Regional Ocean Governance Strategy (ROGS): A Participatory and Multi-Stakeholder Process

Technical Dialogue in kind cooperation with the Information Management Strategy (IMS) Multi-Stakeholder Working Group (MSWG) among Key Stakeholders and the ROGS Task Force on:

"Ocean Accounts"

14 March 2023, 15:00-17:15 EAT
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88682780646
Meeting ID: 886 8278 0646

Background Info

Ocean accounts are a crucial tool for understanding the state of our oceans and making informed decisions about their management and conservation. By tracking key indicators such as water quality, fish stocks, and ecosystem health, ocean accounts provide a comprehensive picture of the current state of our marine environments. This information is essential for policymakers, scientists, and stakeholders to develop effective strategies to protect and restore our oceans, which are facing increasing pressures from climate change, pollution, and overfishing.

Together with the IMS MSWG, we intend to explore the importance of ocean accounts and how they can be used to inform ocean governance decision-making. We will have an impulse talk by Prof. Ken Findlay on the importance of ocean accounts systems in marine management, including relevant information needs. This will be followed by in-depth discussions on the technical and data-sharing implications in setting-up such complex systems. The ROGS Task Force and other key stakeholders will then have a focused opportunity to discuss governance challenges related to information management and to generate strategic ideas for how these can be jointly tackled in the Western Indian Ocean.

Dialogue Goals

Concrete Goals
- **Increase shared understanding** regarding ocean accounts and their benefits
- **Discuss and generate inputs for the ROGS** regarding ocean accounts

Relational Goals
- **Build further trust** for dialogue among key stakeholders and ROGS Task Force

Process Goals
- **Understand how this Technical Dialogue fits** into the participatory ROGS development process and identify next steps

Dialogue Prep for Participants

- **Read 1-pager Ocean Accounts Brief** in our shared [Ocean Accounts folder](#)
- **Visit the [ROGS webpage](#)** on the NCS website to get a process overview
- **Ensure a stable Internet connection** for participating fully

Facilitation Team

- **Hauke Kegler** – Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) and member of the IMS Support Team
- **Dominic Stucker** – Collective Leadership Institute (CLI) and member of the ROGS Support Team

Agenda

Time	Session
14:45	**Registration and Welcome**
15:00	**Welcome and Framing** ● By Theuri Mwangi, Nairobi Convention Secretariat (NCS) and member of the IMS Support Team ● By Hauke Kegler, ZMT, and member of the IMS Support Team
15:10	**Technical Input on "The Importance of Ocean Accounts for Information Management and Ocean Governance in the WIO"** ● By Professor Ken Findlay, CPUT Research Chair at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Centre for Sustainable Oceans
15:40	**Open Q & A**
Group Discussions	
16:00	**Transition to IMS- and ROGS-specific Dialogues** ● **IMS MSWG members** and related stakeholders, please stay in current Zoom room ● **ROGS Task Force members** and related stakeholders, please switch to this Zoom room: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8149940048
16:15	**Technical Input and Discussion on "Ocean Accounts: Integrating Knowledge for Governance"** ● By Kieran Kelleher (ROGS advisor) ● Are ocean accounts a useful tool for governance? Why? ● Are ocean accounts a useful tool for regional level governance? Why?
16:30	**Diving Deeper: ROGS Dialogue on Ocean Accounts** ● Moderated by Dominic Stucker (CLI) **Plenary or Breakout Groups** *Group/Topic 1:* ● What are the main **policy-related challenges** in setting up regional ocean accounts?

	• How can we **start creating the political preconditions** to come to cross-country data-sharing agreements in the regions to enable such a system? *Group/Topic 2:* • How can we **develop the technical capabilities** to support the collection, management and sharing of relevant Ocean Accounts information in the ROGS strategy? • How can we **create an inventory** of existing information, information sources and identify gaps in those?
17:05 – 17:15	**Gratitude and Closing** • Feedback form • ROGS Process Architecture and upcoming ROGS events