



Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism



**Memorandum of Understanding between the
Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (hereafter CRFM) and the
International Ocean Institute (hereafter IOI)
for the joint provision of Capacity Building in Ocean Governance
in support of the Caribbean Region**

The Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) established the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) with the mandate to promote the advancement and facilitation of the sustainable utilization of the fisheries resources within the Member States of the CRFM in the Caribbean region. Membership is open to CARICOM Member States and other Caribbean Countries. It is a network of Core (CARICOM) Members, Associate (Caribbean) Member States and Observer Groups, comprising regional and extra-regional organizations and institutions. Its headquarters, the Secretariat located in Belize, is one of three organs of the Mechanism, with the highest being the Ministerial Council of Ministers responsible for fisheries and the next highest being the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, comprising representatives of the Member States.

The objectives of the Mechanism include the efficient management and sustainable development of marine and other aquatic resources within the jurisdiction of the Member States, promotion and establishment of collaborative resource management arrangements among interested states for the efficient management of shared, straddling and highly migratory resources, the provision of technical, advisory and consultative services to Member States through their national fisheries administrations in the development, management and conservation of their marine and other aquatic resources. Its main functional areas include data and information generation, dissemination and exchange, the conduct of multidisciplinary research in fisheries development and management, capacity building through education and training programs and the promotion of collaborative management and biodiversity conservation.

The International Ocean Institute was established in 1972 as an international, non-governmental, non-profit organization to promote the concept of peace in the ocean and its management and conservation for the benefit of future generations. Its main mission is to ensure the sustainability of the ocean as "the source of life" through awareness and publications, capacity building and advisory services, and research as a means to enhance the peaceful and sustainable use of ocean and coastal spaces and their resources. It is guided by the principle of the common heritage of mankind. IOI has a global network of Centres and Focal Points hosted by universities and research, technological and educational institutions worldwide. IOI Headquarters is located in Malta.

CRFM and the IOI hereby:

Recognize the critical importance of building capacity in Ocean Governance within the Caribbean Region;

Realize that the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which entered into force in November 1994, and the results of the UN Summits in Rio and Johannesburg in 1992 and 2002, respectively, together provide for a comprehensive international framework for ocean governance;

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Note that the IOI has made significant contributions to promoting the ideas of UNCLOS, and has long experience of education, training and research to enhance the sustainable development and management of marine and coastal resources, particularly in developing countries;

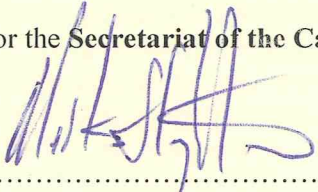
Express a desire to cooperate in order to facilitate the participation of individuals from the Caribbean Region in the IOI's Training and Capacity Building activities, particularly the IOI-Canada Training Program in Ocean Governance.

- I. With regard to the annual IOI-Canada Training Program in Ocean Governance, the Parties agree to the following:
 1. CRFM will:
 - (a) Disseminate throughout the Region information on the course provided by IOI-Canada, including application criteria and modalities for submission of applications;
 - (b) Serve as a focal point for the Region for the collection and compilation of applications;
 - (c) Jointly with IOI-Canada select between two (2) and five (5) candidates for the course each year;
 - (d) Provide the successful candidates with return airfare from their country of residence to Halifax.
 2. Through IOI-Canada, the IOI will:
 - (a) Provide CRFM with application information on the annual IOI-Canada course;
 - (b) Jointly with CRFM select between two (2) and five (5) candidates to fill the two (2) to five (5) seats held for them on the annual course;
 - (c) Provide CRFM with the final Course Report each year.
 3. The Parties will also jointly and individually undertake fund-raising activities for scholarships and return airfare for the successful candidates who have been selected through the aforementioned process.
- II. With regard to other Training and Capacity Building activities of the IOI, the Parties agree to the following:
 1. The IOI will provide CRFM with information on other relevant Training and Capacity Building activities for dissemination within the Region;
 2. The IOI will give particular consideration to applications it receives from the Region which are endorsed by CRFM;
 3. The Parties will consult and exchange relevant information on a regular basis to determine the Training and Capacity Building needs of the Region – both at a national and regional level;
 4. The parties will endeavor to meet these needs through jointly developing and implementing Training and Capacity Building programs and undertaking fund-raising activities in their support.
- III. The IOI and CRFM may jointly develop project proposals, seek funding and implement other training and capacity development initiatives in accordance with their mandates and priorities as follows:

1. This agreement may be supplemented as needed by Memoranda of Agreement describing the terms and conditions and arrangements agreed upon for other collaborative activities or projects to be carried out and the envisaged contributions of each party.
 2. The Memoranda of Agreement shall require approval of both parties before implementation.
 3. Submission of project proposals involving both parties to funding agencies will be made jointly after mutual consultations.
- IV. This agreement does not financially bind either of the Parties, and its implementation is subject to available funding.
- IV. Further specifications related to the implementation of this agreement will be elaborated in mutual agreement and annexed to the present Memorandum. Such specifications can include, *inter alia*, candidate selection criteria and selection procedures for the IOI-Canada annual course, and agreements related to funding and fundraising.
- V. This agreement will enter into force on the date of signature and remain in force for a period of five (5) years from this date. It can be renewed through mutual written agreement before the end of the five (5) year period.
- VI. This agreement can be terminated by either Party with a three (3) month written notice.


In Witness of this Agreement, the undersigned, duly authorized to do so, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

For the **Secretariat of the Caribbean Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM Secretariat)**, Belize City, Belize:


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