

KEY MESSAGES FROM BLUE ECONOMY WORKSHOP

- 1. Consensus that oceans are critical to both the economy and life support systems in the WIO region.**
- 2. Move away from defining what the Blue Economy is, and move towards implementation.**
- 3. Primary implementation is at a national level, and each country to define their pathway towards implementation. Nairobi Convention could assist countries at a technical level, and also promote sharing of national experiences both at a regional and international level. Is a regional coordination mechanism needed??**
 - Centre régional dans le cadre de la CN ?(GA)**
 - Policy development and reform for BE(GC)**
 - Tailored made approach for BE for each country(GB)**
- 4. Principles of sustainable development are well known, but important to develop a common regional understanding of these principles as they relate to the Blue Economy, SDGs, and AU Agenda 2063. Nairobi Convention could play an important role in communicating the**

opportunities provided by these principles, and building capacity to apply these principles.

- **Renforcement des capacités, en croisant les sources d'expertise nationale(GA)**

5. Better inter-sectoral coordination of activities and improved ocean governance to enhance the Blue Economy at a national and regional level is needed. Nairobi Convention could assist in mapping out who does what in the region in term of the Blue Economy, including the role of civil society and private sector. Any national and regional initiatives should build on existing efforts such as UNECA and others.

- **Consolider, optimiser, mettre en coherence(GA)**
- **Agréger les initiatives existantes(GA)**
- **Absence de stratégie globale et fragmentation institutionnelle(GA)**
- **Défaut d'implication de la société civile et manqué d'association de l'ensemble des acteurs(GA)**
- **Use existing processes where possible(GD)**
 - ❖ **National sustainable development strategies**
 - ❖ **Policy reviews and reform processes**
 - ❖ **Civil society initiatives**
 - ❖ **Build on green growth initiatives**

❖ Implementation of Nairobi Convention Protocols

- The Nairobi Convention to facilitate a regional participatory assessment of the status of blue economy in the WIO region to identify country needs including capacity needs for countries(GC)
 - A regional forum (World economic Forum) bringing all agencies and organisations main focus on transboundary issues(GB)
 - Align regional processes(GB) and review and engage with existing and pipeline programmes and projects (national/regional)(GD)
 - Prepare inventory of programmes and projects(GD)
 - Public-Private partnerships and Legal Certainty(GD)
6. Tools such as marine spatial planning and valuation of ecosystem services need to be refined, harnessed or developed to improve planning and decision making in Blue Economy matters. Nairobi Convention may assist in compiling existing tools in the region or internationally into a regional toolbox.
- Regional guidelines for application of key toolkits(GD)
7. Need to move away from using only GDP data to measure development of the Blue Economy,

and put more emphasis on 'intangible' benefits. Nairobi Convention could promote regional input into the 'beyond GDP' discussion, including developing a regional mechanism to track progress.

8. Need to obtain finer level data to properly inform decisions on development of the Blue Economy. Nairobi Convention could support improved national level data collection and quality assurance.

- **Stratégie « régionale » de la recherche(GA)**
- **Collecting information under the regional level and easing access to information: Having a common knowledge /database + interoperable database(GB)**
- **Need to make use of experiential learning on Partage des expériences nationales (GA)**
- **Promouvoir la cohérence entre les expériences nationales, notamment en matière de PSM**

9. Blue Economy from all countries in the region, as well as internationally. Nairobi Convention to create a platform for sharing experiences as part of the Clearing House Mechanism.

- **Faciliter les rencontres entre organisations internationales, bailleurs et Etats**

- **Promouvoir des rencontres régulières sur l'économie bleue GA**
- **Disseminate lessons learned on application of toolkits (GD)**
- **Knowledge exchange on viability and regional application of emerging technologies e.g. mariculture(GD)**
- **Capacity building in various sectors: IEA - Knowledge +experiences sharing (Joint management area example bilateral cooperation)(GB)**

10. Need for Long-term funding pipeline to support Nairobi Convention Contracting Parties to implement BE.\(GD)

11. Promote science to policy interactions(GB)