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Key Discussions

1. Proposed Actions

- Nairobi Convention raising awareness on regional issues on the marine and coastal environment and esp Blue Economy work going on in different
- Strengthening of national structures to encourage partnership collaboration for synergy and impact – Government role e.g. EIA experts etc
- Government to facilitate formation of sectoral/professional Associations e.g. EIAs.
- Partners to support convening of such platforms.

- Government to recognise bodies such as WiO-C especially in SEAs and EIA processes

2. Needs of Partners

- Political support and commitment
- Recognition that partners are critical in sustainable development
- Strong multi-sectoral coordination mechanisms

3. Funding opportunities

- Joint programme development e.g. by operationalizing expert bodies
- Organizational capacity building in programme development, fundraising and programme implementation
- Influencing donors to align priorities to country/regional priorities
- Government appreciating the role of non-state actors

4. Sustaining partners

- Appreciating value addition and synergy from different partners.
- A forum for regular communication: national and regional
- Minimizing cost of partnerships
- Joint development and implementation of programmes
- Working to jointly implement regional Strategies e.g. SAPs. Leadership required.