

# INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA)

## First Meeting of the IORA Working Group on the Blue Economy

Venue : Voila Hotel Bagatelle, Réduit

Date : 05 - 06 December 2019

Republic of Mauritius

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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Dear Delegate

We are looking forward to welcome you to the First Meeting of the Working Group on the Blue Economy (WGBE), which will be held on 5-6 December 2019 in Mauritius. The meeting will be jointly organised by the IORA Secretariat, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries of South Africa, in collaboration with GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) of Germany.

Please find below information related to the logistics and administrative arrangements for the Working Group Meeting. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following officials:

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#### 1. Venue and dates of the Meeting

The meeting will be held in Mauritius, from 5 -6 December 2019 at the Voila Hotel Bagatelle, Réduit.

#### 2. Registration

All nominations should go through the National Focal Point of IORA, which is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the IORA Member States and should be sent to the IORA Secretariat on [hq@iora.int](mailto:hq@iora.int), copy to Dr Gatot H. Gunawan on [gh.gunawan@iora.int](mailto:gh.gunawan@iora.int) and Dr Sadally Shamimtaz on [shamimtaz.sadally@iora.int](mailto:shamimtaz.sadally@iora.int).

The Registration Form for the meeting is attached as **Annexure 1** and must be accompanied by a copy of the delegate's passport and a passport size photograph. The duly filled **Registration Form** should be sent to the IORA Secretariat **by latest 11 November 2019** on the following email addresses: [hq@iora.int](mailto:hq@iora.int), cc'd to: [gh.gunawan@iora.int](mailto:gh.gunawan@iora.int) and [shamimtaz.sadally@iora.int](mailto:shamimtaz.sadally@iora.int). Kindly note that the registration of the participants will be considered as incomplete should there be any missing documents as requested above.

The organisers of the workshop will arrange and confirm booking of the air tickets and hotels after nomination of participants by the respective National Focal Points.

**The deadline for registration is 11 November 2019.**

**3. Hospitality**

Full hospitality will be extended to One (1) participant from each IORA Member State, except for high income Member States (Australia, Oman, Seychelles, Singapore, and UAE). Full hospitality will cover the air ticket (Economy Class), hotel accommodation, transport to and from the airport, and selected meals during the workshop.

Dialogue Partners are invited to attend Day 2 of the meeting on 06 December 2019 in Session 4 and 5 to discuss the engagement and collaboration with Dialogue Partners and relevant stakeholders to implement the Work Plan of the WGBE. Participants from Dialogue Partners will have to bear their own expenses, but the workshop organisers will be able to arrange accommodation.

Accommodation with breakfast will be provided for the duration of the meeting by the organisers. The participants would be required to check-in on 04 December 2019 at the hotel and check out on 07 December 2019 depending on the flight booking. Any additional nights will be for the own account of respective participants.

All other costs will be the private responsibility of participants and will need to be settled with the hotel before checking out.

**4. Accommodation**

All participants will be staying at the following hotel:

**Hotel:** Voila Hotel Bagatelle

**Address:** Bagatelle Mall of Mauritius, PO Box 30 Réduit

**Tel:** + 230 4068000

**Email:** hello@voilahotel.mu

**Website:** www.voilahotel.mu

Delegates staying in any other hotels than the Voila Hotel Bagatelle will be responsible for their own transport arrangements to attend the workshop and for official engagements.

**5. Transportation**

Airport transfers and transportation from the airport to hotel on arrival and departure will be provided to delegates.

**6. Attire and language during the meeting**

Business attire is suggested for the meeting. English will be the main working language during the workshop.

**7. Entry Visa Procedures**

Mauritius Immigration Regulations require that all delegates be in possession of a valid passport (6 months' validity) and a return ticket. Nationals of Bangladesh, Iran, Somalia, Sri Lanka and Yemen require a Visa before travelling to Mauritius.

Further information on Visas can be obtained from Mauritian diplomatic missions or through the following link:

<http://foreign.govmu.org/English/Pages/Embassies%20and%20Consulates/Mauritius-Embassies--Consulates-Abroad.aspx>.

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Visa-Requirements-in-Mauritius.aspx>

Please be reminded that Mauritius has strict customs regulations (check the links below for more information).

<https://www.mra.mu/index.php/legislations1>

<http://agriculture.govmu.org/English/Documents/Division%20of%20Veterinary%20%20Services/Importation%20of%20pet%20animals%20-DVS.pdf>

## **8. Medical requirements**

Valid yellow fever vaccination certificates are mandatory for delegates travelling from or through infected countries. Delegates must have medical insurance cover to cater for major ailments or medical requirements.

## **9. Other Information**

### **Language**

English is the official language. French is extensively used and Mauritian Creole ('Kreol Morisien') is widely spoken. Asian languages also form part of the linguistic mosaic.

### **Weather and climate**

In Mauritius, the Summer months extend from November to April and Winter from June to September. October and May are transition periods. Coastal temperatures range between 25° C – 33° C in Summer and between 18° C and 24° C in Winter. The warm season usually lasts from December 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> with an average daily high temperature above 29° C.

### **Banking and Currency**

There are a number of international and local commercial banks in Mauritius with branches in Port Louis and elsewhere.

The Banking hours are from 09:00 to 16:00 on Monday to Friday. ATMs accepting international debit and credit cards are available throughout the island. Information regarding currency exchange rates is available on the website of the Bank of Mauritius at: <http://www.bom.mu>. Major Credit Cards and Travelers' Cheques are accepted by most hotels, restaurants and shops.

### **Time Zone**

Time is uniform throughout Mauritius and is 4 hours ahead of the GMT.

### **Business Hours**

Public Offices and major businesses are generally open from 08:45 to 16:00 from Monday to Friday.

### **Electricity**

For delegates wishing to use personal laptops, please note that electricity power supply is 220 volts, 50 Hz and electrical sockets are usually of British Standard type 3 pin.

Adequate power connections will be provided in the meeting venue to allow delegates to recharge their notebooks/laptops when needed.

### **Taxis**

All main hotels provide reliable taxi services.

### **Smoking**

Smoking in Mauritius is strictly prohibited except in designated public areas.

**Annexure 1**

**Registration Form**

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Country						
City of Departure						
Full Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms)						
Designation						
Institution						
Position						
Phone/Mobile (Country code)						
Email						
Confirm attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of passport				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport size photograph				
Check in date <i>(For delegates receiving local hospitality only)</i>						
Check out date <i>(For delegates receiving local hospitality only)</i>						
Flight Itinerary For <i>delegates receiving local hospitality only</i>	Date of Arrival		Flight No.		ETA	*
	Date of Departure		Flight No.		ETD	*
Dietary Restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetarian				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others, please specify:				
Approval from National Focal Point	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, and provide details				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No				