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1. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), which is the apex pan-regional organization for the Indian Ocean, was launched in 1997. Its Secretariat is located in the Republic of Mauritius. IORA currently has 22 Member States, nine Dialogue Partner States, one Observer and two Specialized Agencies.
2. To enhance the functioning of the Association, it is imperative to have a strong core of academic research. With this objective in mind, it has been proposed to introduce a simple and manageable online Journal of Indian Ocean Rim Studies (JIORS) which would be available free of cost.
3. In keeping with the Charter of IORA, the objectives of the Journal would be to promote research in:
  - (a) Understanding of sustained growth and balanced development of the region and of the Member States;
  - (b) Capacity building in the six IORA priority areas of the Association;
  - (c) Matters related to the IORA Focus Areas of Women's Empowerment and the Blue Economy;
  - (d) Capacity building to create common ground for regional economic cooperation;
  - (e) South-South Cooperation and issues related to the global economy.
4. The Journal's core aim would be to provide a platform for researchers, scholars, resource persons and practitioners to share their research findings in the Indian Ocean Rim Region which would enhance IORA's decision making processes.
5. The IORA focus on six priority areas which promote the sustained growth and balanced development of the Indian Ocean Region and of Member States; creating a common ground for regional economic cooperation to enhance the functioning of the organization. The priority sectors of IORA are:
  - (a) Maritime Safety and Security;
  - (b) Trade and Investment Facilitation;
  - (c) Fisheries Management;
  - (d) Disaster Risk Management;
  - (e) Academic, Science and Technology Cooperation;
  - (f) Tourism and Cultural Exchanges.
  - (a) **Maritime Safety and Security** is a key area for IORA because a safe, secure Indian Ocean is vital in order to bolster the movement of goods and people amongst the Member States. The countries of the Indian Ocean region are remarkably diverse in terms of size, economic strength, languages and cultures. The Indian Ocean faces many traditional and non-traditional security challenges including piracy, illegal fishing, human trafficking, drug smuggling, trafficking of weapons, maritime pollution and climate change.
  - (b) **Trade and investment** is an area that directly impacts upon job creation, poverty alleviation and economic development, and contributes to the objective of promoting sustainable and balanced



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economic growth in the region. IORA is working towards strengthening cooperation with the business community in order to accelerate intra-regional trade and increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows. Key areas of attention include trade facilitation, exploring options for trade policy coordination, the harmonization and simplification of procedures and the dissemination of information through appropriate arrangements, including trade fairs, business-to-business meetings and capacity-building workshops.

- (c) **Fisheries Management.** Indian Ocean coastal states share a keen interest in the management and conservation of the region's rich fish resources. Fisheries and related industries are critical in ensuring food security. The impacts of overfishing and climate change have accelerated the reduction of major fish stocks in the region.
- (d) **Disaster Risk Management** is an area of increasing interest to IORA Member States, which seek to address the threats posed by natural disasters (such as tsunamis) and manmade disasters (such as oil spills and marine pollution). Across the world, more than 200 million people are affected every year by droughts, floods, cyclones, earthquakes, fires and other hazards.
- (e) **Academic, Science & Technology Cooperation.** The contributions by science, technology and the academia have the potential to enhance IORA's knowledge and capabilities in a number of important fields. Such fields include Indian Ocean phenomena (such as its biology, meteorology and weather patterns), coastal zone management, renewable energy, energy efficient technologies and the development of the region-wide ocean economy.
- (f) **Tourism and Cultural Exchanges.** The tourism sector has tremendous potential in the Indian Ocean region. Substantial benefits could be accrued by Member States through the enhancement of tourism and marketing linkages within the region. Cultural exchanges contribute to the development of mutual understanding and goodwill, and open channels of communication that could serve the interests of Member States.
6. In addition to the above six priority sectors, the Association also focuses on two special cross-cutting areas: the Blue Economy and Women's Economic Empowerment. These areas are vital to the development in the Region and contribute significantly to the overall regional cooperation.
7. Overall, developments of a strong core of academic research, articles and papers are imperative for future developments within in the Indian Ocean Region. As this Journal would be interdisciplinary in nature, covering all the priority areas of IORA, its publication will strengthen the research capacity of Member States, as well as the academic linkages with universities and institutions among all the Member States and Dialogue Partners. The Journal will also enhance the visibility of IORA and scientists, authors, policy-makers and research scholars contributing to the knowledge sharing Journal.

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