



WORKSHOP FOR THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION (WCR)

Under the Auspices of the United Nations, in Support of the UN Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, Including Socioeconomic Aspects

13-15 November 2012

Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel & Executive Meeting Center
Miami, Florida, United States of America

Tuesday, 13 November

8:00-9:00 Registration of Participants

Opening Ceremonies (Led by UN secretariat of the Regular Process [SRP])

9:00-9:10 Call to Order (Annebeth Rosenboom, SRP)

9:10-9:40 Welcome Statement from Host Government (Eric Schwaab, United States)

9:40-9:45 Adoption of Agenda

9:45-9:50 Selection of Workshop Chairs

9:50-10:15 Group Photo and Break

Overview of Regular Process (Led by Workshop Chairs)

10:15-10:30 Overview of Evolution and Structure of the Regular Process (Annebeth Rosenboom, SRP)

10:30-11:00 Overview of WOA Outline and Timeline (Patricio Bernal, Group of Experts [GoE])

11:00-12:00 Questions and Answers

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Overview of Workshop Objectives (Led by Workshop Chairs)

1:30-3:30 WCR Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessments (Led by Christopher Corbin, UNEP)

- *The Cartagena Convention: Framework for Monitoring and Assessment in the Wider Caribbean* - Christopher Corbin, UNEP

- *Pollution Loading and Hot Spot Monitoring in the Wider Caribbean - Status, Lessons Learnt and Recommendations* - Antonio Villasol, Cuba
- *Monitoring and Assessment in SIDS...Trends, Challenges and Opportunities* - Christopher Cox, St. Lucia
- *Making the Socio-economic Case for Monitoring and Assessment Programmes in the Wider Caribbean* - Laretta Burke, World Resources Institute
- Open Discussion

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 WCR Data Resources and Methodologies for Assessments (Led by Cesar Toro, IOCARIBE)

- *Assessments of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region* - Elva Escobar, Mexico
- *Maritime Safety Information and Meteo-Ocean Data* - Edgard Cabrera, UN World Meteorological Organization
- *Harmonized Observations and Data Products* - David Halpern, United States
- Open Discussion

5:00-6:00 WCR Capacity-building Needs (Led by Sean Green, GoE)

- *An Overview of the Existing Strengths, Gaps and Capacity Needs within the Wider Caribbean Region to Conduct Assessments for the Regular Process* - Robin Mahon, Barbados
- *Opportunities and Synergies Available for Building National and Regional Capacities to Conduct Marine Assessments for the Regular Process* - Dale Webber, Jamaica
- Open Discussion

6:00-6:30 Break

Reception (Led by Workshop Chairs)

6:30-8:00 Poster Session on Integrated Marine Assessments and Ecosystem-Based Management
Remarks on Regional Findings of the Ocean Health Index - Andrew Rosenberg, GoE

Wednesday, 14 November

- 9:00-10:00 Establish Break-out Groups (Led by Workshop Chairs)
- Group I – Biophysical Aspects: WOA Chapters 3-9
 (Led by Francisco Arias, Colombia & Patricio Bernal, GoE)
- Group II – Food Security and Safety Aspects: WOA Chapters 10-16
 (Led by Michael Schirripa, United States & Sean Green, GoE)
- Group III – Socioeconomic Aspects: WOA Chapters 17-32
 (Led by Patrick McConney, Barbados & Marlene Attzs, Trinidad and Tobago)
- Group IV – Marine Biological Diversity Aspects: WOA Chapters 33-45
 (Led by Antonio Diaz-de-Leon, Mexico & Andrew Rosenberg, GoE)
- 10:00-12:00 Break-out Group Discussions
 Group I – Room A, Group II – Room B, Group III – Room C, Group IV – Room D
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-5:30 Break-out Group Discussions, continued
 Group I – Room A, Group II – Room B, Group III – Room C, Group IV – Room D

Thursday, 15 November

Summary from Break-out Group Discussions (Led by Workshop Chairs)

Presentations of 30 min each + 10 min for discussion

9:00-9:40 Group I

9:40-10:20 Group II

10:20-11:00 Group III

11:00-11:40 Group IV

11:40-12:00 Break

Closing Ceremonies

12:00-12:30 Workshop Conclusions and Follow-up (Led by Workshop Chairs)

12:30-12:45 Remarks from Ambassador Donatus Keith St. Aimee, Co-Chair of the UN Ad-Hoc Working Group of the Whole for the Regular Process

12:45-1:00 Adjournment (Annebeth Rosenboom, SRP)