



TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CLME+ INTERIM COORDINATION MECHANISM

“ICM12”

held via teleconference on 7-8 September, 2021

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY: MAJOR CALLS FOR ACTION

<u>ACTION POINT</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ICM members provide inputs on draft ICM12 Decisions	17 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> ICM Members provide a final quality check to the Post COVID-19 Recovery Briefing Paper	17 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> ICM12 Decisions revised (as applicable) & adopted	22 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> *ICM MoU Addendum signed by all ICM Members	30 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> updated ICM member contact info provided to Secretariat	30 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> *all ICM members send feedback from CM MOU (legal) review to Secretariat	30 September 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> *Secretariat to arrange for collective and/or bilateral consultations with IGO's (incl. Their Legal Divisions) on outstanding CM MOU issues	prior to 11-12 Oct CLME+ PSC Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> election of new Chair and Vice-Chair concluded	31 October 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> new ICM Work Programme and Plan adopted	31 October 2021
<input type="checkbox"/> ICM Members help secure nominations for PROCARIBE+ PPG process	as soon as possible
<input type="checkbox"/> ICM Members help secure missing PROCARIBE+ GEF OFP letters	as soon as possible

*** = critical action/deadline**



Cluster 1: ICM Governance

Agenda item 2: Post-project sustainability of CLME+ achievements

ICM MoU addendum

The ICM:

1. Welcomes the signature from the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of the ICM MoU Addendum and looks forward to formally initiating collaboration with ECLAC as an ICM member.
2. Calls upon all ICM Members that have not yet signed the [ICM MoU Addendum](#) to **urgently proceed with the signature**, in order to **(a)** formalize as soon as possible ECLAC's membership and **(b)** provide the certainty, well in advance of the final CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting and by the **very latest 30 September 2021**, that the ICM will continue past the life of the CLME+ Project and to ensure that the ICM Secretariat can act as the custodian of the OCM MoU as [currently stated in the draft OCM MoU](#).
3. Requests **(a)** all ICM Members to provide the Secretariat, **by 30 September 2021**, with their updated contact information for the purposes specified under [Article IV of the ICM MOU Addendum](#); **(b)** the Secretariat to keep a record of this information available to the ICM Membership on the [dedicated ICM Section of the CLME+ Hub](#).

Election of interim ICM Secretariat, Chair and Co-Chair

The ICM:

4. **(a)** acknowledges and accepts by consensus the offer of the IOCARIBE of the IOC of UNESCO and the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit (PPG CU) to jointly serve, ad interim, as the ICM Secretariat, starting on 1 November 2021 and until the end of the PROCARIBE+ PPG Phase; **(b)** acknowledges the specific mandate and temporal nature of the PPG CU and agrees that, should the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit anticipate at any point that it will no longer be in conditions to provide such support, the ICM will seek to identify and agree as early as possible on an alternative arrangement to ensure the continued existence and functioning of an ICM Secretariat.



5. **(a)** agrees to an extension of the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship currently exercised by respectively the IOC/ARIBO of the IOC of UNESCO and UNEP CEP until 31 October 2021; **(b)** recalling [Decision ICM11D1.12](#) to adopt an interim rotational system for the election of the ICM Chair and Vice-Chair, commits to pursue the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair by 31 October 2021.

Sustainability Strategies

The ICM:

6. taking note of **(a)** the technical endorsement of the draft Coordination Mechanism MOU text at the February 2021 final Regular CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting and **(b)** the approval of the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PIF at the June 2021 GEF Council Meeting, endorses the Sustainability Strategies/Plans relative to the ICM, SAP M&E, SOMEE and the CLME+ HUB, as specified in the document “[Agenda Item 2.2: Ensuring the Sustainability of CLME+ & ICM achievements: CLME+ ICM, SAP M&E, SOMEE and Hub](#)” and requests its Membership and the Secretariat to support, to the best possible extent, the implementation of the aforementioned Strategies/Plans.

Agenda item 3. ICM Work Programme and Work Plan

The ICM:

1. Takes note of the evaluation of the ICM Work Programme and Work Plan as described in the document “[Agenda Item 3.1: ICM Work Programme and Work Plan: Monitoring and Evaluation](#)”.
2. Agrees **(a)** to an extension of the duration of the current ICM Work Programme and Work Plan until 31 October 2021, and **(b)** to make the initiation of the period covered by the new ICM Work Programme and Plan coincide with the initiation of the terms of the new ICM Secretariat, Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. **(a)** acknowledges that tasks and activities to be included in the new Work Programme and Plan will need to be conditioned by the capacity of and the resources available to the new Interim ICM Secretariat; **(b)** further acknowledges to this effect the specific and limited mandate of the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit, the latter being a core constituent of the new interim Secretariat; **(c)** hence requests the new Interim Secretariat



to draft a (basic) new, post-ICM12 Work Programme and Plan compatible with such mandate, for review/inputs/revision and **inter-sessional** adoption by the ICM

4. Acknowledging the technical clearance of the draft ocean coordination mechanism MOU at the February 2021 final Regular CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting:
 - (a) considering the inclusion in the aforementioned [draft MOU under its Article 35](#) of a reference to the ICM Secretariat as the (interim) custodian for the ocean coordination mechanism MOU (once adopted) and of the signatures thereto, agrees to formalize this function of the ICM Secretariat through its inclusion in the update of the current (as applicable) as well as in the new ICM Work Plan;
 - (b) considering the inclusion in the aforementioned [draft MOU under its Article 40](#) of the expectation that once the MOU commences, Signatories that are also Signatories to the ICM MOU and/or its Addendum will discontinue their cooperation under the latter, agrees to incorporate the related requirements stipulated under [Article XV of the ICM MOU](#) in the new ICM Work Programme.
5. Endorses the preliminary draft proposal for new Work Programme/Plan content stipulated in slide 3 of the document "[Agenda Item 3.2. New ICM Work Programme and Work Plan \(post-ICM12\)](#)" presented to the ICM Membership at ICM12.

Cluster 4: Continuity of the CLME+ Initiative

Agenda Item 4: CM draft MOU, and further related ICM actions

The ICM:

1. (a) recognizes the important efforts undertaken by several ICM members and ICM observers/ prospective coordination mechanism members in response to [Decision ICM11D4.6](#) in which ICM Members were requested to urgently finalize their internal processes for successful (legal) clearance of the draft ocean coordination mechanism MoU by 31 July 2021; (b) highlights the critical importance of ensuring due participation of States and Territories in the (legal) review and clearance process.
2. recalling also the preceding ICM Decisions [ICM8D4.3](#), [ICM10D4.8](#), [ICM11D4.4](#), noting that not all ICM Members have been able to conclude the process called for under [Decision ICM11D4.6](#); and **understanding the critical importance of an urgent conclusion of this process to enable the finalization and opening for signatures of**



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the coordination mechanism MOU at the Special and Final CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting as called for under the [February 2021 CLME+ Project Steering Committee \(PSC\) Meeting Decision 6](#);

- a. requests that the Secretariat provides all ICM Members and Observers, as soon as possible, with an overview of all comments received to date from the IGO's, together with an overview of the responses provided/solutions suggested by the Secretariat
 - b. requests the Secretariat to work out and propose, as soon as possible, adequate bilateral and/or collective arrangements among the Secretariat and the IGO's, as deemed most appropriate for the solution of any outstanding matters relative to the review and clearance of the coordination mechanism MoU by the ICM Members and Observers
 - c. requests that ICM Members who have not yet finalized their internal review do so urgently and no later than 30 September 2021;
 - d. reminds its Members and Observers that the current **draft text of the MoU was technically cleared** by the CLME+ PSC Meeting (PSCM, February 2021), and that the **intent and focus of the current final review**, as requested by the PSCM through Decision 5, should be **for States, Territories and Inter-governmental organisations to verify that the MoU as drafted will suffice to allow the Coordination Mechanism and its Secretariat to operate efficiently and effectively** (noting in particular the omission of text on the legal personality of the Coordination Mechanism)
 - e. further encourages ICM Members to liaise with their constituents in an effort to **(a) mitigate the remaining concerns relative to the coordination mechanism that may have been conveyed by some States and/or Territories to the Secretariats of ICM Member IGO's (e.g. by making explicit reference to the decision-making power that States and Territories will be granted through the coordination mechanism MoU, by means of the coordination mechanisms' Steering Group), and to (b) ensure that the outcomes from any pending (legal) reviews are communicated to the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit, either directly or by means of the good offices of the ICM Member IGO Secretariats, as soon as possible and well in advance of the special CLME+ PSC Meeting.**
3. takes note of **(a)** the responses provided by the CLME+ PCU/ICM Secretariat to the requests for clarifications from the Legal Division of UN ECLAC; **(b)** the request formulated by the Legal Divisions of both UN ECLAC and UNDP to include a general provision on privileges and immunities in the coordination mechanism MoU text, and **(c)** the additional requests and suggestions formulated by the Legal Division of UNDP, as reported in ICM12 document "[Agenda Item4 - Summary of Comments on the CM MOU](#)"





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

Agenda Item 5: Post COVID-19 recovery

The ICM:

1. **(a)** Endorses the briefing paper “[Recommendations for a Sustainable and Equitable Ocean Economic Recovery and Improved Resilience in a Post COVID-19 Environment in the CLME+ region](#)”; and **(b)** agrees to disseminate the paper widely with its constituents and through its communication channels.
2. Requests the Secretariat to send the briefing paper to ICM Members and Observers for a final quality check to be concluded by 17 September 2021.
3. Requests the Secretariat to complete the graphic design and translation of the paper into Spanish prior to the conclusion of the CLME+ Project.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

PROCARIBE+

The ICM:

1. recalls the region-wide scope and critical importance for the objectives of the ICM and the forthcoming ocean coordination mechanism of key PROCARIBE+ outputs proposed in the UNDP/GEF Project Concept Note (PIF)
2. takes note of:

(a) the request issued by the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit on 12 August 2021 for **nominations of representatives from ICM Member Organizations and from the States and Territories from the region for participation in the PROCARIBE+ PPG Development Committee and Thematic Groupings;**

(b) the importance of the participation by ICM Members in 1- the PROCARIBE+ PPG Development Committee, along with participating countries and other organizations (as applicable); and 2 - in Thematic Groupings, as per the list presented in the [nomination form](#);



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(c) the status of nominations received to date, as summarized in the document: “[Status of PROCARIBE+ PIF endorsement letters and indicative co-financing, and nominations for the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PPG Phase](#)” and the fact that many of the representatives nominated by States and Territories to date for the Thematic Groupings come from the same Ministry and are unlikely to be able to provide guidance on the wide-ranging technical aspects to be covered under the PROCARIBE+ Prodoc.

3. requests ICM Members, in light of the above, to **(a) send as soon as possible the names of their representatives, as applicable, to the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit**; and to **(b) liaise with their constituents in an effort to ensure, to the extent possible, meaningful participation of all States and Territories from the region in the PROCARIBE+ PPG phase.**
4. **(a)** acknowledges the PROCARIBE+ PIF GEF OFP endorsement letters received from Haiti and Venezuela and welcomes the participation of both countries in the PROCARIBE+ PPG phase; **(b)** notes that to date GEF OFP letters from a total of 18 GEF-eligible countries have been received for the PROCARIBE+ PIF.
5. Recalls, for continued action by the ICM members, [Decision ICM11D6.4](#) in which the ICM membership reiterated its commitment to liaise with countries from (and with territories in) the region, 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.

OSPESCA

The ICM acknowledges the approaching end of the term of Mr. Reinaldo Morales as Regional Director of OSPESCA and expresses its sincere gratitude for the outstanding leadership exercised and the support provided to the region and to the ICM by Mr. Morales during his tenure, while conveying its very best wishes for his future endeavours. The ICM takes note of the forthcoming tenure of Mr. Jose Infante as the newly appointed OSPESCA Regional Director and looks forward to welcoming Mr. Infante to the ICM, in due time.

