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## Regional Consultations on the Development of a Regional Ocean Information Hub

Wednesday, 10 June 2020

Time: 12h00-14h00 East African time (=09H00-11H00 GMT)

We invite you to participate in a stakeholder's consultation for the development of a regional ocean information hub for Africa and the Adjacent Island States.

Please register for the meeting at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4485517466528848396>

A confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar will be sent to you before the meeting.

Note that this meeting will be recorded and shared online via OIH platforms. By joining the meeting you accept these terms.

### BACKGROUND

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO's Ocean Info Hub (OIH) is a global initiative, to improve access to existing marine and coastal data, information and knowledge resources through a network of global, regional and thematic nodes. OIH will centre on strengthening existing systems and clearing house mechanisms, and supporting linkages and developing interoperability between them, thus improving the flow of information to end users. IOC already has extensive online resources and global partnerships that will contribute to OIH. The Africa Ocean Info Hub node, together with other regional and thematic nodes will feed into the global Ocean Data and Information System (ODIS), providing a digital ecosystem where users, from any entry point, can discover content and services that they require, while also having opportunities to become content creators themselves.

The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- (i) Share information on regional projects involved in data and information management and data infrastructure development in Africa
- (ii) Identify existing data and information infrastructures that could be potential partners with the Ocean Info Hub
- (iii) Identify existing data and information infrastructure that address these requirements and can partner in the development of the regional hub
- (iv) Identify some initial end user needs/knowledge products not yet covered by existing initiatives
- (v) Discuss way forward for collaboration mechanisms

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### 1. Opening and Welcome

*Ann Therese Ndong Jatta, Director, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa*

### 2. Introduction to the Ocean Info Hub

*Lucy Scott (OIH Project Manager)*

### 3. Presentation on relevant initiatives in the region:

- UNESCO-IOC's Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States

*Mika Odido*

- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

*Oliver Chinganya*

- United Nations Environment Programme

*Abou Bamba, Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention,*

*Angela Joann Patnode, Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention*

- Benguela Current Commission

*Zukile Hutu*

- Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association

*Arthur Tuda*

- CSIR South Africa, AU/GMES and Africa's MarCoSouth project

*Stewart Bernard*

### 4. Development of the ODIS architecture

*Arno Lambert, IOC's International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange programme*

### 5. Discussions on partnership and activities

*Mika Odido, IOCAFRICA*

### 6. Preliminary discussion of end user needs (short online survey in real-time)

### 7. Discussion of the way forward