

**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 currently has a global network of 25 Operational Centers, established and 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;

Note that the IOI has made significant contributions to, has long experience and gained world-wide reputation in the promotion of the ideas of UNCLOS, as well as of education, training and research to enhance the sustainable development of marine and coastal resources and to enhance the quality of marine environmental management, protection and presentation, in particular 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 Training Program in Ocean Governance.

I. With regards to the IOI Training Program in Ocean Governance (BTP), the Parties agree to the following:

1. CRFM will:
  - a. Disseminate throughout the Region information on the BTP provided by the IOI, 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 the IOI select for each session of the BTP between two (2) and five (5) candidates;
  - d. Provide the successful candidates with return airfare from their country of residence to the location of the BTP.
2. The IOI will:
  - a. Jointly with CRFM select for each session of the BTP between two (2) and five (5) candidates;
  - b. Assume the cost of scholarships for these candidates, excluding return airfare;
  - c. Reserve for each session of the BTP between two (2) and five (5) seats for successful candidates who have been selected through the aforementioned process.
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 regards 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 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 so as 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. This agreement does not financially bind either of the Parties, and its implementation is subject to available funding.

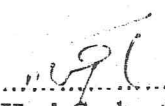
IV. Further specifications related to the implementation of this agreement will be elaborated in mutual agreement and annexed to the present Memorandum. Such specifications can include, *inter alia*, candidate selection criteria and selection procedures for the BTP, and agreements related to funding and fundraising.

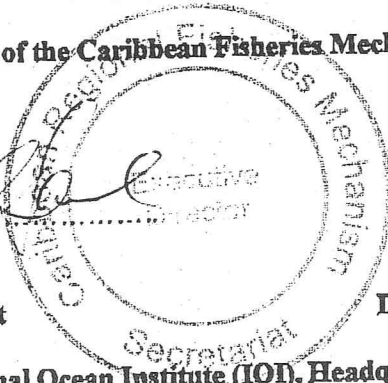
V. This agreement will enter into force on the date of signature and remain in force for a period of five (5) years from this date. It can be renewed through mutual written agreement before the end of the five (5) year period.

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).

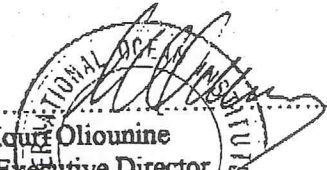
For the Secretariat of the Caribbean Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM/Sec.), Belize City, Belize.

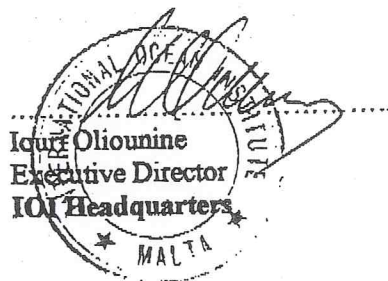
  
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Date: 21 October 2004

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