



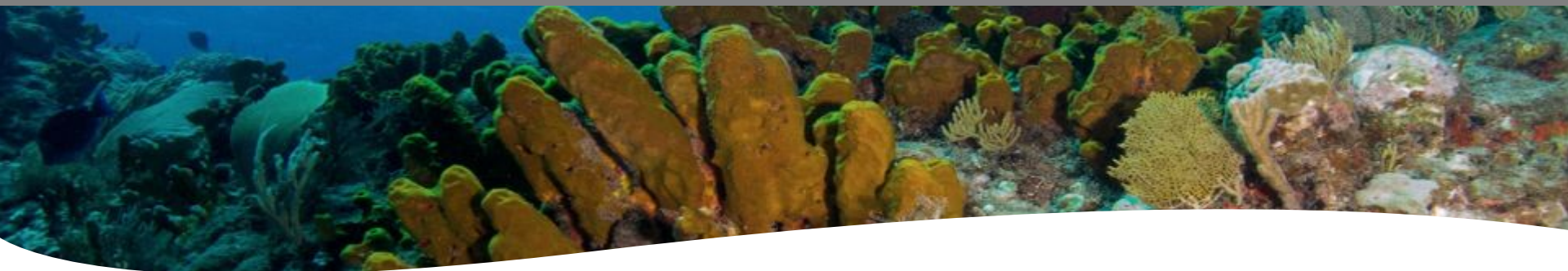
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Caribbean & North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems

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Agenda Item 3: Coordination Mechanism

3f. Operationalizing and Sustaining the Coordination Mechanism



Recalling Decisions from the February 2021 CLME+ PSC Meeting

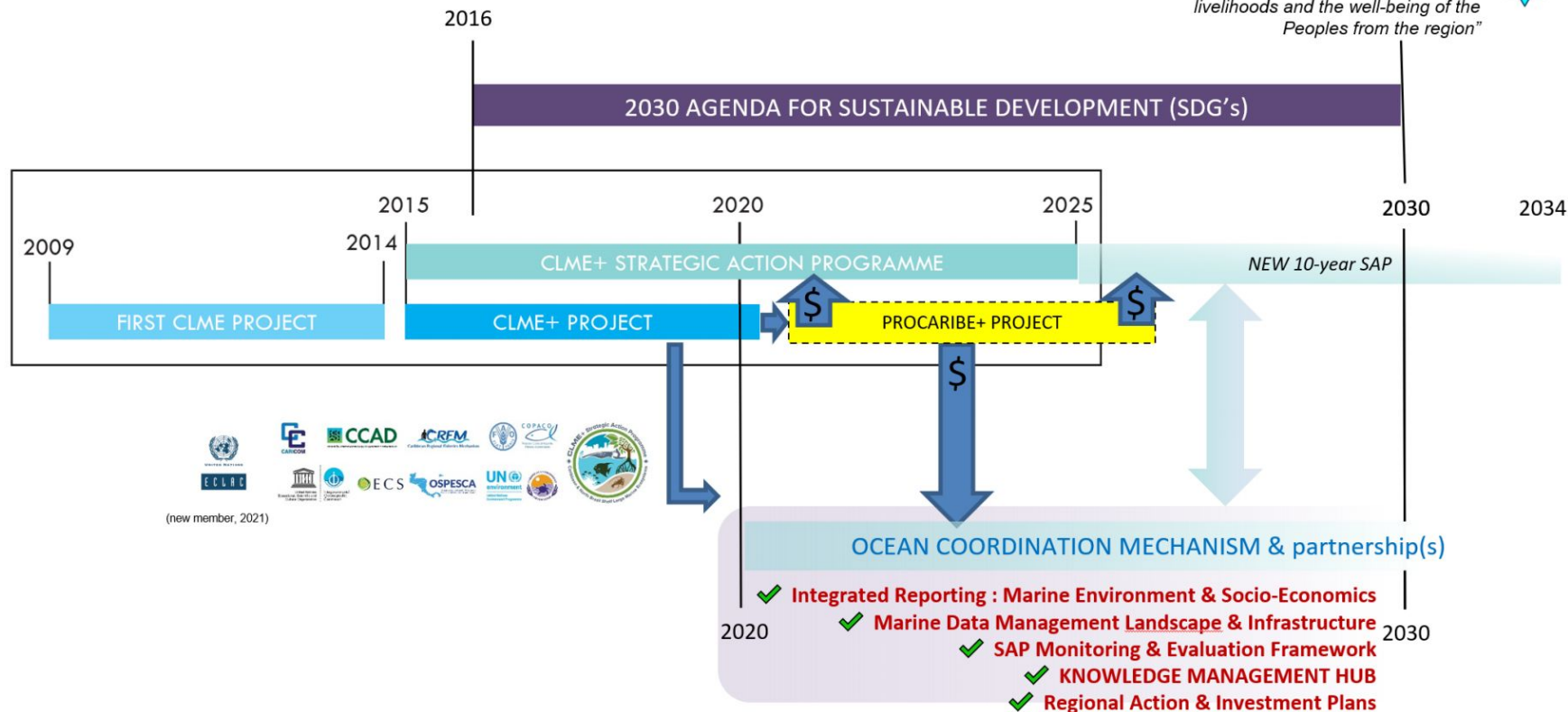
1. Acknowledges the importance of **simultaneously** and **expeditiously** moving towards the **commencement** of the **PROCARIBE+ Project** and the **Coordination Mechanism**, to enable




the prompt and successful **operationalization** of the Coordination Mechanism.

CLME+ Vision

"a healthy marine environment
(in the wider Caribbean) that supports
livelihoods and the well-being of the
Peoples from the region"



Commencement of the CM

- When will CM commence?
 - 23 signatures needed (*17 States/Territories, 6 IGO's*)
 - *MOU Article 31: "The Secretariat maintains a list containing the official address of each Signatory (...)"*  **focal point**
 - Should commence by at very latest the start of PROCARIBE+ Project (mid 2022?)

→ *Please note: the CM = to steer/oversee development & endorsement of new SAP by end of 2024?*

STEPS TOWARDS COMMENCEMENT (and operationalization*)

| <u>WHAT</u> | <u>WHO</u> | <u>WHEN</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| (a) Finalize the MoU | <i>the CLME+ PSC</i> | <i>@ final CLME+ PSC Meeting</i> |
| (b) Open for Signatures | <i>potential Signatories? see MoU Annex 1</i> <i>[who needs to be informed?]</i> | <i>as soon as certified translations of the MOU into Spanish & French are available</i> |
| (c) Sign | <i>see February 2021 PSC Decisions</i> | <i>as soon as possible after (b)</i> |
| (d) Identify Focal Point | | <i>together with signature</i> |



7. Acknowledges that it is up to each State and Territory to determine who would sign the MOU on their behalf and who will represent them in the Steering Group.
8. Recommends that, when considering who would sign the MOU, States and Territories consider high-level officials whose purviews cover the functions of the Coordination Mechanisms as outlined in the MOU.
9. Acknowledges that the representation of each State and Territory at the Coordination Mechanism Steering Group should be such that it will facilitate the successful achievement of the goals and objectives of the Coordination Mechanism, and enable adequate articulation among regional-level and national-level ocean coordination processes, such as e.g. those undertaken by National Inter-sectoral Coordination Mechanisms (NICs).

Custodianship of CM MOU Signatures

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- Who is to be the custodian for the MOU and the MOU signatures?

→ *see agreed-upon MOU text*

❖ *CLME+ ICM Secretariat, until CM operational*

IOCARIBE of the IOC of UNESCO and the PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit to jointly serve, ad interim, as the ICM Secretariat, starting on 1 November 2021 and until the end of the PROCARIBE+ PPG Phase ([ICM12 Decision, September 2021](#))

- ❖ *CM = operational → country or IGO (EOI) until the Secretariat commences operation*
- ❖ *once CM Secretariat operational → CM Secretariat*

Commencement + Custodianship of Signatures

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- the previous solution will be enabled through an extension of the lifespan of the CLME+ ICM beyond the CLME+ Project End (31Oct21) and until *the CM commences*

→ *ALMOST THERE: to date, CLME+ ICM MOU Addendum has been signed by 6 IGO's (requirement: 9)*

ICM 10 (February 2021):

The ICM:

Agrees to the need for continuity of the ICM after the end of the CLME+ Project and until the commencement of the Memorandum of Understanding that creates the long-term Coordination Mechanism



ICM 11 (June 2021):

The ICM:

Re-affirms the commitment of all ICM Members to continue participating in the CLME+ ICM as outlined under decision 4a Post-project ICM sustainability of ICM 10.

Commits to having the Addendum signed for entry into force by 30 September 2021 to enable the continuity of the ICM beyond the CLME+ Project end date.



ICM 12 (September 2021):

The ICM:

*Calls upon all ICM Members that have not yet signed the ICM MoU Addendum to **urgently proceed with the signature**, in order to (...) provide the certainty (...) that the ICM will continue past the life of the CLME+ Project and to ensure that the ICM Secretariat can act as the custodian of the OCM MoU (...)*

Operationalization of the CM

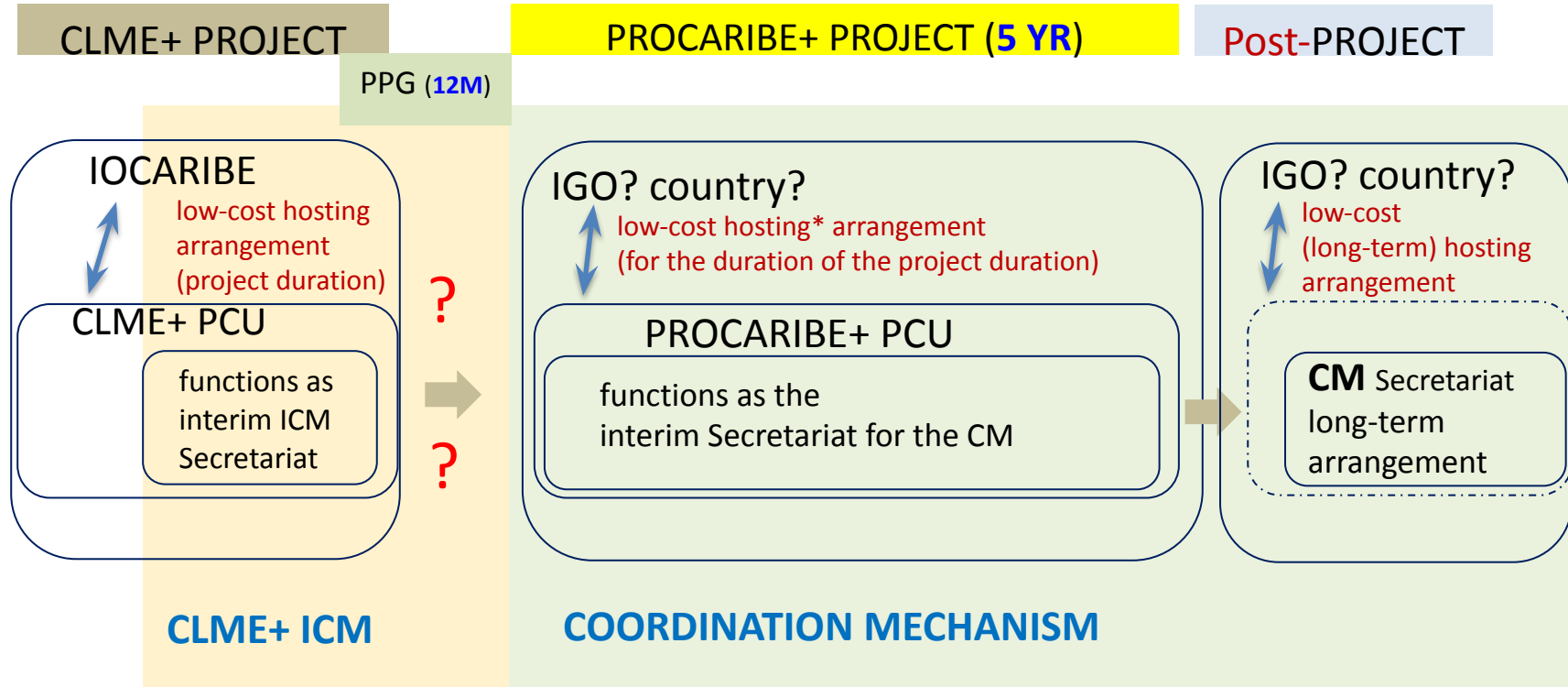
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STEPS TOWARDS FULL OPERATIONS

| <u>WHAT</u> | <u>WHO</u> | <u>WHEN</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| (a) Executive Group (EG) | <p>The EG is expected to consist of one representative from each IGO that is a Signatory to this MoU.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><i>identify representative @ time of signing of MOU</i></p> <p>↑</p> | <p>First EG Meeting = to be convened by the Executive Director of the first IGO Signatory to sign this MoU, prior to the first meeting of the Steering Group, and no later than six months after the commencement of this MoU or as soon as practicable. Appoints Chair. Can develop EG Rules & Procedures.</p> |
| (b) Steering Group (SG) | <p>The SG is expected to consist of one representative from each of the States and Territories that are Signatories to this MoU.</p> | <p>First SG Meeting = to be convened by the EG Chair, no later than one year after the commencement of this MoU or as soon as practicable. Appoints SG Chair. Can develop SG Rules & Procedures.</p> |
| (c) Secretariat | <p>The Secretariat is to comprise a Director and such other staff as the Coordination Mechanism may need, if an existing entity does not fulfil the duties of the Secretariat.</p> <p>see next slides</p> | |

12. Indicates **preliminary support** for the following approach towards achieving **short, medium and long-term sustainability of the Coordination Mechanism**, while acknowledging the Steering Group of the Coordination Mechanism may revisit and adjust the approach(...):

- **Short & medium-term (2021/2027):**
 - Coordination Mechanism Secretariat and other Organs operate (largely) with **financial support from the PROCARIBE+ Project**
 - PROCARIBE+ Project period used to **demonstrate and evaluate CM added value**
 - CM considers a range of options and decides, prior to PROCARIBE+ Project end, on post-Project financing mechanism(s)
- **Long-term (2027 and beyond):**
 - Deployment of sustainable financing mechanism(s) endorsed by the Coordination Mechanism Steering Group.



(updated from slide from Feb 2021 CLME+ PSC Meeting)

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UPDATE

- [Project Concept Note \(PIF\)](#) approved at the last GEF Council Meeting in June 2021



87. The project will support the **operations of the OCM**, which will come into being through the signing of the OCM MoU by min. 23 Signatories (including no fewer than 17 States/Territories and 6 IGOs). The OCM will consist of a *Steering Group* (countries), *Executive Group* (IGO's) and *Secretariat - a function that will be exercised during the project by the PROCARIBE+ Project Coordination Unit*. The OCM will be supported by thematic *Working Groups*, and will be at the core of the **gradually expanding multi-stakeholder partnership(s)** (Output 1.1.1).

Countries

Regional, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda (GEF OFP letters provided by GEF-eligible countries at time of PIF submission to the GEF Secretariat)

- + USA, the Netherlands (indicative co-financing) + Haiti, Venezuela (GEF OFP letters provided during PPG)
- + UNDP - UNOPS - UNEP - UNESCO - FAO - CRFM - CCAD - OSPESCA (indicative co-financing)

25 States/Territories
7 (eligible) IGO's



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Protecting and Restoring the Ocean's natural Capital, building Resilience and supporting region-wide Investments for sustainable Blue socio-Economic development

UPDATE

- Project Preparation Phase: 12 months, starting from GEF Council Approval
 - PROCARIBE+ PPG [Preparatory Meeting](#) held in July 2021
 - **Request for nominations** from countries and intergovernmental organizations for:
 - *PPG Development Committee*
 - *PPG Thematic Groupings* (including one on the coordination mechanism)
- = support development of the detailed PROCARIBE+ project proposal (“*Project Document*”)

nominations received to date: [click here](#) (and scroll down)

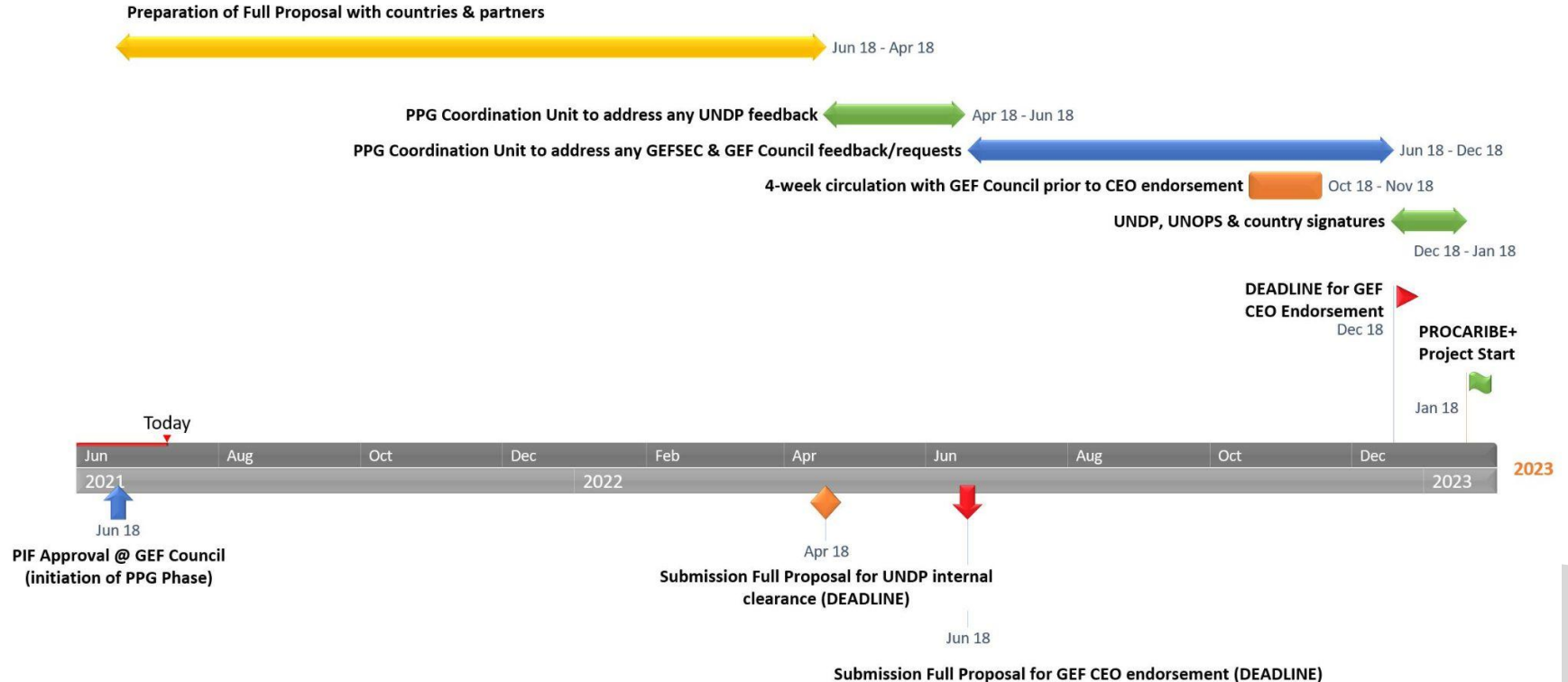


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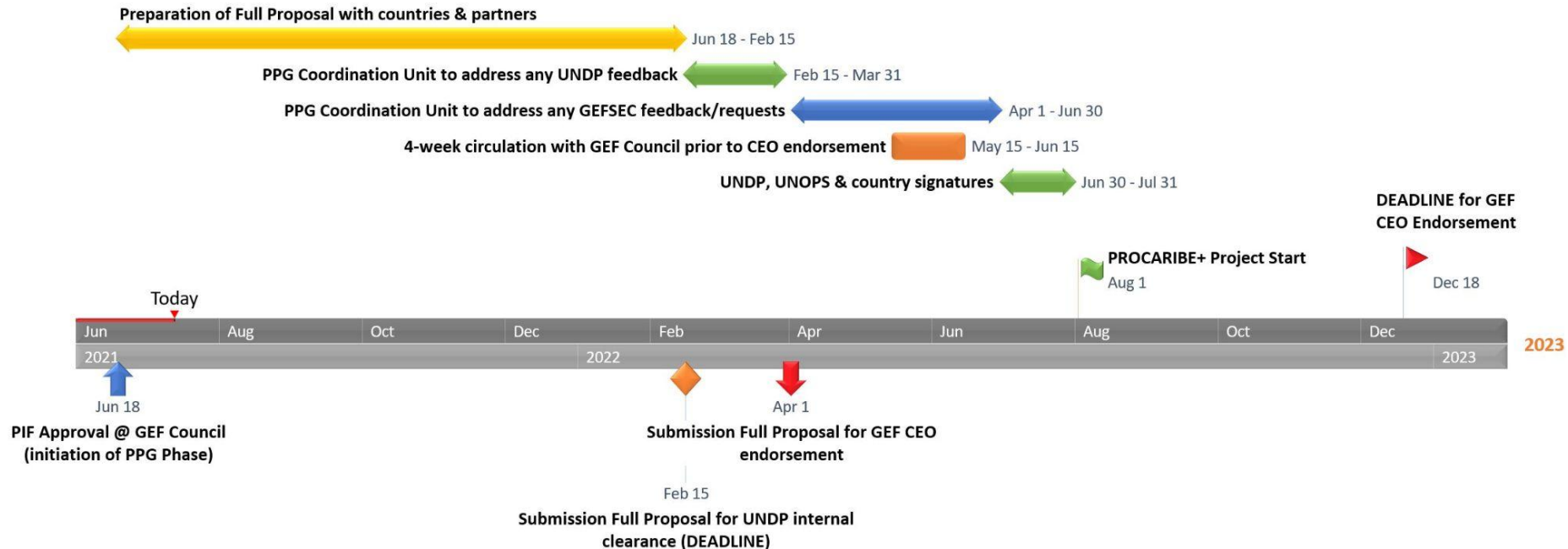
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FROM PROJECT PREPARATION GRANT RELEASE (PPG) TO PROJECT INITIATION (FULL GRANT) **Accelerated Implementation (budget constraints + momentum/continuity)**



Sustaining the CM

Strategic & Pragmatic Approach

short & medium-term (2021/2-2027):

- ❑ *CM Secretariat & Governance Bodies operates (largely) with financial support from the PROCARIBE+ Project*
- ❑ *PROCARIBE+ Project period used to demonstrate and evaluate CM added value*

long-term (2027 and beyond):

- ❑ *deployment of sustainable financing mechanism adopted by the PROCARIBE SG*

What are we seeking from the PSCM?

- Reaffirm the importance of simultaneously and expeditiously moving towards operationalizing both the PROCARIBE+ Project and the CM
- Endorse the Strategic Approach towards achieving short, medium and long-term sustainability of the CM
- Agree on key steps to commence CM and enable (short/medium term) its operations



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Questions?



Catalyzing implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf LME's (2015-2020)