

XVI Consultative Committee Meeting on Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal partners.

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Agenda¹

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| Tuesday 8 July 2014 | | |
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| 09.00 | Session 1. Putting the LME Global Partnership in Motion | Chair: Julian Barbrière, IOC-UNESCO |
| 09.00 10.45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome <i>IOC-UNESCO, UNDP, GEF, NOAA, ICES, IUCN</i> - 16 years of LME assessments <i>Ned Cyr, Kenneth Sherman, NOAA</i> - GEF Support to LME Projects: Vision for the future <i>Leah Karrer, GEF</i> - LME Transboundary governance issues (drawing from Al Duda's paper on IW governance) <i>Julian Barbrière, IOC-UNESCO</i> - Overview of the GEF Global LME Project on Governance and audience <i>David Aubrey, IOC-UNESCO (Consultant)</i> - General discussion and recommendations | <p>This opening session will provide the opportunity to take stock of 15 years of marine and coastal projects and consultative LME meetings under the global coordination of NOAA, and highlight the progress achieved in advancing ecosystem assessment and management. Through GEF catalyzing support, in several parts of the world, we are experiencing an ecosystem paradigm moving forward from single-species management to multi-species and holistic approaches incorporating the human dimension as part of the LME recovery process. GEF Secretariat will provide its vision for the next 15 years of marine and coastal project implementation, highlighting opportunities and challenges. The objectives and expected outcomes of Global LME COP project will be presented, providing a framework for organizing present and future annual consultative meetings.</p> <p>The expected outcome of this session would be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A common vision of where the GEF-funded marine and coastal community wants to be in 15 years - A brief assessment of the challenges in terms of transboundary management that marine and coastal projects need to address - Engaged marine and coastal project community on the objectives of the LME COP project |
| 10.45 11.15 | Coffee break | |
| 11.15 | Regional Caucuses | Chairs: Hein Rune Skjoldal, Rudolf Hermes |
| 11.15 13.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory presentation <i>Rudolf Hermes, BOBLME Hein Rune Skjoldal, Norwegian Institute Marine Research</i> - Parallel Regional Caucuses AFRICA – Room XIII (Floor -2) (Led by David Vousden and Hashali Hamukuaya) | <p>Four regional marine and coastal caucuses (Africa, Arctic, Asia, and Latin America/Caribbean) will take place for practitioners to interact and exchange information on work progress at regional level.</p> <p>The caucuses will focus on discussing existing activities and future priority needs with regard to the LME COP Project components: regional networks, capacity building training and twinning. These outputs will be shared as starting points for discussion during the LME and Coastal Project Meeting sessions.</p> |

¹ Final titles of presentations will be included in the next iteration of the agenda.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agulhas-Somali Current LMEs ○ Benguela Current LME ○ Canary Current LME ○ Mediterranean Sea LME ○ Others <p>ARCTIC (building on the work of the ICES LME WG) – Room 6.19 (6th floor) (Led by Hein Rune Skjoldal)</p> <p>ASIA – Room 4.22 (IOC Meeting Room) (4th floor) (Led by Rudolf Hermes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yellow Sea LME ○ Bay of Bengal LME ○ PEMSEA ○ Sulu-Celebes LME ○ Indonesian Seas LME? ○ Others <p>LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN – Room XIV (Floor -2) (Led by Patrick Debels)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caribbean LME ○ Gulf of Mexico LME ○ Humboldt LME ○ Gulf of Fonseca ICAM Project ○ Others | <p>Through the regional caucus meetings, project practitioners will interact and exchange on:</p> <p>The establishment of regional networks² in each region to strengthen governance and ecosystem based management, with participation of LME, MPA, ICM projects, questions to address will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature, scope and membership of the regional networks to be established under the LME COP project - How to create linkages with MPA, ICM, MSP communities within regions and synergies with regional ocean governance mechanisms (for e.g. Regional Seas)? - How to engage with freshwater (rivers and groundwater) IW projects? - How to engage private sector and NGO community identify innovative approaches? - Define the coordination mechanism, activities and responsibilities for operationalising the regional networks <p>The capacity developments needs for each region with a focus on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A prioritized list of training needs building on the capacity development plan and survey³ developed during the LME CoP preparation. - The identification of twinning opportunities within and across regions, including the topic of such twinning and institutions to be involved - Defining measures to assess progress in institutional and human capacity development in regions - Identifying scientific research needs and support that could be pooled within or across regions - Identify means for stronger involvement of science and university communities in the regional networks |
| 13.00 14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14.30 16.15 | - Parallel Regional Caucuses (Continuation) | |
| 16.15 16.45 | Coffee break | |
| 16.45 17.30 | - General discussion and recommendations | <p>The communication needs for each region with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of audience (scientific community, public, decision makers, private sectors) and type of format to communicating LME results. - Building on CoP Prodoc outcome 4 (Communication, outreach, dissemination), identify communication/dissemination objectives and activities for each region. <p>The outcomes of these regional LME caucus will be discussed during the relevant plenary sessions of the LME and Coastal Partners meeting, namely session 3 on networks (Chairs will be invited to report), session 4 on training and twinning, and session 5 on communication. Session 3 will also provide an opportunity for identifying linkages and synergies across regions.</p> |

² The LME Governance Project foresees the establishment of 3 regional networks in Africa, South East Asia, and Latin America/Caribbean.

³ The capacity development plan and survey are available on the IOC LME Meeting webpage: http://ioc-unesco.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1512

| Wednesday 9 July 2014 | | |
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| 09.00 | Session 2. Knowledge and best governance practices: Tools data and information | Chair: Ned Cyr, NOAA |
| 09.00 10.45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.1 - EBM Tools to support LME/ICM/MPA Marine Spatial Planning in Practice - <i>Charles Ehler, IOC Consultant</i> IUCN Toolkit of Toolkits - <i>Patricio Bernal, IUCN Consultant</i> Integrating Nature's Values into Coastal management: Using InVEST in Belize - <i>Amy Rosenthal, WWF</i> - General discussion and recommendations | <p>This second session provides the context to incorporate knowledge and science application into policy making; it will capture the best LME practices on governance and the development of new methods and tools to enhance the effective management of LME. For the 2014 meeting, 4 topics have been identified of importance to the LME community, these are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EBM tools to support LME/ICM/MPA with emphasis on Marine Spatial Planning - Economic valuation tools - Data and information management for marine and coastal projects - Incorporating climate change/OA models in marine and coastal management. <p>With a view to share learning on these issues, each topic will be addressed through panels bringing together global experts and project managers that are dealing with these issues through project implementation.</p> |
| 10.45 11.15 | Coffee break | |
| 11.15 13.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.2 - Economic valuation tools Data to monitor the US Ocean and Great Lakes' economy - <i>Jeff Adkins, NOAA</i> Application of socio-economic monitoring in coastal areas: Its role in supporting economic valuation ecosystem services - <i>Peter Edwards, NOAA</i> Approach to ecosystem services valuation in the Bay of Bengal - <i>Rudolf Hermes, BOBLME</i> Best practices for responsible tourism, water-energy nexus and innovative partnership - <i>Kristen Honey, AAAS / Stanford University</i> - General discussion and recommendations | |
| 13.00 14.15 | Lunch | |

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| <p>14.15 15.45</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.3 - Data management and integration best practices Ocean Observation and Ecosystem Monitoring - <i>Albert Fischer, GOOS, IOC-UNESCO</i> Oceanographic Data and Information Systems – IODE support to LMEs - <i>Ward Appeltans, IODE, IOC-UNESCO</i> ICES Data Systems for Ocean Governance - <i>Kadji Okou, ICES</i> iMarine Project – <i>Marc Taconet, FAO</i> GEF Transboundary Water Assessment Programme (TWAP): LME Data Products - <i>Sherry Heileman, TWAP-LME Coordinator (IOC)</i> Commentaries: LME good practices and lessons learnt <i>Agulhas-Somali Current LME</i> <i>Benguela LME</i> <i>Bay of Bengal LME</i> <i>Canary Current LME</i> <i>Caribbean LME</i> | |
| <p>15.45 16.15</p> | <p>Interactive platform for enhanced LME outreach – Working with Google Earth Layers - <i>Dan Laffoley, IUCN</i></p> | |
| <p>16.15 16.45</p> | <p>Coffee break</p> | |
| <p>16.45 17.00</p> | <p>Information synthesis, communication and dissemination - <i>Simon Costanzo, IAN/UMCES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General discussion and recommendations | |
| <p>17.00 18.00</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.4 - Climate Change and Fisheries Management Climate Change and Fisheries Biomass Yields - <i>Kenneth Sherman, NOAA</i> Coping with climate change through strong and flexible governance models - <i>Keith Lawrence, Conservation International</i> | |

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| | <p>GEF Blue Forests Project: The Blue Carbon+ concept - <i>Steven Lutz, GEF Blue Forests Project</i></p> <p>- General discussion and recommendations</p> | |
| 18.30 20.30 | Cocktail | <i>Location: UNESCO Cafeteria Bonvin</i> |

| Thursday 10 July 2014 | | |
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| 09.00 | Session 3. Global and regional networks | Chair: Andrew Hudson, UNDP |
| 09.00 10.45 | <p>Regional Seas Conventions and Actions Plans – A partnership framework – <i>Alberto Pacheco-Capella, UNEP</i></p> <p>Fisheries governance and linkages to LMEs – <i>Merete Tandstad, FAO</i></p> <p>Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea LME <i>Lorenzo Galbiati, MedPartnership</i></p> <p>Enhancing groundwater knowledge across the GEF IW Portfolio: Lessons learned from the Groundwater Community of Practice <i>Lucilla Minelli, UNESCO-IHP</i></p> <p>- General discussion and recommendations</p> | <p>This session ensures an adequate basis for implementing the major activities and achieving the outcomes of the GEF LME Project by establishing global and regional networks of partners to enhance ecosystem based management and to address marine and coastal project needs, also including climate variability and change. The outcome of this session will inform the implementation of the Global COP project in terms of establishing functional regional networks, and defining means and methods of effective coordination between participants.</p> <p>The expected outcomes for this session would identify inputs from the LME community to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance network of partners working to provide consistent management and ecosystem-based methods and technical support to GEF-LME/ICM/MPA projects. - Increase interaction between GEF- LME, ICM, and MPA projects and other marine and coastal initiatives supported by GEF and partner organizations. - Increase collaboration and coordination between GEF-LME, ICM and MPA projects and partners, within the geographic boundaries of LMEs. - Progress towards fully integrated ‘ridge to reef’ ecosystem-based management of freshwater and marine transboundary water systems, through increased generation of knowledge and enhanced coordination between GEF-IW surface, ground water and LME and ICM projects. |
| 10.45 11.15 | Coffee break | |
| 11.15 11.45 | <p>Improving the LME Network at the Third Global LME Conference, Swakopmund, Namibia, 8-10 October 2014 <i>Kenneth Sherman, NOAA</i></p> <p>II International Ocean Research Conference, Spain, 17-21 November 2014 <i>Luis Valdes, IOC-UNESCO</i> <i>Robin Mahon, CERMES</i></p> | |
| 11.45 13.00 | <p>- LME/ICM/MPA interactions</p> <p>Report of chairs of the LME Regional Caucuses on regional networks and interactions:</p> | <p>More specifically, during the session participants will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing networks based on Caucus discussions, - Discussion of what has worked and why, |

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| | <p><i>Africa (including the Mediterranean)</i> <i>Arctic</i> <i>Asia</i> <i>Latin America - Caribbean</i></p> <p>- General discussion and recommendations</p> | <p>- Identification of future priority needs by region based on Caucus discussions.</p> |
| 13.00 14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14.30 | Session 4. Capacity development | Chair: Peter Pissierssens, IOC-UNESCO |
| 14.30 16.15 | <p>- <u>4.1 - Capacity development needs</u></p> <p>Results from LME CoP Survey <i>Patricio Bernal, IOC Consultant</i></p> <p>Report of chairs of the LME Regional Caucuses on LME twining, learning experiences, exchange of good practices and options of collaboration amongst LMEs in terms of capacity development: <i>Africa (including the Mediterranean)</i> <i>Arctic</i> <i>Asia</i> <i>Latin America - Caribbean</i> <i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>- <u>4.2 – Training opportunities</u></p> <p>ICES Training opportunities <i>Yvone Walther, ICES</i></p> <p>IOC/IODE - Ocean Teacher Academy <i>Peter Pissierssens, IOC-UNESCO/IODE</i></p> <p>Potential contribution of capacity development in ocean governance to the LME Programme through the International Ocean Institute - <i>Werner Ekau, IOI-Germany</i></p> <p>African Centre for Capacity Development in Ocean Governance <i>David Vousden, ASCLME</i></p> <p>- General discussion and recommendations</p> | <p>Session 4 will be dedicated to capacity development and partnership building through twinning and learning exchanges, workshops and training among LMEs and similar initiatives.</p> <p>The global survey on capacity development conducted during the LME COP project preparatory phase will be presented and complemented by interventions from regional caucus chairs to report on the capacity development needs that have been identified by participants on the first day. The outcome of this session will assist in shaping up the training programme to be implemented under the LME COP Project. Partner organization involved in capacity development will provide an overview of their existing programme and training facilities that could support the needs of the LME COP.</p> <p>The Community of Practice would provide inputs and ideas on how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify GEF LME/ICM/MPA practitioners' needs on trainings and new techniques and approaches for ecosystem based management, and ocean governance, including mitigation of effects of climatic variability and change in LMEs. - Increase collaboration and learning exchanges South-to-South between the GEF LME, ICM and MPA projects, and North-to-South and South-to-North partnerships with non-GEF marine and coastal initiatives (e.g. Seascapes) to build capacity and develop training and education materials. - Propose a set of twinning activities to be implemented through the LME COP project; - Increase capacity of GEF LME, ICM, and MPA project staff and practitioners, to address the new ecosystem-based governance priorities in GEF6 built through portfolio learning, partnerships, and |
| 16.25 16.45 | Coffee break | |

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| 16.45 17.30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>4.3 - Private and NGO training opportunities</u> <p><i>Keith Lawrence, Conservation International</i> <i>Andrew Hume, Lauren Spurrier, WWF</i></p> <p>Successful examples of private sector implication in reduction of land base pollution - <i>Ludovic Bernaudat, UNIDO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General discussion and recommendations | training. |
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| Friday 11 July 2014 | | |
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| 09.00 | Session 5. Communication, dissemination and outreach | Chair: Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES |
| 09.00 10.45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>5.1 – Communication, dissemination and outreach.</u> <p>Evolution of IW:LEARN IV and synergies with the GEF LME Governance Project <i>Mish Hamid, IW LEARN</i></p> <p>Best practices on dissemination of project results to facilitate stakeholders’ engagement <i>Mish Hamid, IW LEARN</i> <i>Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES</i></p> <p>The GEF-UNDP-IMO GloBallast Tools: Project’s and communication means – <i>Antoine Blonce, GloBallast</i></p> <p>Report of chairs of the LME Regional Caucuses on communication, dissemination and outreach: <i>Africa (Including Mediterranean)</i> <i>Arctic</i> <i>Asia</i> <i>Latin America Caribbean</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General discussion and recommendations | <p>In order to strengthen the role of the GEF International Waters portfolio on Large Marine Ecosystems linked with ICM and MPA activities and projects, this session will be dedicated to discussing achievements and lessons learnt in communication, dissemination and outreach.</p> <p>The LME community would provide inputs on how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate the project’s results to stakeholders, increase the awareness of LME issues and engagement in networks through global and regional IW Community of Practices, and IW-Learn; - Identify tools for communicating science and assessment results into key messages for policy-makers; - Define a showcasing strategy and best practices for LME and ICM/MPA projects to share results among project partners, stakeholders, resource managers, broader scientific community, government representatives, private companies, universities, schools and the public. - Encourage global policy discussions informed and impacted by knowledge and experience of GEF- ecosystem based LME/ICM/MPA governance project. |
| 10.45 11.15 | Coffee break | |

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| 11.15 13.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>5.2 - Engagement of private sector for the sustainability of LME Projects</u> <i>Andrew Hudson, UNDP (Moderator)</i> Engaging the seafood supply chain in fisheries improvement - <i>Blake Lee-Harwood, Sustainable Fisheries</i> Report of chairs of the LME Regional Caucuses on potential engagement of private sector for the sustainability of LME projects: <i>Africa (Including Mediterranean)</i> <i>Arctic</i> <i>Asia</i> <i>Latin America Caribbean</i> - General discussion and recommendations | |
| 13.00 14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14.30 | Session 6 . Meeting conclusions and next steps | Chair : Julian Barbière, IOC-UNESCO |
| 14.30 16.00 | <p>Inputs to the organization of the GEF Global LME Project on Governance International Conference on EBM and Ocean Governance 2016 <i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>Raising visibility of LMEs: Regional and global conferences scheduled for the biennium 2014-2015 <i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>Meeting feedback and decision on the name of the future annual meetings <i>Open discussion</i></p> <p>Review of the recommendations provided by each chair of session and final conclusions.</p> | <p>The final session will be focused to raise the visibility of LME at regional and global conference and discuss the meeting feedback from the surveys that will be distributed amongst the participants the first day of this annual conference:</p> <p>The LME community would provide inputs on how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify inputs for the organization of the GEF Global LME Project on Governance’s International Conference on EBM and Ocean Governance that will be organized in 2016. - Define a common strategy to raise visibility of LMEs in regional and global conferences during the biennium 2014-2015. - Discuss the meeting feedbacks as inputs for the organization of future LME Meetings and events. - Agree on final recommendations and conclusions of this annual meeting. |
| 16.00 | End of the meeting | |