



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INCEPTION MEETING CONSERVING AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY IN AFRICAN BLUE ECONOMY

8th – 10th December 2021 NAIVASHA, KENYA

Time	Activity	Facilitator
DAY 1: 8TH DECEMBER 2021		
08:30-09:00	ARRIVAL & WELCOMING OF PARTICIPANT	AU-IBAR
	OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION	Moderator: Dr. Mohamed Seisay
09:00-10:00	<p>Welcome remarks by: Madam Francisca Gonah, on behalf of the DIRECTOR AU-IBAR</p> <p>Statement by AUDA-NEPAD Dr. Clement Adjorlolo</p> <p>Statement by Embassy of Sweden to the African Union Senait Regassa Programme Manager- Environment, Climate Change and Renewable Energy, Regional Development Co-operation</p> <p>Opening Statement on behalf of the Government of Kenya</p>	
	Objectives of the workshop	Ms. Hellen Moepi , Fisheries Officer, AU-IBAR
Technical Sessions		
SESSION 1 SETTING THE SCENE PRESENTATIONS		Moderator/Presenters Professor A.E. Falaye
10:00-10:15	Theory of Change	Mr. Kennedy Oroko
10:15-10:45	Overview of the Aquatic Biodiversity Project, activities and implementation	Dr. Mohamed Seisay

10:45-11:00	The Project Budget	Catherine Oduor, AU-IBAR
11:00-11:20	GROUP PHOTO & COFFEE BREAK	ALL
SESSION 2 ELABORATING THE PROJECT		Moderator/Presenters Professor A.E. Falaye
11:20-12:15	YEAR WORKPLANS	Mr. Kennedy Oroko
12:50-13:05	YEARLY BUDGET	Catherine Oduor, AU-IBAR
13:20-14:00	Discussions	ALL
14:00-15:00	LUNCH	ALL
ELABORATING THE PROJECT		Moderator/Presenters Dr. Clement Adjorlolo
15:00-15:20	Highlighting the role of RECs and Specialized Regional Institutions in supporting project implementation	Dr. Mohamed Seisay
15:20-15:40	Highlighting the role AU Member states and other stakeholders in supporting project implementation	Ms. Hellen Moepi
15:40-15:45	COFFEE BREAK	ALL
ELABORATING THE PROJECT		Moderator/Presenters Mr. Obinna Anozie
15:45-16:05	Communication, visibility and knowledge management	Mrs. Patricia Lumba, AU-IBAR
16:05-16:25	Monitoring, Evaluation, Logframe, Collection baseline information on indicators	Mr. Admore Chakadenga, AU-IBAR
16:25-16:55	Discussions	
16:45-17:00	CLOSURE FOR THE DAY	
DAY 2: 9TH DECEMBER 2021		
09:00-09:15	RECAP	Ms. Hellen Moepi
09:15-12:00	INTRODUCING WORKING GROUP SESSIONS	Moderators/Presenters Dr. Mohamed Seisay and Prof. Eyiunmi Falaye
	Ratify and/or align relevant international/regional instruments related to blue economy themes (with specific reference to protecting and conserving biodiversity)	Working Group 1

	Optimizing conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity while minimizing conflicts among blue economy sub-themes	Working Group 2
	Strengthening measures for mitigating the negative impacts of coastal and marine tourism, oil, gas, deep sea mining and climate change on aquatic biodiversity and environment	Working Group 3
	Strengthening gender inclusivity in aquatic biodiversity conservation and environmental management	Working Group 4
11:15-12:15	TEA BREAK	
12:00-13:00	Plenary	ALL
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	ALL
INFORMATION SHARING ON BEST PRACTICES ON CONSERVING AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY – EXPERT PRESENTATIONS		Moderator/Presenters Professor Falaye
14:00-14:20	A Swedish Framework for a Network of Marine Protected Areas - an inspiration towards international goals	Katrin Eitrem Holmgren & Mme Jenney Hertzman Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
14:20-14:40	Conservation for development in the Western Indian Ocean	Katrin Eitrem Holmgren & Mme Jenney Hertzman Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
14:40-15:00	Africa's Aquatic Biodiversity: Threats and Conservation Status	Prof. Dennis Aheto, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
15:00-15:15	COFFEE BREAK	
15:15-15:35	African biodiversity conservation in the climate change context	Prof. Pierre Failler, Blue Economy Consultant, University of Portsmouth, UK
15:35-15:55	Sustainable coastal and marine tourisms, mining, gas, oil exploration – mitigating the impacts of externalities	Dr. Patrick Karani, Environmental Consultant
15:55-16:15	Implementation challenges of global biodiversity and environmental related instruments in Africa	Mr. Kwame Mfodwo, Legal expert in public policy and natural resources
16:15-17:00	Discussions	

DAY 3: 10TH DECEMBER 2021

Synergies and other initiatives on the continent		Mr. Clement Adjorlolo
09:00-09:15	RECAP	Edward Kimakwa
Global, Continental and Regional Institutions		
09:15-09:35	Protecting Biodiversity and environment in the oceanic space – IOC perspectives	Dr. Mika Odido IOC Coordinator in Africa
09:35-09:55	Enhancing blue economy in the IGAD member states for biodiversity conservations and livelihood diversification	Dr. Eshete Dejen AG. Programme Manager IGAD
09:55-10:15	Maximizing Africa’s Blue Economy Potential: Strengthening the Regional Seaweed Value Chain	Dr. Bernice Mclean, AUDA-NEPAD
10:15-10:35	Man-made and environmental constraints to development of Africa blue economy	COMHAFAT / ATLAFCO
10:35-10:55	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
11:15-11:35	COFFEE BREAK	ALL
11:35-11:55	Mitigating impact of climate change in marine ecosystems in the Benguela Current Large marine Ecosystems	Mr Xolela Wellem BCC Namibia
11:55-12:05	FAO/CCLME Project: ongoing and planned activities on management of aquatic biodiversity and environmental sustainability	Dr. Aboubacar Sidibe, CCLME Project, Senegal
12:05-12:25	The role of women in conservation of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	Dr. Alberta Sagoe , University of Cape Coast, Ghana
12:25-12:45	Managing the impacts of land-based pollution, shipping (and other at-sea activities) on marine biodiversity in West and Central Africa.	Dr, Chiamaka Mogo Executive Secretary, AFMESI
12:45 – 13:05	Mechanisms of Payments for Ecosystems Services	Prof. Andrew Baio, Marine Biology and Oceanography, University of Sierra Leone
13:05-13:35	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
13:45-14:00	Closure & Lunch	ALL