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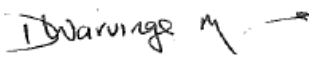


## MEMORANDUM

To:                   Mette L. Wilkie  
Director  
DEPI

Date: 23 September 2016

Thru:               Lisa Emelia Svensson  
Director/Coordinator  
MCEB

From:               Dixon Waruinge   
Head  
Nairobi Convention Secretariat

**Subject:           Request to cover for travel for meeting participants on 11-14 October 2016, in Mahe, Seychelles**

I would like to request for your approval, for the Nairobi Convention to support 33 meeting participants to participate at the Partnership on Science to Policy Forum to be held on 11-12 October 2016, to be held back to back with the meeting on Area Based Planning tools and Regional Cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on 13-14 October 2016, in Mahe, Seychelles.

The meetings will transmit the interaction between science and policy with the view to promote science based management of the marine and coastal environment of the Western Indian Ocean region, by promoting dialogue between scientists, civil society, private sector, policy and decision makers.

The Partnership on Science to Policy Forum is organized in collaboration the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) and the Indian Ocean Commission (COI) as a follow up on Decision CP8/12, adopted at the Eighth Conference of Parties that was held on 22 to 24 June 2015, in Seychelles. The Contracting Parties requested the Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, *to develop terms of reference, mode of operation and composition of the Science to Policy platform and transmit them to the Contracting Parties for subsequent approval by the Nairobi Convention Bureau.*

The meeting on Area Based Planning tools and Regional Cooperation is organized as per implementation of component four of the project on Sustainable fisheries management and biodiversity conservation of deep-sea living resources and ecosystems in ABNJ whose aims are to: (i) Test the applicability of area-based planning tools to deep sea ABNJ; (ii) Share lessons learned from regional experiences; and (iii) Test appropriate area-based planning tools in the Western Indian Ocean. The WIO region was recognized as one of its test regions for area-based planning tools to deep sea ABNJ.

The return flight costs and DSA for the 33 meeting participants will be approximately USD. 88,217.00; and costs for interpretation costs will be USD. 6,000 that will be covered on Umoja Code M99-32GFL-11244-SB-006453.01-14AC0003 and M99-32GFL-11244-SB-006453.04 - 14AC0003 on 50% each, for a total cost of USD. 94,217

Thank you.