

Group D: Governance Structure

General comments

- General discussion was held. It was agreed that the NICs need to be established as a priority
- The role of the Nic was important not just for PPCM but also for the countries and the IGO
- NICs will assist in harmonizing work within the country
- Roles as presented: After an overview it was agreed that many of the functions met with the standard roll of each group.
- Starting at the bottom:

Secretariat

- Role is standard in its function
- The approach is getting complex in how the process is developing- it should str
- Art simple and then as function and structure increases the complexity should increase proportionally
- Noted that the role could be beyond the capacity of the core staff depending on what the functions are

- Implementation should focus on core functions which could then be tied to core staff members **NB Consultants to revisit this in light of changes to core function changes**

Working group

- Standard working groups can be established
- Country participation can be considered but may not be required in all cases
- Working groups could relate to thematic areas similar to how CARICOM is established.
- Working group will vary by subject but experts can be selected and must be willing to work
- Role of working group needs to be reworded to be more specific

- Should focus on analysis of issues and make recommendations on the way forward
- TOR for WG need to be clearly developed and documented. This should be set by the Exec Group.

Steering Committee

- IGO should be a member of steering group or as Ex Officio
- All committees and IGOs should meet at same meeting to have full representation
- Countries have to make the final decision
- IGOs can also be present as invited observers
- Need to consider inviting technical members as required
- Formal notification of focal point changes need to be implemented to keep the Steering committee current in its member status
- Government requirement for notification mechanism has to be established and followed up on
- Steering committee should be able to follow up with parent ministry if focal point is not effective or non responsive
- Meeting cycle - 1 to 2 yrs
- Revolving chair - 2 years

Executive Group

- Appointing should be reworded to hiring with respect to the Coordinator
- Director to be involved in hiring of staff
- Delete reference to staff
- Countries should have a role in hiring approving the Director to be hired
- 8 IGOs form part of the Interim Coord Mechanism . However they now have to look at the thematic sector areas for the future.

- Flexibility required by steering group and Exec Group to invite experts to participate. Permanent members and observers have to be clearly identified.
- Partners should be a new member country of organization
- Meeting cycle for group should be every 6 months – one meeting being virtual and other being face to face

- Revolving Chair – every 2 yrs
- Exec group rotation should be annual
- Vice Chair position has to be specified to ensure continuity. Vice Chair take over from Chair.

Concerns

- Staffing issues and legal authority has to be addressed as the organization is established
- Agreement type has to be considered. Non binding treaty using MOU may be required initially but then a binding treaty has to be agreed and implemented
- Bodies led by tech group and ministerial council will have to be considered at steering committee level. Layering in structure required