Workshop Objectives

Provide technical guidance to projects & activities being undertaken by the Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention.

• Finalize State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR): *Data Interpretation, Visualization & sharing platforms*;

• Develop Regional Nutrients Strategy & Action Plan;

• Develop GEF CReW+ full sized project proposal;

• Identify linkages & opportunities from GEF IWEco & GEF CLME+ - *SOMEE, Indicators Compendium*. 
State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR)

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Why do we need a SOCAR?

support an understanding & greater awareness of environmental issues, causes, sources & impacts

function as an ongoing component of the development & assessment of management policies, strategies & interventions

promote new legislative & policy initiatives for sustainable resource management & pollution prevention, reduction & control

facilitate improved enforcement, decision-making & individual action

mobilize & better target resources for national interventions
General Obligations

- Classify recreational water bodies to ensure the most important areas are protected from the negative impacts of pollution
- Establish legally binding standards for sewage effluent & discharges
- Identify & assess major sources & activities contributing to pollution of the coastal & marine environment
- Develop management plans & demonstration projects to reduce pollution of the marine environment
- Develop National Programmes of Action for Integrated Watershed & Coastal Area management and/or pollution prevention
Article 22: Transmission of Information

The Contracting Parties shall transmit to the Organization information on the measures adopted by them in the implementation of this Convention and of protocols to which they are parties, in such form and at such intervals as the meetings of Contracting Parties may determine
Article 13: Scientific & Technical Cooperation

Cooperate in scientific research, monitoring & the exchange of data & other scientific information relating to the Convention
Article 16: Meetings of the Parties

Assess periodically the state of the environment in the Convention Area
Article VI & XII of the LBS Protocol

(vi) Identify & assess patterns & trends in the environmental quality of the Convention Area

(xii) Report on the State of the Convention Area
LBS Protocol Challenges

❖ Lack of government coordination

❖ Lack of policies, legislation & regulations on pollution prevention, reduction & control

❖ Overwhelming responsibilities of government environmental departments & agencies

❖ Financing of sewerage infrastructural work; &

❖ Inadequate water quality data & lack of adequate recreational monitoring programmes
Reporting Linkages

Global:
SDGs: Goals 6 on Water & Sanitation & 14 on Oceans
World Ocean Assessment of United Nations
Relevant MEAs including GPA Partnerships: Wastewater, Nutrients & Marine Litter
UNEP Live, Ocean Health Index, Environment under Review

Regional:
Cartagena Convention Template
Harmonized Regional Seas Indicators
GEO LAC (ILAC) etc.
Caribbean Sea as a Special Area under UN Resolutions
Caribbean Marine Atlas – IOC (Links to CLME+ & INVEMAR)
Government Experts: Scientific & Technical Advisory Committees (STACs) for Biodiversity & Pollution

Regional Activity Centres (RACs) for the Protocols

Regional Activity Network (RAN): Collaborating Agencies & Partners

Intergovernmental fora for Decision-Making

Data & Information: CEP Technical Reports, Clearing House Mechanism, Methodologies & Manuals, Data bases, Toolkits, Guidelines
CEP Products

- CEP Technical Reports
- Reporting Templates
- Data Bases/Indicators
- Interactive Online Maps
- Guidelines, Manuals & Atlas’s
- Web Sites/Clearing Houses
- GIS based tools
Strengthened national systems for monitoring of environmental status with respect to key international agreements: *Regional environmental indicators compendium*

“SAP Implementation M&E” and “State of the Marine Ecosystems and shared Living Marine Resources in the CLME+” web portal (or set of portals) and report outline

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The Journey So Far...

Obligations of the Convention & LBS Protocol
Previous Projects & Reports (CEP TRs 33, 52)
STAC, COP & IGM Recommendations & Decisions
Monitoring & Assessment Working Group (Jamaica & USA)
GEF Projects – CLME+ & IWEco

Data collection & Analysis
SOMEE & State of Habitat
Governance Framework
SDGs, Regional Seas, ILAC etc.

Plastics & Microplastics;
Regional & Global Publications on Pollution
Executive Summary; Challenges in Implementing the LBS Protocol;
Introduction; Emerging Issues;
Geographic, Ecological and Socio-Economic Features; Conclusions;
Methodology and Approach; Recommendations;
State of the Convention Area References;
Policy Responses & Best Acknowledgements;
Management Practices; References;
Annexes;