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African Centre for Capacity Development in Ocean Governance Evolution and Current Status



AfriCOG originally arose from the Regional Capacity Development Assessment undertaken by the GEF ASCLME project

The ASCLME countries agreed to form a regional partnership to facilitate and coordinate training in the region

Regional political figures then proposed that this would be more effective as a pan-African Partnership

Support then grew from the African LME Caucus and from a number of African and international bodies with an interest in ocean governance and capacity development

After two years of development and negotiation, AfriCOG was launched in September 2013 through a signature process by 18 partners in Cape Town South Africa alongside its first Ocean Governance Workshop with its partner, the International Ocean Institute



To provide a partnership for recognising, promoting and strengthening existing Pan-African capacity and skills in the delivery of more effective Marine Resource Management and Ocean Governance

To enhance and encourage the use of trained human resources in the sustainable management and use of coastal and marine goods and services for the long-term security and welfare of associated countries and communities

The Centre focuses on the specific needs and concerns of the African countries and aims to promote primarily African expertise, whilst taking advantage also of best lessons and practices that can be delivered by specialists from outside of the continent

The Centre has a clear focus on networking and interaction between individuals and institutions (both within and outside of Africa) with skills and mutual interests

AfriCOG's main activities will focus on:

Innovation: Studying the LME and ICM management and governance needs around Africa and identifying innovative mechanisms and solutions to these challenges

Demonstration: Working closely with national and regional initiatives and organisations in order to 'test' and refine management strategies and decision-making processes in their entirety (from 'Science' to 'Statecraft' and from 'Knowledge' to 'Negotiation')

Training: Building the number of practitioners and their skills and expertise, in order to support the entire management and governance process with an emphasis on integrating LME and ICM approaches in a more holistic management strategy

Expected Deliverables

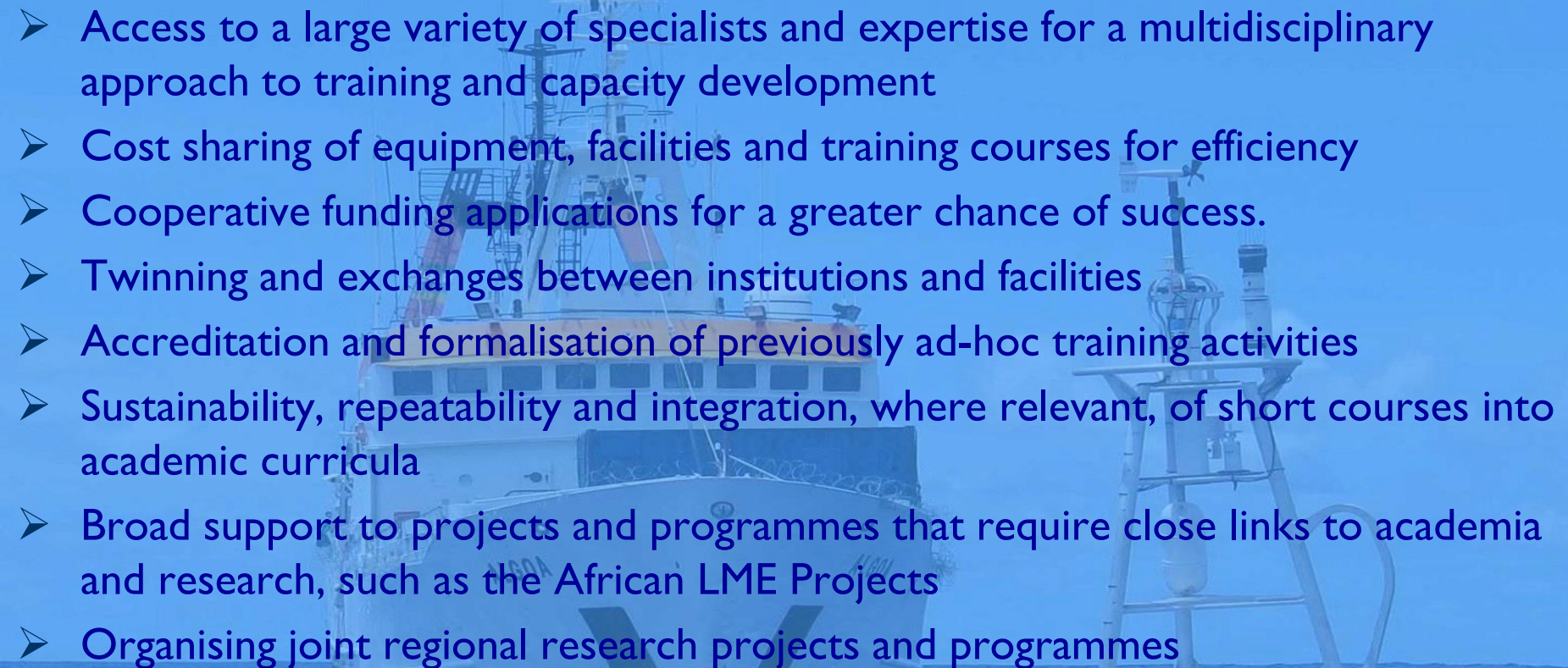
Training and Skills Development

- Regular short courses dealing with cross-sectoral ocean governance issues and emphasising the cost-benefits of good governance
- Specialised training workshops focusing on improving capacities in specific areas (e.g. technical oceanography, ICM, ecosystem monitoring, modelling of trends, marine spatial planning)
- Developing and supporting various levels of education at African academic institutions, including secondments and mentoring

Ecosystem Management Capacity Development

- Formulating a standard set of indicators for effective monitoring of the marine ecosystem and related parameters/measures of social and economic well-being.
- Developing effective monitoring programmes (including support for the provisions of equipment and facilities)
- Develop mechanisms for delivery of results into proposed management actions and policy options
- Generally, identify more effective, appropriate and sustainable management and governance mechanisms that are suited to the African situation and which encourage a thriving blue economy within a sustainable ecosystem context

AfriCOG currently has 21 partners. Benefits of being a Partner with AfriCOG include:

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- Access to a large variety of specialists and expertise for a multidisciplinary approach to training and capacity development
 - Cost sharing of equipment, facilities and training courses for efficiency
 - Cooperative funding applications for a greater chance of success.
 - Twinning and exchanges between institutions and facilities
 - Accreditation and formalisation of previously ad-hoc training activities
 - Sustainability, repeatability and integration, where relevant, of short courses into academic curricula
 - Broad support to projects and programmes that require close links to academia and research, such as the African LME Projects
 - Organising joint regional research projects and programmes

AfriCOG is primarily a non-governmental partnership of academic and research institutes and specialists

AfriCOG will react to the needs and priorities for capacity development in ocean governance as agreed by the partners

Governments and government agencies can be beneficiaries of the partnership and can request support and capacity building activities

IOI Africa is acting as the primary training coordination body

The African LME Caucus is a member of the Executive Board and will provide steering and guidance on priorities and actions

The Partnership Assembly

AfriCOG has an overarching body of institutions that form the members and which have 'ownership' of this partnership and provide guidance and 'steering'

This is the Partnership Assembly. This group will meet every two years for an AfriCOG Partnership General Meeting, although an Executive Board can propose an 'Extraordinary' General Meeting as necessary.

Terms of Reference (TOR) for this Assembly and the General Meeting are currently being finalised to outline its roles, responsibilities, accountabilities and related functions, as well as key processes relating to its reporting, feedback, engagement with the Executive Board and other stakeholders

The Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of:

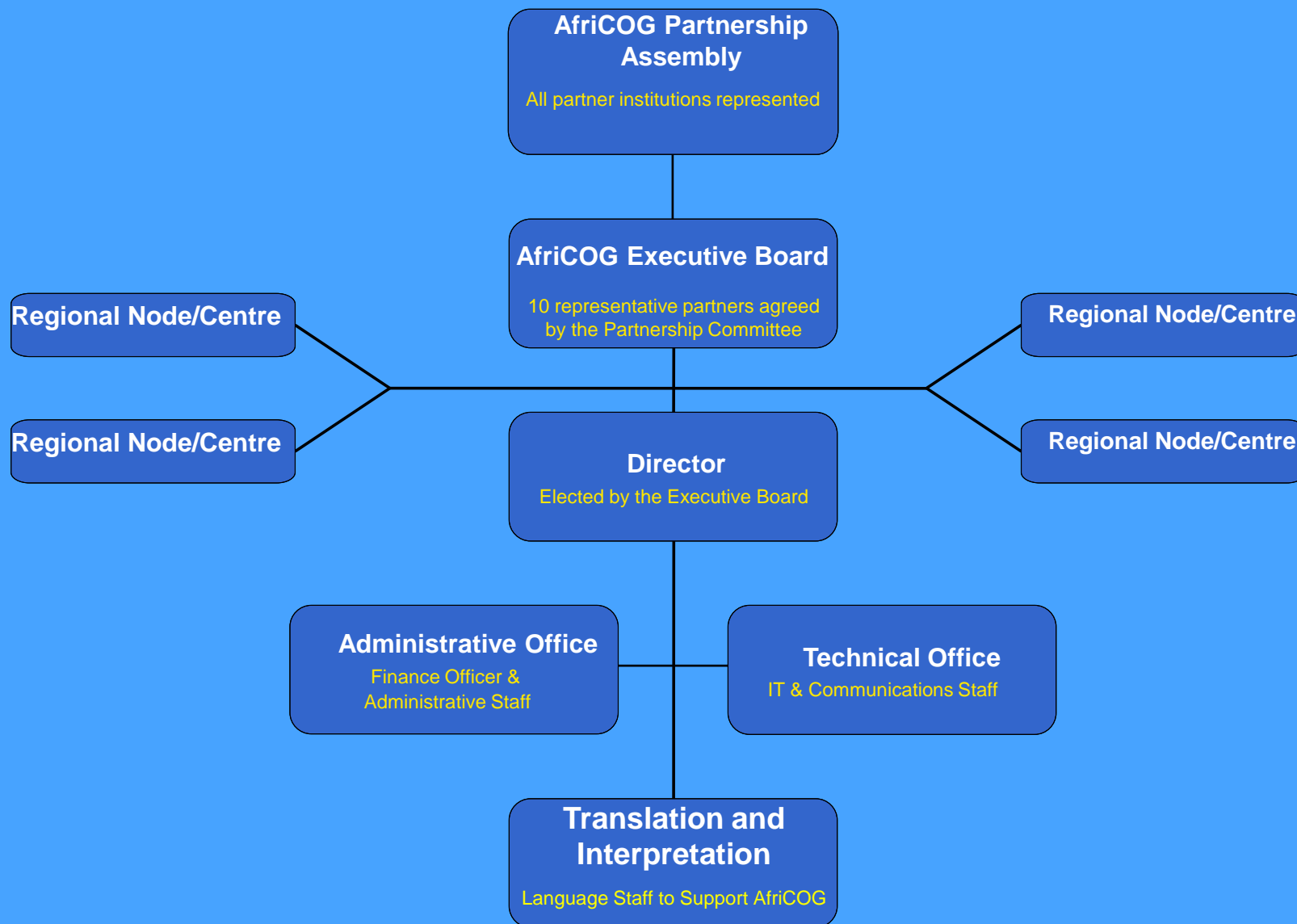
- I. The Administrative Institution taking responsibility for day-to-day management of financial and administrative affairs (Rhodes University)
- II. The Hosting Institution which will provide the physical facilities and support for AfriCOG (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)
- III. The Course Structure and Training Institution which will have responsibility for the arrangements and logistics for the training course and workshops throughout a yearly cycle (International Ocean Institute)
- IV. Representatives from the active GEF LME projects in Africa (as per the LME Caucus)
- V. Two other partners from the Partnership Assembly as elected on a biennial basis

A Director of AfriCOG will also sit with the Executive Board in a “secretariat” and advisory role although this position would have no voting rights on the Board

The Executive Board will be responsible for AfriCOG Policy matters between the Partnership meetings and will ordinarily meet on a quarterly basis

Initial Organigram of Proposed Institutional/Administrative Structure

PAN-AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP FOR STRENGTHENING OCEAN GOVERNANCE



Operational Planning and Monitoring

AfriCOG will operate on the basis of an agreed 5-year Road-Map for delivery which will be approved by the Partnership Assembly and overseen by the Executive Board

The Centre will present a Performance Report to the Partnership Assembly supported by audited financial results.

Biannual Reports will also be submitted by the Director to the Executive Board

AfriCOG will work closely with and support:

- The African LMEs and the various ICM initiatives throughout the continent
- The New Partnership for Africa's Development
- The African Union process for development of an Africa-Wide Ocean Policy
- The African Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050)

1	Bayworld Centre for Research and Education
2	Benguela Current Commission
3	GEF UNDP ASCLME Project.
4	International Ocean Institute (IOI):
5	IUCN:
6	Nelson Mandela Bay Maritime Cluster
7	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
8	Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI)
9	Rhodes University
10	South African Environmental Observation Network
11	South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity
12	South African National Biodiversity Institute
13	UNDP IW:LEARN
14	University of Cape Town
15	University of Dar Es Salaam
16	University of Fort Hare
17	University of Namibia
18	University of Mauritius
19	Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
20	University of Kenya (Pwani)
21	World Maritime University:



NEPAD, the Planning and Coordinating Technical Body of the African Union, made this statement at the launch of AfriCOG:

NEPAD is very pleased to see this important Pan-African initiative for capacity building and training moving ahead in its development through this foundational signatory process.

In partnership with the NEPAD Agency, the African Centre for Capacity Building in Ocean Governance will support the Fisheries Reform Mechanism in order to deliver on its knowledge outcomes and provide evidence for policy and governance reforms.

This will be done through the Pan-African Working Groups and the Think Tank process of the Mechanism.

NEPAD Agency wishes to congratulate all of those partners who are signing today for their support to AfriCOG and to the greater vision of capacity and expertise for ocean governance within the region

It is estimated that coastal marine ecosystems provide at least US\$1.2 trillion in goods and services each year to the African continent

This excludes the significant economic inputs from the adjacent high seas areas, which pushes the value of these ecosystems even higher

This vital cornerstone of the region's economic growth and ongoing prosperity is under threat from many challenges, including climate change, unsustainable resource use, pollution, ocean acidification, poor land use and generally inadequate capacity for ocean governance

A new paradigm is needed that can address more holistic and integrated ocean governance along with an effective mechanism to implement it

AfriCOG offers a unique pan-African Partnership that can address the gaps and shortfalls in skill-sets, expertise and information capture in support of pragmatic adaptive management and governance

AfriCOG will serve the countries in their growing efforts to sustain and enhance the necessary ongoing research, management and policy activities to address the challenges facing this region in protecting and sustaining its renewable ocean ecosystem goods and services





To all who are
working with us to
develop

Effective
Partnerships for
Ocean Governance
In Africa

