

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE UNDP/GEF CARIBBEAN AND NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS (CLME+) PROJECT

Virtual Meeting of the CLME+ Project Steering Committee, 16 – 18 June 2020

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee:

Having convened the intersessional UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting virtually utilizing the Kudo Meeting Platform from 16-18 June, with a total of 114 participants representing 22 countries and 16 organizations and Chaired by Panama with the Deputy Chairperson from Trinidad and Tobago and the Rapporteur from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

Noting the Declaration of the Delegation of Colombia relative to the decisions of the CLME+ Project Steering Committee on the Coordination Mechanism, contained in annex with title “PSC2006 Colombia Declaration”;

The Steering Committee:

AGENDA ITEM 5 – DECISION ON THE COORDINATION MECHANISM

SUB-AGENDA ITEM 5.1 - CORE ASPECTS OF THE COORDINATION MECHANISM

1. Reiterates the importance of proceeding with the setting-up of a Coordination Mechanism.
2. Supports and endorses in principle the text included in document “PSC2006_AG5.1 Core Aspects of the Coordination Mechanism” and recognises that further refinement may be needed as the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is further negotiated.

SUB-AGENDA ITEM 5.2 - CREATION OF THE COORDINATION MECHANISM

1. Supports the use of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding as the preferred modality for expressing the intent to create the Coordination Mechanism.
2. Supports the formation of a drafting group, with representation from legal and technical expertise, to advance the work on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of the Coordination Mechanism.
3. Requests the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (PCU) to issue a call for interest for participating in the MoU drafting group.

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SUB - AGENDA ITEM 5.3 - PROCESS AND TIMELINE TOWARDS THE CREATION AND OPERATIONALISATION OF A COORDINATION MECHANISM

1. Acknowledges the proposed process and tentative timeline towards the creation and operationalisation of the Coordination Mechanism as presented by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and as reflected in document “PSC2006_AI5.3 Process and Tentative Timeline”.
2. Acknowledges the debriefing of the CLME+ PCU on the preliminary call for expressions of interest to host the secretariat of the Coordination Mechanism, noting an expression of interest submitted by the Government of Honduras.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - CLME+ PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS, BUDGET AND WORK PLAN

SUB-AGENDA ITEM 6.1 - CLME+ PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

1. Acknowledges the technical and financial implementation status of the CLME+ Project until May 2020, as summarised by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit in document “PSC2006_AI6.1 Project Implementation Status”.

SUB-AGENDA 6.2 - RESPONSE: REVISED CLME+ PROJECT WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2020-21

1. Notes the conclusions of the analysis undertaken by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit on CLME+ Project Implementation status until May 2020.
2. Further notes the delays to some of the Project activities caused and/or accentuated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Approves an extension of the project duration until 31 July 2021, to enable successful project completion and delivery of key outputs.
4. Approves the revised work plan as presented in document “PSC2006_AI6.2 Revised 2020-21 Work Plan & Budget”, including the amendments to the CLME+ Project Results Framework file name “PSC2006_AI6.2 UpdatedResultsFramework_v200522”.
5. Approves the Revised Project Budget for the period 2020-21 as presented in document “PSC2006_AI6.2 Revised 2020-21 Work Plan & Budget” and “PSC2006_AI6.2 Annex - PCU Pending Activities and Budget 2020-21”.
6. Urges the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit, co-executing partners and participating countries to work diligently towards achieving the (financial and technical) project implementation objectives in this final stage.

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AGENDA ITEM 7 - NEW UNDP/GEF CONCEPT NOTE (PIF): THE PROCARIBE+ PROJECT

1. Acknowledges the critical importance of giving continuity to the CLME+ initiative through the submission of a new UNDP/GEF concept note.
2. Notes the proposed components for the draft new concept note as presented in document “PSC2006_AI7.0 CLME+ Continuity draft Concept Note”.
3. Notes the proposed draft key outputs for the draft new concept note as presented in document “PSC2006_AI7.0 CLME+ Continuity draft Concept Note”.
4. Acknowledges the process and timeline towards the development and submission to the GEF Secretariat of the new project concept as presented in document “PSC2006_AI7.0 PIF Development Timeline”.
5. Request that the CLME+ PCU share a draft version of the Project Concept Note (PIF) for the continuity of the CLME+ initiative with the CLME+ Project Steering Committee, as soon as possible, with a view to provide opportunity for more consultation and input from the countries and to allow for detailed review and consultation at country level.
6. Recommends that those Steering Committee Members interested in participating in such new project, work diligently with the CLME+ PCU and UNDP towards the timely finalization and submission of the new concept note.
7. Recommends that those members interested in participating in such new project, provide the required information (GEF endorsement letter and indicative co financing) within the stipulated time frame.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - WAY FORWARD

1. Commends the efforts undertaken by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit to support the work of the Project Steering Committee through the use of innovative tools such as Loomio and Kudo Platforms.
2. Recognises the technical difficulties the Project Steering Committee confronted in addressing all PSC Work Programme and Agenda items during the virtual CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting.
3. Supports further efforts by the CLME+ PCU to advance and successfully conclude all CLME+ Project remaining business, including through the use of virtual platforms and intersessional meetings.
4. Recognizes the importance of taking decisions in a formal meeting structure with clear consensus.
5. Requests the MoU drafting group to advance its work through electronic means.

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6. Requests the PCU to hold a virtual PSC meeting by end of September 2020 to take stock of progress on the draft MoU and to hold additional virtual project steering committee meetings as may be necessary to finalize MoU

AGENDA ITEM 9 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Notes the further clarifications provided by the CLME+ PCU regarding the Revised Budget.
2. Notes the presentation by the delegate from CERMES on the Status of the questionnaire surveys for the GEAF baseline SAP Monitoring.
3. Urges delegates who have not responded to the questionnaire administered by CERMES to do so as soon as possible.
4. Notes the comments by the United States of America related to the number of Member States Signatories required to commence the Memorandum of Understanding.
5. Thanks the CLME+ PCU for the presentation on the CLME+ Hub.
6. Recognizes and commends the Coordinator and staff of the CLME+ PCU for the excellent work they have done in managing the implementation of this complex project including organizing and convening this virtual PSC meeting.

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