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## **The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030: Tropical Americas and Caribbean Region**

### **Regional Planning Group**

### **Review Committee**

## **Ocean Decade Call for Actions Submissions**

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9h00 Colombia Time (10h00 AST, 14h00 UTC).**

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

### **Draft Agenda**

As a follow-up to the Region-wide efforts in a substantive development and implementation of Decade Actions, the consultant team drafted a set of regional Decade proposals to address the regional challenges identified during the TAC Regional Kick-Off Conference (16-17 December 2021) and the WTA Regional Workshops' series (April-September 2021).

The identified actions are based on the results gathered from the recent reports, and on-going activities of UN Agencies/Programmes and Regional entities, the available information from WTA Regional Workshops, and the breakout sessions held during the TAC Regional Kick-Off Conference.

The draft proposals were submitted to the Regional Planning Group - Technical Review Committee, for its consideration and approval. A meeting was convened on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to formally present the draft proposals to the Committee. After careful assessment, the RPG-Technical Review Committee recommended that the listed below draft proposals should be approved for submission with minor amendments.

The consultant team adopted all the recommendations made by the Technical Review Committee and the following project proposals were submitted for endorsement for transformative Decade Actions of the Ocean Decade Commission, Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021, on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The Regional Planning Group and Review Committee is called to advise and agree on the way forward for implementation at the Tropical Americas and Caribbean Region, Plan of Action and the follow-up and implementation of the projects submitted at the Ocean Decade Calls for Decade Actions that address regional priorities and needs.



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Cartagena Time	ITEM
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Part 1</b> <b>Opening – Setting the Scene</b>
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Secretariat briefing / Objectives</b> <b>Cesar Toro</b> , Head of IOC of UNESCO Sub Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE
09:10 – 10:10	<b>Part 2</b> <b>Consultancy Report</b>
09:10 – 09:20	<b>Introduction to Session and Report on TAC Projects Submission</b> <b>Edgard Cabrera</b> – Team Leader
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Knowledge and Solutions</b> Clean Ocean – Healthy Ocean – Productive Ocean Leaders: Francisco Arias – Alejandro Acosta – Soraya Silva Presenter: Fadilah Ali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● TAC Pollutants Observatory</li> <li>● TAC Understanding multiple stressor effects</li> </ul>
9:30 – 09:40	<b>Essential Infrastructure</b> Transparent and Accessible Ocean – Predicted Ocean – Safe Ocean Leaders: Christa Von Hillebrandt-Andrade – Julio Morell - Albert Martis Presenter: Douglas Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ocean Observing System and Forecasting System for the TAC Region</li> <li>● Caribbean Early Warning Systems and Services</li> </ul>
09:40 – 09:50	<b>Foundational</b> Cross-Cutting – Capacity Development – Inspiring Ocean Leaders: Elva Escobar – Arthur Paterson Presenter: Milena Maltese Zuffo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Best practices: standardizing local, national, and international data</li> <li>● Ocean literacy: towards ocean equity in TAC Region</li> </ul>



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09:50 -10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Capacity development in the TAC Region</li></ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b> Moderators: Edgard Cabrera – Cesar Toro</p>	
10:10 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 3</b> <b>Way Forward</b></p>	
10:10 – 10:20		<p><b>RPG – Plan of Action</b> <u>Christa Von Hillebrandt-Andrade – Elva Escobar</u></p>
10:20 – 10:30		<p><b>Closing</b> <u>Cesar Toro</u>, Head of IOC of UNESCO Sub Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE</p>