

## **GOVERNANCE GROUP A**

### **ARE ROLES AS PRESENTED IN THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE ADEQUATE?**

#### **IGO in the Executive Group**

- Terminology can convey a “decision-making function”
- Proposal to use term “IGO Coordinating Group”
- Consider NGO/CBOs observer status as member of IGO. Need for an inclusive process regarding that matter.

#### **Countries in the Steering Group**

- Discussions were held around Workplan and Budget Approval function. Need to be considered in the context of the Implementation Agreement and potential fiduciary responsibilities.
- There needs to be a clear system for fiduciary management! Could that function reside to hosting country or organization?
- Country representation should not be prescriptive. General guidelines can be offered. This remains the remit of the Executive.
- The operation of a national governance mechanism is overall important or multisector and stakeholder engagement.

#### **Working Groups**

- Will need to focus on thematic areas –
- There will be need for policies surround selection of stakeholders. Some engagement might be sensitive and should be subject to further discussions. e.g, Private Sector, GEF, GCF, Development Banks, bilateral donors, based on rules and regulations

#### **Secretariat**

- A decentralized model and virtual should be considered particularly where core functions are in the domain specific IGOs/ countries.
- Contribution as In-Kind.

### **GENERAL ISSUES**

1. Private Sector SAP and Civil Society SAP are under development.
2. Capacity for major and minor civil society to participate in ocean governance processes must be considered.
3. NIC is seen as a critical element.
4. Ocean Governance need to consider Social, Gender, Women, Disadvantaged, Youth, Human Security issues
5. Experiences of NICs from CLME were shared.
6. There needs to be a clear system for fiduciary management in the context of financial and resource mobilization functions! Could that function reside in hosting country or organization?
7. Depiction of High-Level Authorities should be re-examined

