



## Session 8: Hosting of the Coordination Mechanism

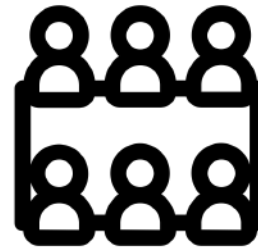


## SESSION 8



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**Expected result:**

**Discuss options and formulate preferences or recommendations for the potential hosting of the Coordination Mechanism by a country or organization**

- The Secretariat of the Coordination Mechanism can be **installed in any country of the WCR**, based on countries' decision and a hosting agreement with the respective selected country.
- Another option is for a **Secretariat of an existing IGO to host the Secretariat of the Coordination Mechanism**, based on a hosting agreement with the respective IGO (and possibly the country in which it is located).

### For a country

- Gains in terms of international reputation
- Benefits for the local economy (e.g. locally recruited staff, service providers and suppliers, etc.)

### For an IGO

- Raise of profile
- Potential to tap into synergies in technical terms

### **Potential criteria for selecting a host country:**

- Provision of co-financing/in-kind contributions (e.g. office space)
- Location and connectivity
- Cost for operation of the Secretariat
- Attractiveness for recruiting and retaining international staff

### **Potential criteria for selecting a host organisation (in addition to previous ones):**

- Membership in the Executive Group of the Coordination Mechanism
- Consensus among CLME+ SAP ICM member IGOs on the selected host IGO
- Broad geographic mandate wide membership of CLME+ countries
- Broad thematic mandate Provision of co-financing/in-kind contributions
- High technical and managerial capacity and financial
- High level decision making

## CO-FINANCING THROUGH HOSTING OF THE SECRETARIAT

### Potential cost coverage:

- Depending on capacity: Can range from provision of office space & infrastructure (incl. basic services) to staff time
- Additional funding for remaining costs required

**Preconditions:** Hosting IGO or country needs to have the required resources

### To consider:

- Supporting countries and IGOs could advance their international profile & realize synergies with existing ocean governance efforts & local economy benefits
- Question of location may further influence this decision
- Physical set-up of the Secretariat could take place relatively fast
- Host's capacity determines capacity of the Secretariat (evolution of the Coordination Mechanism)
- Agreement by the IGOs member countries + agreement with respective host country required

### Next steps:

- Identification of a host IGO or country
- Initiate decision-making process within hosting IGOs
- Initiate negotiation of a hosting agreement based on



## **Consultancy recommendation:**

Deliberate on the preferred hosting agreement considering the potential for synergies and financial savings, based on potential in-kind contributions by the host country and/or organization



***Next:***

**Preliminary findings from assessments of  
hosting the Coordination Mechanism**

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