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Dates: 12-13th December (Two sessions 3H 09:00 – 12:00) Colombia (GMT – 5)

Virtual event – Interpretation English – French – Spanish provided

Hosted by IOCARIBE

Link for registration: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4vxhBynKRUKhK5mFUO4nJg

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a public process of analyzing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives that have been specified through a political process.

MSP is not an end but a practical way to create and establish a more rational use of marine space and the interactions among its uses, to balance demands for development with the need to protect the environment, and to deliver social and economic outcomes in an open and planned way. The IOC-UNESCO is working on promoting ecosystem-based management through MSP. This work is also a major contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), adopted by the 72nd UN General Assembly on 5 December 2017. To support this, the IOC-UNESCO has held different international, regional, and national events to focus on solutions to properly manage the ocean.

In the last decade, MSP processes have spread to all continents. Since 2017, the IOC-UNESCO and the European Commission are working together to accelerate MSP processes worldwide through a joint action called MSP Roadmap, of which an updated version was launched during the 3rd International Conference on MSP in November 2022. As a result of this partnership, the MSP Global Initiative ¹ and the International MSP forum were established, this last one focus on building mutual understanding on MSP and create a global community of practice.

The creation of Regional MSPforums aims to amplify these efforts at regional level (Latin America and The Caribbean, Africa, and Asia and Pacific) together with IOC's Sub Commissions (i.e., IOCARIBE, IOCAFRICA and WESTPAC) and other regional partners and initiatives working on MSP. The Regional MSP Forum will be a mechanism for IOC-UNESCO, together with partners, to act in the regions which need technical support, including Large Marine Ecosystems (LME), thus reinforcing existing transboundary management frameworks at regional level. Looking for synergies between MSP-related programs within and beyond IOC-UNESCO is key to support Member States in a more efficient way.

Respectively, we would like to invite you to the Regional MSPforum for Latin America and The Caribbean, which will support a dialogue process on MSP, including its links to the priority areas of the updated MSP Roadmap:

¹ Obtaining better mutual understanding of marine spatial planning processes undertaken within specific regional contexts is an opportunity to learn from each other's experience.



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- Knowledge support
 - Capacity development and awareness
 - Transboundary cooperation
 - Climate-smart MSP
 - Marine protection and restoration
 - Sustainable blue economy

The first edition of the online Regional MSP Forums is co-funded by the Government of Sweden.

Reference information; links to the updated MSProadmap and LAC country profiles:

- <https://www.mspglobal2030.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/MSProadmap2022-2027.pdf>
<https://www.mspglobal2030.org/msp-roadmap/msp-around-the-world/americas/>

Note to participants

During the Virtual MSPforum, attendees are on listen-only mode and invited to reply to the Polls, Open-Ended Questions and ask questions in the Q&A or in the chat as they are monitored during the webinar.

The written questions will be answered first during the discussion part of the session. Additional verbal questions will be taken at the end of the session and will be considered in the final Wrap-up discussion and LAC MSPforum report.

AGENDA

Monday 12 December 2022	
Moderator: Edgard Cabrera	
OPENING	
09:00 – 09:20	<p>OPENING REMARKS</p> <p><u>Leo Brewster</u>, IOCARIBE Vice Chair <u>Julian Barbière</u>, Head of Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section IOC-UNESCO (video)</p> <p>MSP Roadmap (Setting the scene) <u>Michele Quesada da Silva</u>, MSP Consultant. IOC-UNESCO</p>
SESSION 1	
09:20 – 10:20	<p>REGIONAL INITIATIVES</p> <p><u>Claudette Spiterj</u>, GEF IW: LEARN (video) <u>Carolina Garcia</u>, OceanInfoHub - LAC <u>Patrick Debels</u>, CLME+ (UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ project) <u>Susanna DeBeauville -Scott</u>, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States - OECS <u>Virginie Tassin Campanella</u>, Law of the Sea Expert and GEBCO Review Advisor (Att. at law, VTA Tassin)</p>
10:20 – 10:30	Break
SESSION 2	
10:30 – 12:00	<p>CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND AWARENESS</p> <p>Key messages from 5th International MSP Forum and 3rd International Conference on MSP</p> <p>Thematic panel (10 minutes each) <u>Elva Escobar</u>, RPG TAC – Capacity Development leader, UNAM Mexico <u>Marinez Scherer</u>, OTGA Cono sur- Universidad Federal Santa Catarina Brazil <u>Paula Sierra</u> – OTGA Caribbean – INVEMAR Colombia</p> <p>Poll and Q&A and 40 min dialogue with audience</p>
12:00 h	Closing Information - Secretariat

Tuesday 13 December 2022	
Moderator: Tazio Bervoets	
SESSION 3	
09:00 – 10:10	<p>MARINE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION</p> <p>Key messages from 5th International MSP Forum and 3rd International Conference on MSP</p> <p>Thematic panel (10 min each) <u>Samir Rosado</u>, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute, Belize <u>Allison Wiggins</u>, Coastal Zone Management Unit, MSP Barbados</p> <p>Poll and Q&A and 40 min dialogue with audience</p>
10:10 – 10:20	Break
SESSION 4	
10:20 – 11:40	<p>NEXT STEPS TOWARDS BUILDING A REGIONAL NETWORK AND PLATFORM FOR MSP PRACTITIONERS</p> <p>40 min panel with regional organizations</p> <p><u>Christopher Corbin</u>, UNEP-CEP <u>Zuleika Pinzon</u>, CPPS <u>Jean-Paul Ngome Abiaga</u>, IOCARIBE <u>Alejandro Acosta</u> – FWRI / GCFI – TAC RPG leader – Productive Ocean</p> <p>40 min dialogue with audience</p>
WRAP-UP & CLOSING	
11:40 – 12:00	<p>WRAP-UP SESSION</p> <p>Moderators – (5 min each)</p> <p>CLOSING REMARKS <u>Leo Brewster</u> – IOCARIBE Vice Chair <u>Jean-Paul Ngome Abiaga</u>, IOCARIBE Head of Regional Office</p>