



**Session 9:  
The Establishing Agreement for the Coordination Mechanism**





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**Expected result:**

**Discuss the preferred type of establishing agreement for the Coordination Mechanism and recommend the way forward**

## EXISTING MOU FOR THE CLME+ SAP ICM

*“The purpose of this MoU is to **formally establish** the Interim Coordination Mechanism as part of ‘the Parties’ efforts to promote the achievement of the SDGs as well as a healthy marine environment, which provides benefits and livelihoods for the well-being of the people of the CLME+ region. The MoU further has the purpose of **defining the status, objectives and core functions** of the ICM.”*

- Entered into force in July 2017, upon signature by 5 IGOs on behalf of their constituents
- Definition of Rules and Procedures



The establishment of the Coordination Mechanism requires an agreement that includes the mandate, functions and governance structure of the Coordination Mechanism, as decided by countries.

The establishing agreement can be:

- an *informal network/partnership agreement* (based on a MoU)
- a more *formal and binding agreement*
- or a *sequencing* of both

The type of agreement needs to be decided based on the scope of the mandate and the governance structure.

## OPTION 1: MOU

- Build on the existing CLME+ SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism (ICM), which was established by the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the eight IGOs in 2017. This MoU was endorsed by member countries through their respective IGOs.
- Drafting a new or modified Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to replace the current ICM MoU, it would be signed by member IGOs and be endorsed by countries.

## OPTION 2: FORMAL AND BINDING AGREEMENT

- Develop a more formal and binding agreement, which would be signed (and ratified) by all countries, similar to already existing agreements in the region.
- Countries considered a legally binding agreement as not feasible at this point (1st Regional Consultation Meeting, Cartagena, 2018).

## OPTION 3: SEQUENCING OF BOTH

- initial establishment based on MoU signed by IGOs and endorsed by countries
- consolidation at a later stage through a more formal and binding agreement among States



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