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CLME+ PSC Meeting 23 - 25 February , 2021

Overview of Process towards the creation of the Coordination Mechanism

Agenda Item 4 - Coordination Mechanism

Third CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting

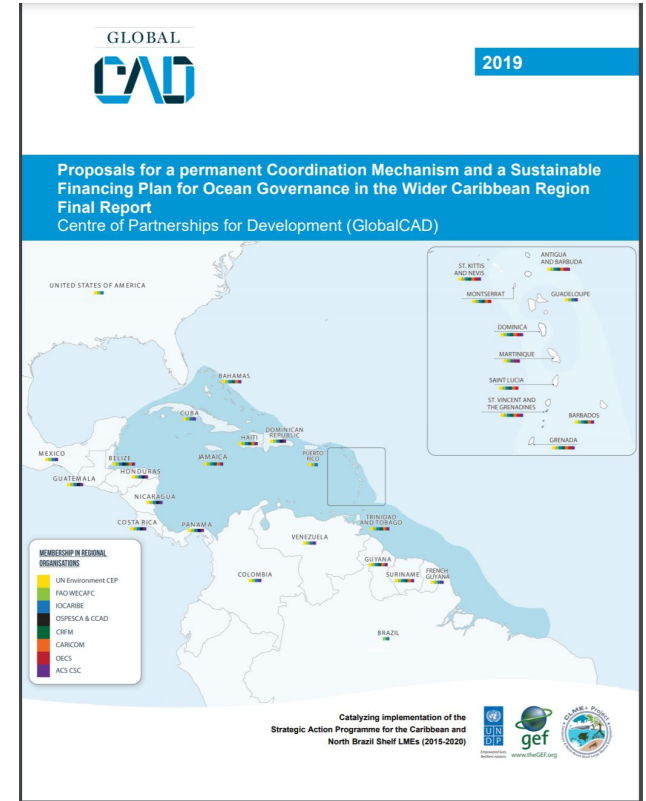
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Mandate for Creation of Coordination Mechanism - CLME+ Strategic Action Programme

STRATEGY 3 Establish and operationalise a regional policy coordination mechanism for ocean governance, with initial focus on shared Living Marine Resources			Time Frame	
			Short-Term (0-5 yrs)	Medium-Term (6-10 yrs)
A C T	3.1 (A)	Decide upon and establish an interim coordination mechanism amongst the regional sub-arrangements for sustainable fisheries and for the protection of the marine environment		
	3.2 (A)	Evaluate all options and propose a permanent policy coordination mechanism with a clear mandate which is financially sustainable, geographically inclusive and politically acceptable and which takes into account the principle of subsidiarity (this may include the identification of appropriate reforms)		
	3.3 (A)	Adopt and operationalise the permanent regional policy coordination mechanism for shared Living Marine Resources (sLMR) governance	adopt	operationalize

Coordination Mechanism Process

- CLME+ Project started implementation in 2015
- Consultancy awarded to Centre of Partnerships for Development (GlobalCAD) in 2017
- Inception, Phases 1 and 2 (draft) reports prepared, plus materials
- Frequent and close consultations with CLME+ SAP ICM and PCU
- Two regional consultations in 2018 (Cartagena) and 2019 (Panama)
- Consultations with individual countries held (plus in-country consultations held)



Coordination Mechanism Process

- June 2020 CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting:
 - Endorsed the Core Aspects of the Coordination Mechanism
 - Supported the use of a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for expressing intent to create the Coordination Mechanism
 - Supported the creation of a drafting group with technical and legal representatives to review and amend the draft MoU

- August - September 2020
 - Four virtual meetings of drafting group convened to review full draft MoU
 - Drafting group simplified MoU language
 - Amended language to ensure non-binding nature of MoU
 - Drafting Group proposed alternative text, when necessary, for wider consideration of CLME+ PSC

Coordination Mechanism Process

- October 2020 Project Steering Committee Meeting:
 - Advanced towards consensus of the Coordination Mechanism MoU
 - Three remaining bracketed areas in MoU to be resolved:
 - *Paragraph 3, to clarify the non-legally binding nature of the MoU/nature of the coordination mechanism*
 - *Paragraphs 27 – 30, to address the issue of legal personality*
 - *Paragraph 37 to address issues of interpretation/conflict resolution/consultation*
 - Requested the PCU to consider organising a consultation to further review and refine the draft MoU

Coordination Mechanism Process

- December to February
 - CLME+ PCU distributed a questionnaire to obtain PSC views on the remaining bracketed text.
 - Several PSC members also provided additional comments and recommendations by email
 - Informal consultation convened on 4 February 2021 to review responses to questionnaire in relation to remaining bracketed text
 - Revised Coordination Mechanism MoU with proposed text shared with Steering Committee

Coordination Mechanism Process

Purpose of Today's Session

- Agree on the proposed text for the three remaining bracketed areas of the MoU
- Address any other remaining areas of concern in the draft MOU highlighted by PSC members
- Obtain technical endorsement of the Coordination Mechanism MoU
- Define way forward towards adoption of Coordination Mechanism MoU text