

THIRD IORA BLUE ECONOMY CORE GROUP WORKSHOP

ON

“ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND THE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION”

DATE: 10 – 11 APRIL 2017

Venue: Le Meridien Ile Maurice Hotel, Mauritius

Draft Agenda

Arrival of delegates and Welcome dinner on 09 April 2017

DAY 1 – 10 April 2017

0830 – 0900 Arrival and Registration of Participants

0900 – 0945 **Inauguration**

- Welcome remarks by:
 - **Professor Narnia Bohler-Muller**, Executive Director, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) (5 minutes)
- Remarks by:
 - **Ambassador Mr K. V. Bhagirath**, Secretary General of IORA (5 minutes)
- Remarks by:
 - **H.E Mr Rachmat Budiman**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia
- Keynote address and inauguration by:
 - **The Hon. Mr Premdutt Koonjoo**, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands, Mauritius

0945 - 1010 **GROUP PHOTO followed by COFFEE BREAK**

1010 - 1015 Outline of Arrangements and Adoption of Agenda by IORA Secretariat

1015 - 1200 **Session 1: Environmental sustainability and the Blue Economy: Opportunities, challenges and best practices of IORA Member States**

Chaired by:

Professor Kenneth Findlay, Research Chair, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa

Speakers (15 minutes per presentation):

- 1. Mr Benyamin Carnadi**
Director of Intra and Inter-regional Cooperation of Asia, Pacific and Africa
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Indonesia
- 2. Cdr Ahmad Al Karim, BN**
Director
Maritime Affairs Unit
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka
Bangladesh
- 3. Dr Athula Senaratne**
Research Fellow
Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka
- 4. Ms Fatima Ghuloum Ahmed Kokhardi**
Biologist
Ministry of Climate Change and Environment
United Arab Emirates

Open Discussion (45 minutes)

Session 2: Environmental disaster risk management and early warning systems

Chaired by: Mr Benyamin Carnadi, Director of Intra and Inter-regional Cooperation of Asia, Pacific and Africa
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

Speakers (15 minutes per presentation):

1. **Mr Harrison C. Chinyuka**
National One Health and Humanitarian Coordinator
Prime Minister's Office
Tanzania
2. **Mdm Cheryl Rita Kaur**
Head of Centre for Coastal and Marine Environment
Maritime Institute of Malaysia.
Malaysia
3. **Mr Khalifa Saleem Al Sedeeri**
Head of Numerical Forecasts Department
Public Authority for Civil Aviation
Oman
4. **Mr Junji Gomakubo**
Chargé d'Affaires
Embassy of Japan in Mauritius

Open Discussion (30 minutes)**Session 3: Contribution of climate change to environmental vulnerability of SIDS in the Indian Ocean rim region****Chaired by:**

Mr Jonathan Hodge, Research Team Leader, CSIRO Oceans & Atmosphere, Australia

Speakers (15 minutes per presentation):

1. **Mr Theodore Marguerite**
Climate Change Department
Seychelles
2. **Mr Andriantsilavo Jean Michel RABARY**
Ocean State Secretariat, Government of Madagascar
Director of Ocean Development in the Blue Economy
Madagascar
3. **Ms Alicia N'guetta**
Vice-presidency in Charge of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Land
Management
Comoros
4. **Mr Jogeewar Seewoobaduth**
Division Environment Officer
Climate Change Division
Mauritius
5. **Mr David K. Rono**
Deputy Director of Policy
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
Kenya

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Session 4: Promoting collaborative research and development for sustainable development of the Blue Economy**Chaired by:****Mr Sanjay Panda**, Joint Secretary (IOR), Ministry of External Affairs, India**Speakers (15 minutes per presentation):**

- 1. Dr Patrice Talla Takoukam**
Representative of Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles Office
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- 2. Professor Kenneth Findlay**
Research Chair
Cape Peninsula University of Technology
South Africa
- 3. Professor Nour Kaafi, Mipis, Ipiis**
The chancellor of Somali Institute of Strategy, Security and Diplomacy (The SIRAD Institute)
Mogadishu, Somalia
- 4. Mr Ammar Nasser Abdullah Al- Aulaqi**
Head of Environment Division
Ministry of Water and Environment
Yemen
- 5. Mr Jonathan Hodge**
Research Team Leader
CSIRO Oceans & Atmosphere
Australia
- 6. Professor V. N. Attri**
Chair in Indian Ocean Studies
University of Mauritius

Open Discussion (30 minutes)**DAY 2 – 11 April 2017**

0930 – 1100

Session 5: Working Session on consolidation of outcomes of the Blue Economy Core Group Workshops - the wayforward**Co-Chaired by**

- Professor Narnia Bohler-Muller, Executive Director, Human Sciences Research Council
- IORA Secretariat

Open Discussion

1100 - 1115

COFFEE BREAK

1115 - 1300

Session 6: Towards the Second IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference, 09-10 May 2017, Jakarta, Indonesia: Views and Expectation**Chaired by:** Indonesia / IORA Secretariat**Open Discussion**

1300- 1400

LUNCH

1400 – 1500

Session 7: Identification of potential projects of collaboration in developing the Blue Economy in the IOR**Co-Chaired by:**

- South Africa
- IORA Secretariat

Open Discussion

1500 – 1515

Closing

Remarks by:

- **IORA Secretariat**

Closing Statement by: **Professor Narnia Bohler-Muller**, Executive Director, Human Sciences Research Council