

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE CARIBBEAN AND NORTH BRAZIL SHELF LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS (CLME+) PROJECT**

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ACRONYMS

CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CLME	Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem
CLME+	Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems
CRFM	Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GlobalCAD	Centre of Partnership for Development
IGO	Inter-Governmental Organisation
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOCARIBE	IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
OECS	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
OSPESCA	Central America Fisheries and Aquaculture Organisation / <i>Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuicola del Istmo Centroamericano</i>
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
PEG	Project Executive Group
PIF	Project Identification Form
PIR	Post-Implementation Rating
PPG	Project Preparation Grant
PSC	Project Steering Committee
RPC	Regional Project Coordinator
SAP	Strategic Action Programme
SCM	Steering Committee Meeting
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
USA	United States of America

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Special Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the UNDP/GEF Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) project was convened to advance work on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the creation of the ***“Coordination Mechanism to support integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems”***. More specifically, this Special CLME+ PSC Meeting responded to Decisions 5.2 and 8 taken during the Intersessional Meeting CLME+ PSC meeting of 18-20 June 2020, where the PSC:
 - Supported the formation of a Drafting Group, to advance the work on the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of the Coordination Mechanism (Decision 5.2)
 - Requested that the PCU hold a virtual PSC meeting in the third quarter of 2020 to take stock of progress on the draft MoU and agree on a way forward towards its finalisation (Decision 8)
2. In accordance with Decision 5.2, a Drafting Group was established, comprising legal and technical experts nominated by members of the PSC. Between 6 August and 24 September 2020, four meetings of the Drafting Group were held, in six separate working sessions, to conduct a detailed review of the draft Memorandum of Understanding and formulate recommendations to the text for further consideration at this Special Meeting of the PSC. The work of the Drafting Group was supported by the consultants from the Centre of Partnerships for Development (CAD) and the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (PCU).
3. The primary purpose of this Special Meeting of the PSC was to receive the results of the work of the Drafting Group and to advance discussions towards an agreed draft of the MoU. In advance of the meeting, participants were provided with:
 - A revised version of the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of the Coordination Mechanism to support Integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems.
 - A Summary Report of the Work undertaken by the Drafting Group.
 - An [Options Paper](#) on the issue of legal personality for the Coordination Mechanism detailing proposed options under this section in the draft MoU and the pros and cons of each of the defined options.
 - Information on the platform used for commenting on the draft MoU and instructions on the process for providing comments on the document.
4. The list of participants in the meeting is presented in Annex 1.

OPENING OF THE MEETING AND WELCOME REMARKS

5. In her opening remarks, the Chairperson of the Meeting, Dr. Farahnaz Solomon of Trinidad and Tobago, welcomed Ambassador Jean-Bernard Nilam of France, delegates from the participating CLME+ countries, members of Intergovernmental Organisations (IGO), and members of the CLME+ Project Co-ordinating Unit (PCU). She noted that, despite the challenges of this present time, considerable progress has been made since our last meeting in June in advancing the draft MoU for the Coordination Mechanism. For this, she commended the Drafting Group, as well as all the countries and their representatives who have been reviewing and providing the necessary feedback to move the process forward. She expressed the hope that, at the end of this meeting, the PSC would have made even more progress in advancing that process.
6. Ms. Ana María Nuñez, Regional Technical Specialist for Waters, Oceans, Ecosystems and Biodiversity at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) expressed her agency’s continued support for the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP). She noted that implementation of the CLME+ project is progressing well, with 85% of budget delivered,

and commended the progress made with the development of the MoU. She stressed the need to agree on a project end date and on a work plan for the successful completion of the project, to ensure that the sustainability of the CLME+ process is not threatened. Noting the impacts of the pandemic and the resulting impacts and challenges, she acknowledged the efforts and arrangements made by the PCU to facilitate this meeting.

7. Ms. Katrin Lichtenberg, Senior Portfolio Manager, Europe and Central Asia Regional Office's Water and Energy Cluster, United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), noted that the PSC is once again meeting in very unusual times, and she commended PSC members for their continued commitment and participation. She remarked that the current crisis further highlights the critical importance of natural resources and the contribution of ecosystem-based management to sustainable development and recovery. Having been associated with the CLME and CLME+ projects for over 10 years, she feels proud of the progress made, and commended the PCU for the work done in spite of challenges. She stressed the importance of strong stakeholder engagement to arrive at a joint governance mechanism for the region.
8. In his remarks, Mr. Patrick Debels, Regional Project Coordinator (RPC) of the CLME+ Project, expressed his gratitude to PSC members for their participation in such large numbers. He noted the importance of protecting and restoring the region's natural capital in the rebuilding and recovery process, recalling the motto: "Our seas, our source, our future". He observed that very significant progress had been made towards the drafting of the MoU, he commended the Drafting Group for its work and achievements, and he urged the meeting to work effectively over the coming two days. He concluded by informing the meeting that, following France's decision to endorse the SAP, National Focal Point nomination letters had been received and France is now a full member of the PSC.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

9. A Provisional Agenda was presented, noting that the remainder of the first day and the first half of the second day would be devoted to the consideration of the draft MoU. Under Any Other Business, the delegate of UNDP requested the addition of an item on the project's Post-Implementation Rating (PIR). The adoption of the agenda, as presented in Annex 2, was moved by the representative from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and seconded by the representative from the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM).

REPORT ON THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE DRAFTING GROUP

10. The meeting facilitator, Mr. Yves Renard, presented the report on the work undertaken by the Drafting Group, as prepared by Drafting Group member Ms. Samantha Dowdell of the United States of America (USA). The process used by the Drafting Group was briefly described, whereby members were asked to review certain sections of the draft MoU in advance of each meeting of the Drafting Group, with the consultants considering the inputs made and presenting recommendations to the following meeting. This allowed the Drafting Group to reach convergence on a number of issues, while text would be left in brackets whenever it was felt that discussion was still needed. As a result, the Drafting Group identified six main remaining issues to which the PSC should give particular attention at this meeting. The report on the work undertaken by the Drafting Group is presented in Annex 3.

OVERVIEW ON MAJOR CHANGES TO DRAFT MOU AND PRESENTATION OF SECTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

11. Dr. David Berry of the CAD consulting team presented the draft MoU, outlining in particular the six areas that required further discussion and negotiation. He also indicated that throughout the document changes were made to clarify the text wherever necessary, to avoid terminology that could be interpreted as binding, and to agree on the terms that would define

the area covered by the MoU. Generally, the revised draft has therefore been made more succinct, and repetitions have been eliminated. Brackets have been retained where options are presented or where issues remain to be resolved. In response to this presentation, the representative from Guatemala and the delegate from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat thanked the Drafting Group, the CAD consultants and the PCU for this work, noting that this is another demonstration of good ocean governance.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADVANCEMENT TOWARDS CONSENSUS ON THE DRAFT MOU

12. With guidance and background information provided by the CAD consultants, the meeting examined in detail the draft text of the MoU, with delegates providing many specific and constructive recommendations on all sections of the document. As a result of extensive discussions on both days of the meeting, a [revised draft of the MoU](#) was agreed upon, with three of the six areas requiring attention having been satisfactorily resolved, while the other three still contain bracketed text for further discussion and negotiation.
13. As part of the discussion under this agenda item, the delegate from Colombia reiterated her Government's concern over the establishment of the Coordination Mechanism, as expressed at previous meetings and as recorded in her Government's Declaration to the Intersessional Meeting of the PSC in June 2020 (see Annex 5 of the report of that meeting), but stressed its commitment to sustainable development in the MoU area, noting that this is particularly important to achieve recovery in the current context. She expressed the view that the draft as presented reads more like a treaty than a simpler memorandum of understanding. She confirmed that Colombia intends to remain engaged in the process, in a spirit of cooperation, and that the debate needs to continue on issues such as the legal personality of the Coordination Mechanism.

TIMELINE TOWARDS THE CREATION OF THE COORDINATION MECHANISM

14. Mr. Patrick Debels introduced this agenda item with a presentation that gave an overview of the main steps and benchmarks towards horizon 2030 and stressed the importance of continuity to sustain and optimise the impacts of the gains made under the CLME and CLME+ projects. With respect to the creation of the Coordination Mechanism, he invited the PSC to agree on its expectation of what should be achieved during the time frame of this project, and to take note of the need to manage the transition between the CLME+ project and the next project. To this effect, he proposed a number of mitigation measures, possibly including: (a) advancing as much as possible towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism during the CLME+ Project, without jeopardising timely delivery of other project outputs; (b) formulating a plan for the Interim Coordination Mechanism beyond the life of the CLME+ project; (c) optimising the development of the project document, operationalisation of the grant and implementation of the project inception phase for a new project; (d) linking the PROCARIBE+ Project Preparation Phase to (I)CM processes; (e) sustaining a "mini-PCU/Secretariat" during the transition phase, (f) exploring the possibility of an exception to the cap on the project preparation grant (PPG) size; and (g) leveraging funds to bridge the gap between the end of the current project and the start of the PROCARIBE+ project.
15. In the discussion that followed, the delegate from the *Organización del Sector Pesquero y Acuicola del Istmo Centroamericano* (OSPESCA) expressed the need to conduct an additional negotiation on the text of the MoU before March 2021, after the countries have had the opportunity to seek and receive technical and legal inputs into the current draft. With respect to the preparation and submission of the Project Identification Form (PIF), the delegate from Colombia requested clarification on the process and timing of submission to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Operation Focal Point. Meanwhile, the delegate from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) noted the financial constraints under which States currently operate, and stressed the need to share with countries the project's value proposition and a

clear justification for engagement. In response to these comments, Mr. Patrick Debels as well as the delegate from UNDP provided further details on the timetable, indicating that component 3 of the proposed project requires further work.

CLME+ PROJECT END DATE AND UPDATED WORK PLAN

16. Mr. Patrick Debels and Mr. Ivan Pavletich Meza, CLME+ Operations and Finance Manager, provided a detailed update on the status of technical and financial implementation of the CLME+ project, and recommended an extension of the project until 31 October 2021. Under this proposal, by the end of March 2021 the majority of CLME+ Project Outputs would have been delivered, in compliance with Project Results Framework, a “final” ordinary PSC meeting would have been held, the terminal evaluation would have been completed (near-final or final draft) and PIF endorsement letters would have been received. During the period April - June 2021, the PCU’s operational costs would be reduced as a function of needs and resources, stakeholder feedback would be sought on pending outputs and few remaining outputs would be completed, and the I(F)CM as well as the region's progress towards creating the Coordination Mechanism would receive continued support. By the end of April, the final Terminal Evaluation would be submitted to the GEF Secretariat. Finally, the period July - October 2021 would be primarily devoted to operational closure and final reporting, with the PCU also providing support as Secretariat to the ICM and to the process towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism. The project would therefore officially close on 31 October 2021.
17. In his presentation, Mr. Pavletich Meza provided further details on financial status and projections, and outlined the benefits that an extension would bring, noting that the project extension could be done within available budget, that the extension would actually allow the project to take advantage of available budgets while accommodating for exceptional contingencies, and that the extension would only cause marginal additional management costs.
18. In the discussion of this agenda item, several delegations expressed their agreement with the proposed extension as presented by the PCU.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19. The UNDP representative informed the PSC Meeting of the 2020 Project Implementation Review (PIR) rating for the CLME+ Project which was satisfactory. She informed the meeting that significant progress was observed with the implementation of the project output and budget during this last phase of the Project.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

20. The Chairperson invited the PCU to present the draft Recommendations and Decisions of the Meeting for review and adoption, with amendments as appropriate. These were displayed in real time to the Meeting through a multimedia projector in both languages, and discussed in detail by participants. The Recommendations and Decisions of the Special Meeting of the Steering Committee, as approved by this Meeting of the PSC, are included in Annex 4.

MEETING CLOSURE

21. The CLME+ RPC thanked the PSC for the two days of constructive dialogue and the participatory process in advancing the negotiations on the draft MoU. Special thanks also went to the colleagues at Kudo, the CAD consulting team and the PCU administration team for all the work that they did behind the scenes to make this Meeting a success. The CLME+ RPC also

extended his gratitude to the Government of Trinidad for the excellence job of Chairing the Meeting , as well as the Meeting Facilitator. With nothing else on the agenda the Meeting Chair convened the Meeting at 2:56 Cartagena time.

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ANNEX 2: AGENDA

UNDP/GEF CLME+ SPECIAL PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING*Virtual Meeting*

20 -21 October, 2020

AGENDA

#	Time (Colombian Time)	Agenda Item
DAY 1		
1	9:00 - 9:05	Brief on the Use of the Kudo Platform
2	9:05– 9:20	Opening of Meeting and Welcome Remarks
3	9:20 – 9:30	Review and Adoption of the Agenda
4	9:30 – 9:50	Report on the Work Undertaken by Drafting Group on the draft Coordination Mechanism Memorandum of Understanding
5	9:50 – 10:30	Overview on major changes to draft MoU and presentation of main sections for discussion
	10:30 -10:45	BREAK
6	10:45– 12:30	Review, discussion and possible advancement towards consensus on the Draft Coordination Mechanism MoU
DAY 2		
6	9:00 – 10:15	(cont'd) Review, discussion and possible advancement towards consensus on the Draft Coordination Mechanism MoU
7	10:15 – 10:40	Timeline towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism
	10:40 – 10:55	BREAK
8	10:55 – 11:20	CLME+ Project End Date and updated workplan
9	11:20 – 11:50	Way Forward and Next Steps
10	11:50 – 12:05	Any Other Business - PIR rating (UNDP)
	12:05 – 12:20	BREAK (to collate Meeting Decisions)
11	12:20– 13:00	Review and Adoption of Meeting Decisions
12	13:00 – 13:10	Meeting Closure

ANNEX 3: SUMMARY REPORT OF THE CLME+ MOU DRAFTING GROUP

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the UNDP/GEF Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (CLME+) Project met virtually from 16-18 June 2020. The PSC issued the following recommendations regarding a memorandum of understanding (MoU) drafting group:

*AGENDA ITEM 5 – DECISION ON THE COORDINATION MECHANISM**SUB-AGENDA ITEM 5.2 - CREATION OF 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.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - WAY FORWARD

5. Requests the MoU drafting group to advance its work through electronic means.

Per Recommendation 5.2.3, the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit (PCU) issued a call for interest on July 9 and a reminder on July 22. PSC participants nominated legal and technical experts (see below), and the Drafting Group was guided and facilitated by the PCU and contractors (see below).

Per Recommendations 5.2.2 and 8.5, the PCU convened four virtual sessions of the Drafting Group between 6 August and 24 September 2020 (see below). Before each meeting, participants were invited to review specific sections of the MoU and provide edits and comments through Google Drive. During each meeting, the Drafting Group discussed the edits and comments provided ahead of time, as well as any other relevant issues participants raised.

Where there was a convergence of views, edits to the draft MoU were accepted. Of note, the Drafting Group accepted a number of edits to simplify the MoU, including through deletion of superfluous language. If there was not a convergence of views on proposed edits, the Drafting Group worked to develop alternatives with the aim of identifying one solution that was acceptable to all participants. When participants' views still did not converge, the Drafting Group bracketed options for the PSC's consideration.

The outstanding issues to be resolved include:

- **Commitments** (paragraph 3) – One participant proposed new language for paragraph 3 during the final Drafting Group session. There was not a clear consensus among Drafting Group participants.
- **Steering Group review of Executive Group Decisions** (paragraphs 19.6 and 28.6) – One participant proposed the addition of these paragraphs. There was not a clear consensus among Drafting Group participants.

- **Chair of the Steering Group** (paragraph 27.2) – One participant proposed that the Chair of the Steering Group participate in meetings of the Executive Group, without decision-making capacity. There was not a clear consensus among Drafting Group participants.
- **Legal personality** (paragraphs 43-46) – Three options for the “Legal Personality” section were developed and are detailed in a separate options paper composed by the consultants. The Drafting Group reviewed the options paper and provided input. There was not a clear consensus reached among Drafting Group participants.
- **Consultation** (paragraphs 54-56) – Three options for the “Consultation” section (formerly “Settlement of Disputes”) were developed and are described in a comment box in the draft MoU. There was not a clear consensus among Drafting Group participants.
- **Commencement** (paragraph 58) – The Drafting Group considered the number of Signatories, particularly the number of States and Territories, needed for commencement of the MoU. Two options were developed and are described in a comment box in the draft MoU.

The Drafting Group did not substantively alter the language pertaining to the “Core aspects of the Coordination Mechanism” (as discussed at the virtual PSC). Any edits to this language are minor and are intended to align the language with the rest of the revised draft MoU.

The Drafting Group produced 3 output documents for consideration of the Project Steering Committee:

1. The CLME+ MOU Drafting Group Summary Report
2. Updated draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) enabling the Creation of a Coordination Mechanism to Support Integrated Ocean Governance in the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems”
3. Options Paper: The Coordination Mechanism and its Legal Personality

MoU Drafting Group Nominees

Country/Region	Name	Designation
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United States	Iris Lowery	Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
United States	Katherine Gorove	Legal Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State
SICA	Mauricio Herdocia	Asesor Jurídico de OSPESCA y reconocido internacionalista
Panama	Liz Montilla	Biologist
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Dominican Republic	Nina Lysenko	Directora Recursos Marinos, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
CARICOM Secretariat	Kareem Sabir	Senior Project Officer, CARICOM Secretariat
Antigua and Barbuda	Tricia Lovell	Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer (Ag), CLME+ NFP
Trinidad & Tobago	Ida Mariana Eversley	Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel of the Legislative Drafting Department in Trinidad and Tobago
Panama	Licenciado Osvaldo Rosas	Abogado de la Dirección

Additional MoU Drafting Group Participants

Name	Role in Drafting Group	Designation
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Laverne Walker	CLME+ Project Expert	CLME+ Senior Project Officer
Angelica Carillo	CLME+ Project Expert	CLME+ Project Management Support Associate
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Yves Renard	Facilitator	Independent Consultant
Robin Mahon	CLME+ Project Expert	Professor Emeritus at University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus; GlobalCAD
David Berry	Lead Drafter	Senior Lecturer in Law at University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus; GlobalCAD
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Carlos Espósito	Legal Advisor/Legal Translator	Professor of Public International Law, Autonomous University of Madrid

Drafting Group Meeting Logistics

Session	Date(s)/Time(s)	Simultaneous Interpretation	MoU Sections Discussed
1	Thursday, 6 August 2020 9:30am – 11:00am Colombia Time	No	Purple Text (areas where there was known divergence)
2	Wednesday, 2 September 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm Colombia Time Thursday, 3 September 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm Colombia Time	Yes	Blue Text (remaining areas under functions and organs not considered at June PSC meeting)
3	Tuesday, 15 September 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm Colombia Time Wednesday, 16 September 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm Columbia Time	Yes	Black Text (remaining sections of MoU)
4	Thursday, 24 September 2020 9:30am – 12:00pm Colombia Time	Yes	All unresolved issues

ANNEX 4: RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

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,

20 - 21 October 2020

The CLME+ Project Steering Committee:

Having convened the intersessional UNDP/GEF CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting virtually utilizing the Kudo Meeting Platform from 20 - 21 October, with a total of 90 participants representing 20 countries and 15 organizations and Chaired by Trinidad and Tobago;

The Steering Committee:

Agenda Item 4: Report on the Work Undertaken by the Drafting Group on the draft Coordination Mechanism Memorandum of Understanding

Commends the CLME+ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Drafting Group for its work undertaken in reviewing and making recommendations on the draft Coordination Mechanism Memorandum of Understanding.

Agenda Item 6: Review, discussion and possible advancement towards consensus on the Draft Coordination Mechanism MoU

Acknowledges the advancements towards consensus on the text of the draft Coordination Mechanism MoU during this special PSC meeting.

Urges the countries and organisations that have not yet engaged their legal advisors in the development of the MoU to commence that process immediately.

Intends to further engage towards achieving consensus on the Coordination Mechanism MoU text, and requests the CLME+ PCU to support this process aiming to achieve a technically and legally cleared document by CLME+ Project End

Calls upon the CLME+ PCU to consider the possibility of organising a consultation to further review and refine the draft MoU prior to the next ordinary meeting of the PSC

Agenda Item 7: Timeline towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism

Supports 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 [“PSC2010 AI7 - Timeline towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism”](#)

Requests that the CLME+ PCU share a draft version of the new project proposal: PROCARIBE PIF for the continuity of the CLME+ initiative with the PSC as soon as possible to allow for consultation This could be followed up by a Meeting of the PSC to review and revise the PROCARIBE+ PIF if deemed necessary.

Agenda Item 8: CLME+ Project End Date and updated workplan

Acknowledges the materials shared and presented by the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit on CLME+ Project Implementation Status and Way Forward as outlined in [“PSC2010 AI8 - CLME+ Project revised Workplan \(extension\)”](#)

Approves a no-cost extension until 31 October 2021 as the date of Project Operational Closure to enable successful project completion and delivery of key outputs.

Approves the proposal of the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit as outlined in slide 14 document [“PSC2010 AI8 - CLME+ Project revised Workplan \(extension\)”](#)

Approves the revised work plan as presented in document [“PSC2010 AI8 - CLME+ project revised Gantt Chart”](#)

Approves the revised budget as presented in slide 22 in document [“PSC2010 AI8 - CLME+ Project revised Workplan \(extension\)”](#)

Agenda Item 9: Way Forward and Next Steps

Urges the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit, co-executing partners and PSC members to work diligently towards achieving the (financial and technical) project implementation objectives and outputs in this final stage.

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

Notes the overview of the UNDP delegate on the CLME+ Project Implementation Report execution which was rated as satisfactory both in programmatic and financial implementation.

Applauds the achievements of the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit and the Co-executing agencies towards achieving the project's development objectives.

Commends the CLME+ PCU, CAD consulting team, and the PSC for their hard work and dedication in the preparation and conduct of this Special virtual Project Steering Committee Meeting.