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**The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030:
Tropical Americas Co-Design Workshop
A Sustainably Harvested and Productive Ocean**

Co-existing opportunities and Synergies: Exploring Opportunities for a sustainably harvested and productive ocean in the Western Tropical Atlantic (WTA)”.

Thursday, October 7 at 9:h00 Colombia Time (9h00 AST, 11h00 UTC).

Hosted by IOC of UNESCO Sub commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE

Virtual meeting by ZOOM platform

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Programme

The UN Decade Working Group V is focused on “a sustainably harvested and productive ocean ensuring the provision of food supply and ocean resources.” For the Western Tropical Atlantic (WTA) countries and ocean sciences, we have a few challenges starting the UN Decade in 2021, but these challenges can turn into opportunities for science and ocean solutions. The key to delivering a sustainably harvested ocean is the development and implementation of a transboundary, multidisciplinary, and cross-sectoral research approach. This approach should connect science, technology, service providers, private sector, policy makers and society in general, for the sustainability of fisheries and marine ecosystem services for livelihoods, economic and social development.

Governments and civil society are increasingly aware of the need for further improvement of management frameworks to achieve greater sustainability and resilience of marine resources. A key component of delivering a sustainably harvested and productive ocean will involve all stakeholders taking ownership and recognizing the importance of science in a changing world. Future research will need to address these aspects. However, other immediate priorities include strengthening governance and building human capital. These priorities will also be necessary to address one of the great challenges of our time: climate change. To achieve this, we need to move beyond the traditional frameworks and move towards equal participation of all



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stakeholders in policy, governance, and the implementation of strategic decision-making frameworks that enable equity in ocean science, management, and conservation for the benefit of all. The Decade represents an extraordinary opportunity to bring science decision-makers and industry together with society to improve the sustainability of the oceans and make a difference for future generations.

This virtual session will present regional case studies discussion paper that will include clear recommendations and guidance for the enhancement and sustainability of marine resources under the blue economy. This could include the identification of priority issues and recommendations for the development of regional actions as well as on how we can foster multi-stakeholder participation. These short regional discussion papers (in English, Spanish, French or Portuguese) will be prepared in close collaboration with the co-convenor of the regional session.

Cartagena Time	ITEM
9:00 – 9:15	Part 1. Welcome/Overview
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and Objectives of the Meeting <u>Alejandro Acosta</u> Research Administrator, Gulf Caribbean Fisheries Institute. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission/ Fish Wildlife Research Institute.
9:05 – 9:10	Overview of Ocean Decade <u>Cesar Toro</u> , Head of IOC of UNESCO Sub commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE
9:10 – 9:15	Poll #1 on Familiarity with the Ocean Decade
9:15 - 9:30	Part 2 -Keynote Moderator: Fadilah Ali Blue Economy in the Western Tropical Atlantic <u>Dr Patrick McConney, Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES)</u>
9:30 – 9:35	Poll 2
9:35 – 10:10	Part 3 Panel: Regional Organizations/Agencies/Institutions/Projects

	<p>Questions to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can your programs contribute to the for a sustainably harvested and productive ocean in the Western Tropical Atlantic (WTA) region? • How will your program create opportunities and synergies for transformative ocean science and marine use along the Decade? <p>Moderator: <u>Martha Prada</u> [max 10 min pre-recorded presentations by panelists with a summary of the endorsed program]</p>
<p>9:35- 10:10</p>	<p>Eric Wade, FAO-WECAFC to support opportunities and synergies</p> <p>Ileana López, Programme Officer for the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol.</p> <p>Maren Headley, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism</p> <p>Patrick Debels. UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit</p> <p>Q/A</p>
<p>10:10 – 10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Part 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel: Sustainable Development and Private Partnerships</p> <p>Moderator: <u>Martha Prada</u></p> <p>Jake Kheel, Grupo Puntacana Foundation</p> <p>Ruth Perry, Marine Science and Regulatory Policy Specialist, Shell Exploration & Production Company</p> <p>Q/A</p>
<p>10:30 – 10:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Part 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel: Sustainable Development and Non-Profit Organizations</p> <p>Moderator: <u>Fadilah Ali</u></p> <p>Lalo Bone, Environmental Defense Fund</p> <p>Melanie Andrew, CANARI, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute</p> <p>Alejandro Acosta, GCFI, Gulf Caribbean Fisheries Institute</p> <p>Q/A</p>



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10:45 – 10:55	<p style="text-align: center;">Part 6 Closing Session Summary and Call to Action</p> <p>Summary - Alejandro Acosta Chair WTA V a Sustainable Harvested and Productive Ocean Next Steps – Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade (NOAA)</p>
10:55-11:00	<p>Closing words and adjourn. WTA WG Webinar Series Update.</p> <p>Cesar Toro, Head of IOC of UNESCO Sub commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE</p>