



Session 7: Governance structure of the Coordination Mechanism





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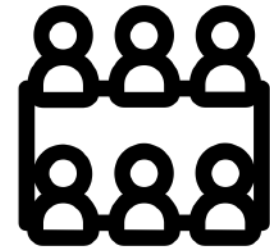
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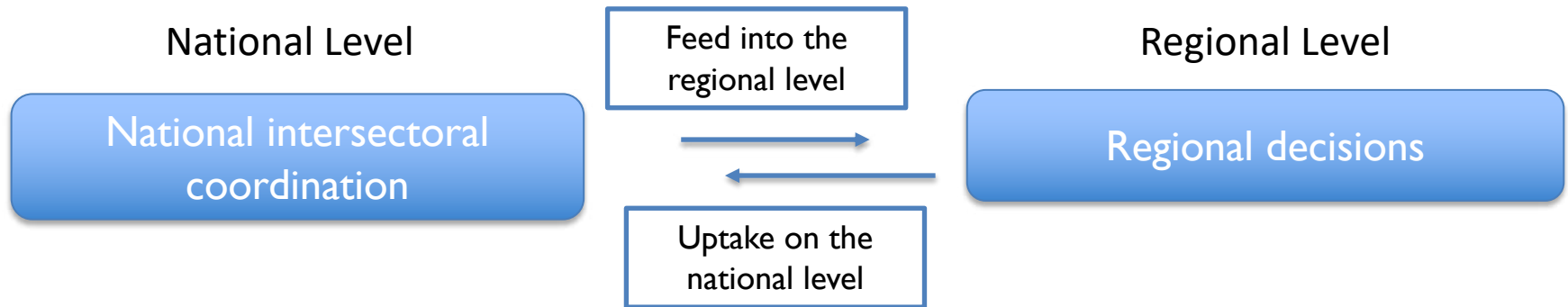
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Expected result:

Discuss, further fine-tune and achieve consensus on the proposed structure of the Coordination Mechanism, particularly the roles of countries, IGOs and the Secretariat

ROLE OF CLME+ COUNTRIES

- Important to strengthen the links between the regional and national level in two ways:

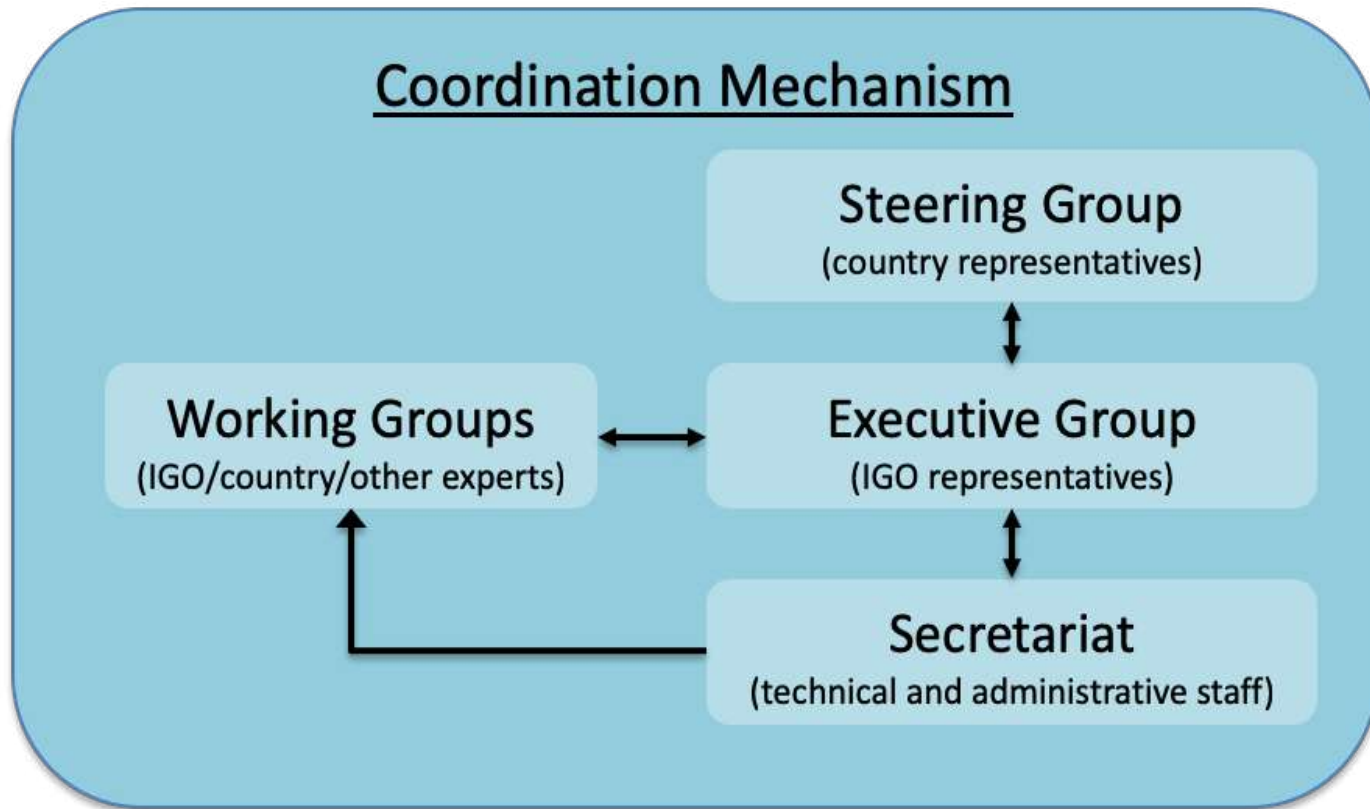


- Therefore:** Although the focus is on region wide coordination, the role of countries also in implementation of the mechanism is crucial.
- Role of countries as members of IGOs, as well as direct representation in a Steering Group to ensure proper representation of country interests.

ROLE OF IGOs

- IGOs play a key role in the implementation of the Coordination Mechanism.
- Working together enables them to collectively:
 - improve the coordination of their respective work programmes,
 - identify joint opportunities for programming and resource mobilization,
 - develop new projects
 - engage stakeholders in ocean governance

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



STEERING GROUP

Steering Group	
Role	<p>Provides high-level guidance and direction for the Executive Group but does not direct the specific activities of individual IGOs. Selection of tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guiding the Executive Group on thematic milestones, financial and geopolitical issues, ▪ Approving work programmes and budgets of the Coordination Mechanism ▪ Identifying and inviting new partners ▪ Identifying priority issues to be included in the work programme
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 delegate per country (designated National Focal Points), representing the countries at ministry level: avoiding rotations of Focal Points as much as possible. Should be well connected with the representatives in the IGOs, and represent the country from a cross-sector perspective. NICs are key to achieve this. • The Chair of the Executive Group, representing the Executive Group. Reports on the activities of the Executive Group. • Invited observers • Coordinator/Director of the Secretariat, responsible for the documentation and reports of the meetings
Chair	Rotating chair (modality to be decided by the country representatives)
Meeting cycle	Every 2 or 3 years (would meet in year 1 of the operation of the Coordination Mechanism).
Decision-making	Consensus

EXECUTIVE GROUP

Executive Group	
Role	<p>Leads the technical and operational activities of the Coordination Mechanism including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporating the recommendations from the Steering Group and IGOs into the work programme ▪ Monitoring the effectiveness of the work programs and reporting to the Steering Group ▪ Appointing the Coordinator/Director and hiring the staff of the Secretariat ▪ Establishing Working Groups whenever required ▪ Overseeing the work of the Secretariat and the Working Groups
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the IGOs • The Chair (or selected representative) of the Steering Group • Invited observers • The Secretariat (coordinator/staff), responsible for the documentation and reports of the meetings
Chair	Rotating or permanent chair, nominated by the representatives of IGOs (modality to be decided by the Executive Group)
Meeting cycle	Every 6 months (at least 1 physical meeting per year)
Decision-making	Consensus

WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups	
Role	<p>Working Groups are formed on an “as per needs” basis to support the operation of the Coordination Mechanism in specifically defined areas or functions, as determined by the Executive Group (based on work programmes and budgets) and whenever required to accomplish the work programme.</p> <p>The Secretariat supports the operational aspects of the activities of the Working Groups and facilitates the work of the working group.</p>
Members	Appointed by the Executive Group, this can include experts, scientists, representatives from IGO staff, government, civil society, private sector and international organisations.
Leader	Appointed by Executive Group
Meetings	As needed
Products	Recommendations to the Executive Group

Example: Working Group to assess how different ocean-based economic activities in the region affect coastal and marine tourism, under function “Strengthening science-policy interfaces”.

Secretariat

Role	<p>Provides the required operational, communication and administrative support for the Coordination Mechanism including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparing, supporting and documenting meetings, decisions, recommendations and findings of the Steering Group, Executive Group and Working Groups ▪ Preparing draft work programmes and budgets for the Coordination Mechanism ▪ Implementing activities as determined in the work programme of the Coordination Mechanism ▪ Preparing regular performance reports ▪ Providing administrative and financial services to the Coordination Mechanism ▪ Operating, maintenance and regular updating of the Communication System ▪ Representing the Coordination Mechanism through the Coordinator/Director, as mandated by the Executive Group
Staff	<p>Coordinator/Director, technical and administrative staff</p>

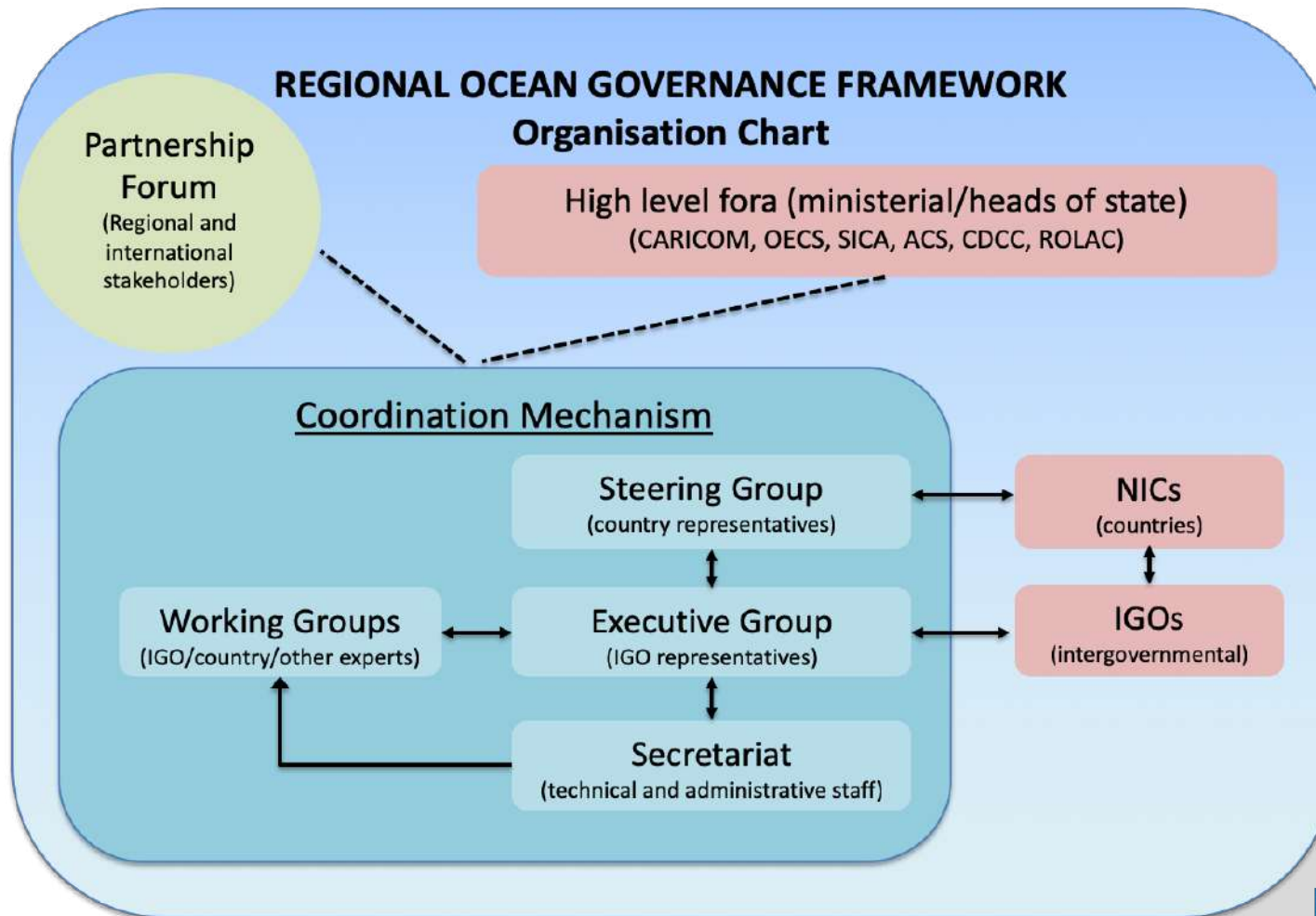
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The Coordination Mechanism connects to actors and initiatives of the RGF in various ways:

- as invited observers to the meetings of the Steering Group and/or the Executive Group (under all functions)
- as participants in issue based Working Groups constituted by the Coordination Mechanism (under all functions)
- through targeted communication and awareness raising (function 2)
- through building relationships with high-level decision making bodies (function 3)
- through building relationships with potential funding partners and investors (function 9)
- dedicated stakeholder engagement function including a multi-stakeholder Partnership Forum (function 5)

In particular, the Coordination Mechanism pursues the institutionalization of the engagement with the private sector on a regional scale.

THE COORDINATION MECHANISM WITHING THE REGIONAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK



INDICATIVE COST ESTIMATES

- indicative in nature and present a **likely cost range** for the operation of the mechanism
- responsibility of the Secretariat, Steering Group and Executive Group of the Coordination Mechanism to **develop and approve the concrete annual budgets** for the mechanism, taking into account programmatic priorities and available resources
- **uncertainties** related to key factors that will determine the real costs of the mechanism, among them:
 - Selection of core and supporting functions
 - Modality of implementation (e.g. use of virtual meetings)
 - Location of the Secretariat and hosting arrangement (which influences the staff, travel and administrative costs)
- significant **potential synergies and economies of scale** that could be made use of when mandating the mechanism with a broader set of functions
- these cost estimates do not reflect the **costs for coordination efforts by countries** and IGOs that are needed for integrated regional ocean governance in addition to the operation of the Coordination mechanism itself

INDICATIVE COST ESTIMATES

Proposed Functions	Estimated annual costs (USD)
1 - Coordination of programmatic approaches for ocean governance and monitoring progress with critical ocean sustainability instruments, goals and commitments	470,000-1,119,000
2 - Communication, outreach and awareness raising	66,000-153,000
3 - Policy Coordination and consolidation of the regional institutional and policy framework for ocean governance	66,000- 163,000
4 - Knowledge management and data and information sharing	72,000-250,000
5 - Stakeholder engagement	84,000-250,000
6 - Strengthening science-policy interfaces	43,000-143,000
7 - Identification of new areas for collaboration and emerging issues	66,000-163,000
8 - Development of joint programmes	66,000-163,000
9 - Sustainable financing and resource mobilisation for ocean governance	221,000-522,000

That means:

- ❖ Regular implementation of the **full scope of functions** could cost between **USD 1m and 3m annually**.
- ❖ Implementation of the three functions **Programmatic Coordination, Communication and Policy Coordination as core functions** is estimated to cost between around **USD 600,000 and USD 1.4m per year**.

Cost categories:

- Secretariat staff salaries
- Activity related costs (e.g. the production of the SOMEER Report, the production of communication materials, technical maintenance of a knowledge web portal, etc.)
- Translation costs
- Administrative costs which include office space, supplies and devices, internet and communication, electricity, water
- Meeting costs (Steering Group, Executive Group and Working Groups, incl. among other travel and DSA for all meeting participants)
- Travel cost for the Secretariat staff

Steps towards the Coordination Mechanism – Step 2

Determine the **governance structure** of the Coordination Mechanism. This includes the **roles and responsibilities** for countries and IGOs within the governance structure, as well as the role of the proposed Secretariat.

Consultancy recommendation: endorse the proposed governance structure and associated roles and responsibilities with a high-level steering role for countries, and an executive role for IGOs (through which countries are represented at the executive level), an operational role for the Secretariat.



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