

## Draft Programme and Agenda

### First Meeting of IORA Working Group on the Blue Economy

Date: 05-06 December 2019  
Venue: Voila Hotel Bagatelle  
Republic of Mauritius

Wednesday, 04 December 2019 (Day 1)	
Morning and Afternoon	Arrival of IORA Delegates in Mauritius
Thursday, 05 December 2019 (Day 2)	
08:45 - 09:30	Arrival at meeting venue and Registration
09:30 - 10:15	<p><b><u>Inaugural Session</u></b> Programme Director: Mr André Share, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the Chair of the Working Group on the Blue Economy (South Africa)</li> <li>• Remarks by Dr Gatot H Gunawan, Director, IORA Secretariat</li> </ul>
10:15 - 10:45	Group Photo and Coffee/Tea Break
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b><u>Session 1: Discussion on the Work Plan of the Blue Economy (WGBE)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Work Plan on the Blue Economy;</li> <li>• Nomination of the Focal Point of the WGBE;</li> <li>• Discussion on modalities for implementation of the Work Plan on the Blue Economy.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chair: Mr André Share, Head of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Secretariat, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</u></b></p>
12:00 - 13:00	<p><b><u>Session 2: Climate Change and Marine Pollution</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the consideration of aspects related climate change and marine pollution (in particular plastics) in the Work Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chair: Mr André Share, Head of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Secretariat, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</u></b></p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 - 16:00	<p><b><u>Session 3: Implementation of the Work Plan of the Blue Economy (WGBE): short-term and medium-term activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on how to move forward with the implementation of short-term and medium-term activities;</li> <li>• Participating Member States to express interest in hosting any short-term and medium-term activities;</li> <li>• Presentation on the existing IORA funding mechanisms for implementation of activities under the Work Plan of the WGBE.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Chair: Mr André Share, Head of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Secretariat, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</i></b></p>
18:30 - 21:30	<p><b>Welcome Dinner hosted by Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, Republic of South Africa</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, 06 December 2019 (Day 3)</b></p>	
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b><u>Session 4: Deliberation on the engagement of Dialogue Partners and other relevant stakeholders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on modalities for implementation of the Work Plan on the Blue Economy in collaboration with Dialogue Partners;</li> <li>• Collaboration with Dialogue Partners and other relevant stakeholders for the implementation of the Work Plan of the WGBE;</li> <li>• Dialogue Partners and relevant organisations to express interest in hosting any activities of the Work Plan of the WGBE;</li> <li>• Discussion on potential resourcing of initiatives;</li> <li>• Joint implementation opportunities and mechanisms.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Chair: Mr André Share, Head of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Secretariat, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</i></b></p>
10:30 - 10:45	<p><b>Coffee/Tea Break</b></p>
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b><u>Session 5: Closing</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair: Mr André Share, Head of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Secretariat, Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (South Africa)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary on Outcomes of the meeting and adoption of the Decisions Report.</li> <li>• <u>Closure</u></li> </ul>
12:00 - 13:00	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
13:00	<p><b>Delegates depart for a field trip for a Coastal Clean-up.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Note: Hired ground transport to be utilised by delegates.</i></li> </ul>
13:30 - 16:00	<p><b>Undertaking field trip to the beach for a Coastal Clean-up.</b></p> <p><i>Proceedings to be guided by the GIZ (Germany) and Republic of Mauritius.</i></p>

<b>16:00</b>	<b>End of field trip and return to Hotel</b>
<b>18:30 - 21:30</b>	<b>Farewell Dinner hosted by Republic of Germany (GIZ)</b>
<b>Saturday, 07 December 2019 (Day 4)</b>	
<b>Morning and Afternoon</b>	<b>Departure of IORA Delegates</b>