



**Session 6:
Mandate and Functions of the Coordination Mechanism**





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Expected result:

Discuss, further fine-tune and achieve consensus on the proposed mandate and functions of the Coordination Mechanism

“Promote and facilitate
regional collaboration and cooperation
by coordinating policies and programmes
in the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR)
for the conservation, management and sustainable use
of the marine environment and coastal and marine resources.”

PROPOSED MANDATE

Geographic scope: The mandate refers to the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR), defined as the combination of the Caribbean LME and the North Brazil Shelf LME (together referred to as CLME+), as well as the Gulf of Mexico LME.



PROPOSED MANDATE

Thematic scope: The mandate will at least initially cover the three main thematic areas identified in the CLME+ SAP – **marine pollution, marine biodiversity and fisheries**, and the cross-cutting area of **climate change**.



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However, as recommended by countries during the 1st Regional Consultation Meeting, the mandate of the permanent Coordination Mechanism is proposed to be thematically broader including sectors and economic activities that are related to the marine environment and resources, such as **Tourism, Oil and Gas, Shipping, Mining, Biotechnology, Bioprospecting and Renewable Energy**.

The **proposed functions** build on

- current functions of the CLME+ SAP ICM
- countries' recommendations resulting from the first Consultation Meeting
- gap analysis and stakeholder consultations carried out under this consultancy



PROPOSED FUNCTIONS

**Programmatic
Coordination &
Progress
Monitoring**

**Communication
and Awareness**

**Policy
Coordination &
Consolidation**

**Knowledge
Management &
Data Sharing**

**Stakeholder
Engagement**

**Science-Policy
Interfaces**

Emerging Issues

**Joint Programme
Development**

**Sustainable
Financing &
Resource
Mobilization**

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS

- 1 - Coordination of programmatic approaches for ocean governance and monitoring progress with critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments**
- Institutionalize and give continuity to the cyclical TDA/SAP approach, including the coordination of the regular collaborative development of SOMEE reports and the associated periodic revision of Strategic Action Programmes (SAPs), and support a coordinated implementation by countries and IGOs
 - Monitor and support national reporting on progress with critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments in the Wider Caribbean Region, including the SDGs, in particular SDG 14, “to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources”, and other relevant regional and international commitments.

PROPOSED FUNCTIONS

- 1 - Coordination of programmatic approaches for ocean governance and monitoring progress with critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments**
- Identify and discuss overlapping and complementarity actions, to minimize the gaps in the roles and responsibilities of partner organisations, to increase effectiveness and efficiency of actions that contribute to achieving the objectives of critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments, including the CLME+ SAP and others and to increase efficiency in the use of financial resources.

2 - Communication, outreach and awareness raising

- Maintain an efficient communication system to reach out to stakeholders and the wider public within and beyond the WCR with key messages and information related to the management sustainable use of the ocean, including the ecological, social, cultural and economic benefits
- Communicate the benefits of coordinated regional ocean governance and joint programmes, and the added value of the Coordination Mechanism within the region and beyond, including communication of risk reduction and opportunities for investment

3 - Policy coordination and consolidation of the regional institutional and policy framework for ocean governance

- Facilitate the interactions among regional partner organisations required for the effective operation of the Regional Ocean Governance Framework and for the coordination of regional policies and strategies
- Identify policy gaps and develop policy recommendations for strengthening regional ocean governance in the WCR and harmonizing relevant policies, targeting decision makers at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels

3 - Policy coordination and consolidation of the regional institutional and policy framework for ocean governance

- Develop and communicate a cross-sectorial perspective on regional ocean governance
- Develop formal relationships with regional multipurpose economic integration agencies (CARICOM, SICA, OECS, ACS), providing advice and receiving feedback
- Support national ocean governance, including national level coordination for oceans

4 - Knowledge management and data and information sharing

- Maintain a regional data and information interface to provide the global gateway (knowledge hub), resources and tools to support countries, partner organisations and the wider stakeholder community to achieve critical ocean sustainability goals and commitments, including e.g. a project database, training portal, etc.
- Facilitate identification and sharing of data and information acquired by IGOs, research institutions and other partners, and facilitate the harmonization of monitoring approaches (e.g. for coral reefs).

5 - Stakeholder engagement

- Identify and engage with stakeholders from all socioeconomic sectors of the WCR and beyond to achieve ocean related goals and commitments
- Address the broader stakeholder community and engage with partners (such as NGOs, private sector, development banks, donors, etc.) by promoting and supporting a global Partnership for the WCR (CLME+ Partnership currently established under the CLME+ Project), e.g. by inviting new stakeholders to the partnership, monitoring and reporting on partnership results and organizing a regular Partnership Forum

6 - Strengthening science-policy interfaces

- Identify research institutions, universities and other scientific organisations that undertake research with relevance to ocean sustainability in the Wider Caribbean Region, in particular science that can address knowledge gaps for enhanced policy-making, management, sustainable investments
- Establish partnerships with research institutions to share scientific data and information, to coordinate activities and to identify opportunities for collaborative research in the natural and social sciences and technology, and review, report on and revise the CLME+ Research Strategy (developed under the CLME+ Project)
- Identify and build connectivity with policy processes that need science inputs to determine research needs

7 - Identification of new areas for collaboration and emerging issues

- Identify new areas for regional collaboration beyond current IGO work programmes
- Identify and address emerging issues for regional collaboration, including incorporation into regional ocean sustainability instruments (CLME+ SAP and others) and development of common approaches (e.g. certification schemes)
- Develop a common understanding and vision for a sustainable ocean-based economy/blue economy in the context of sustainable climate-resilient development in the Wider Caribbean Region

8 - Development of joint programmes

- Identify programmatic areas and develop proposals for joint programmes that contribute to critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments to be implemented by countries, regional organisations and/or other partners
- Identify and develop programme proposals that support and reinforce the transition towards a sustainable and climate-resilient sustainable ocean-based economy/blue economy
- Engage international funding partners to guide programmatic orientation of support

9 - Sustainable financing and resource mobilisation for ocean governance

- Coordinate and monitor the development and implementation of the sustainable financing plan for the Regional Ocean Governance Framework in the WCR and facilitate further joint strategic resource mobilisation efforts to secure continuous funding and support for ocean governance
- Pursue funding for programmes, projects and activities that contribute to critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments in the WCR, particularly those cutting across sectors and which are in line with ocean-based sustainable development strategies, incl. blue economy, climate change and disaster risk reduction

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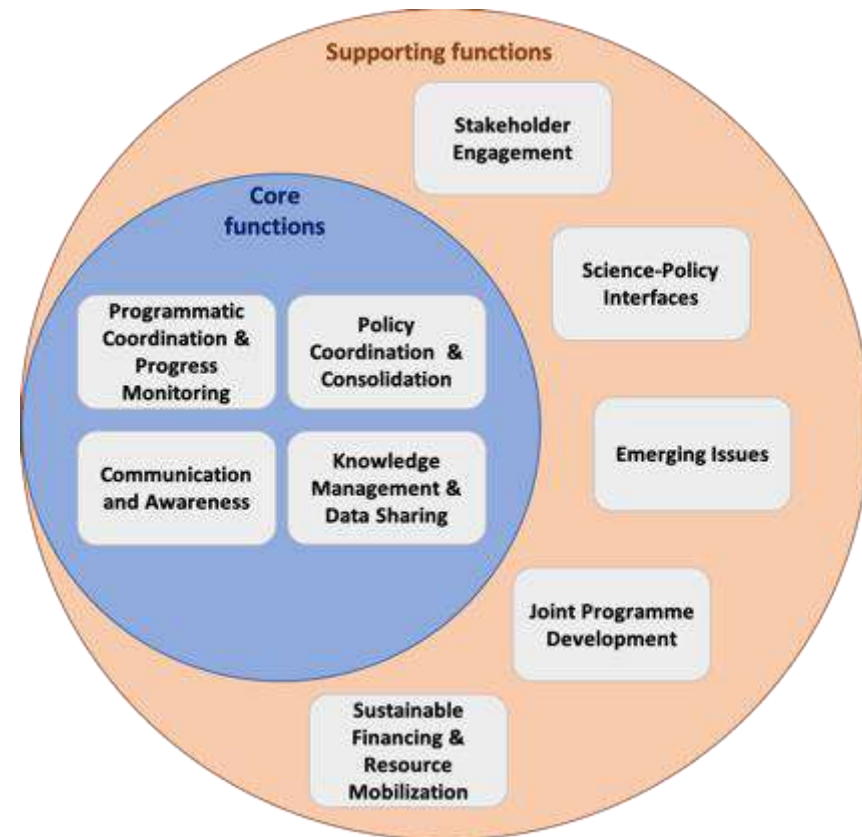
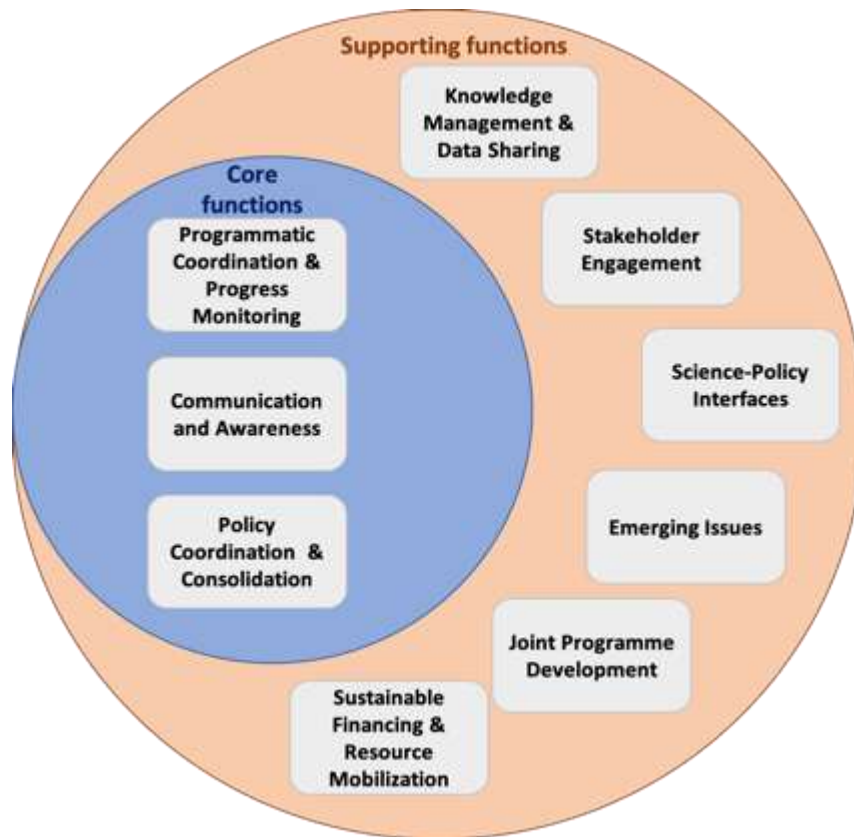
- Embedded in a strategy for ocean-based sustainable development, develop and implement innovative financing mechanisms to mobilize private investment for ocean governance and the financing of a sustainable ocean-based economy/blue economy in line with the 2030 Agenda, the SAMOA Pathway and the Sendai Framework


The proposed functions are not listed in an order of priority, but two categories of functions should be distinguished:

- A set of **core functions** that are the minimum requirement to deliver on the mandate of the Coordination Mechanism. These functions need to be performed regularly, implemented permanently, underpinned with the necessary resources.
- A set of **supporting functions** identified as priority by countries and IGOs for the Coordination Mechanism to perform. These functions could be implemented based on specific demand and available resources, temporarily and/or at different levels of ‘intensity’.

CORE AND SUPPORTING FUNCTIONS

Examples:





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