituents to the ICM member IGO's have not (yet) provided a GEF Operational Focal Point Endorsement Letter; (b) the absence of these endorsement letters have been questioned by the GEF Secretariat in light of the wide-spread political endorsement of the CLME+ SAP; (c) it remains relevant and meaningful to also have France and the UK becoming part of the proposed project.



Reiterates its commitment to continue liaising with respective Member States, in an effort to secure the submission of the missing GEF OFP endorsement letters from GEF Eligible countries, as well as the participation of France and the UK in the proposed PROCARIBE+ Project.

Commits to actively engage with UNDP and the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit and with their constituents during the project preparation phase (PPG) and to support efforts towards a swift initiation of the new project, to ensure continuity in SAP implementation efforts.

Notes the comments received by the UNDP Pre-Investment Screening Committee and the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) on the PROCARIBE+ Concept Note on the importance of working collaboratively with other GEF-funded projects in the region for the development and implementation of the PROCARIBE+ Project Document and invites ICM members to share with the PROCARIBE+ PPG Team relevant studies developed for other initiatives with a view to ensure complementarity between initiatives and reduce duplication of efforts.

The ICM acknowledges the approaching end of the term of Ms. Laverne Walker with the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit/ICM Secretariat and expresses its sincere gratitude for the outstanding support provided to the ICM and the region by Ms. Walker during her tenure, while conveying its very best wishes for her future endeavours.