

Cartagena Convention Secretariat: Oceans Governance & Policy Coordinating Mechanism

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Part 1 Our Legal Scope and Mandate

RATIFICATION OF CARTAGENA CONVENTION & OIL SPILLS PROTOCOL



*Caribbean Netherlands: Special Public Bodies of the Netherlands. Alternatively known as Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba, BES Islands.



Part 2 Decision of 15th Conference of Parties

Encourage Contracting Parties to engage in national consultations on the Coordination Mechanism and the development of a Sustainable Financing Plan for Ocean Governance in preparation for the Regional Consultation Meeting scheduled for 30 July to 1 August 2019 in Panama, and for the last CLME+ Project Steering Committee Meeting planned for the first semester of 2020.

Request that the Secretariat continue to participate, *inter alia* through virtual discussions involving the Bureau, Monitoring Committee and/or all Contracting Parties of the Cartagena Convention, in the process towards the establishment of the Coordination Mechanism and the development of a Sustainable Financing Plan for Ocean Governance.

Request that the Secretariat undertake further investigations with the CLME+ Project Coordination Unit and members of the SAP Interim Coordination Mechanism, regarding the possibility of the Secretariat hosting the Coordination Mechanism including an analysis of all financial and legal implications and note that no final commitment will be made without the endorsement of the Contracting Parties.

Encourage the Contracting Parties to support the efforts to leverage additional donor funds to give continuity to the outcomes and the outputs of the CLME+ Project and to the further implementation of the CLME+ SAP, and that the Secretariat, as per their mandate, be engaged in the development and implementation of such projects and initiatives.



Part 3 Programme Implications

Our Programme of Work is based on approval of biennial Work Plans & Budgets, Decisions of Conference of Parties (focal points), and we support Governments to meet their obligations under the Cartagena Convention and its Protocols & related regional & global commitments.

Who decides on programme and project priorities?

How is overlap avoided?



Part 4 Legal Implications

Legally binding Convention; Secretariat hosted by the Government of Jamaica through a Host Government Agreement; UNEP administers the Programme.

What will be the legal status of the mechanism?

Where will the mandate come from?

A tropical beach scene with several palm trees in the foreground, a sandy beach, and a blue ocean under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text 'Part 5 Budget Implications' is overlaid on the image.

Part 5 Budget Implications

The Secretariat costs are covered “*totally*” by Annual Voluntary Government Contributions to our Caribbean Trust Fund.

How will additional costs of hosting a mechanism be covered? (*PSC to UNEP of 13% & 1% for UN Reform*)

How do we avoid competition for same external resources?



Part 6 General Considerations

- Main Focus of Mechanism: *Coordination; Resource Mobilization; Improve effectiveness & efficiency*
- Governance Structure: *Affects everything – full ownership by countries*
- Financial Sustainability: *Not compromising sustainability of existing IGOs*
- Value Added vs Cost to establish: *Governments, IGOs*




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Next Steps

- Remain Engaged in discussions
- Detailed analysis of administrative, legal & cost implications
- Communication with our Contracting Parties/Governments
- Demonstrate Value Added in Concrete Terms
- **Receive commitments for support – financial, administrative, technical**



Part 8 Is there a need for a Mechanism?

YES

**Ownership, Scope, Function
& Mandate**



Part 9 THANK YOU

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