

Collaboration with Regional Economic Communities and Commissions in Western Indian Ocean Region



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Opportunities for collaboration
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A partnership approach



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Preambular Highlights

- Several COP Decision of the NC have variously called for partnership with RECs
- Component D of WIOSAP requires collaboration with RECs
- RECs share oceans and thus the need for integration
- Critical implementing arms of AU programme and policies: Agenda 2063, AIMS 2050
- RECs have relevant and converging policies....
- RECs will provide thought leadership for sustainable ocean governance in light of a changing/connected environment – *convergence with the Nairobi Convention mandate*



Opportunities for collaboration

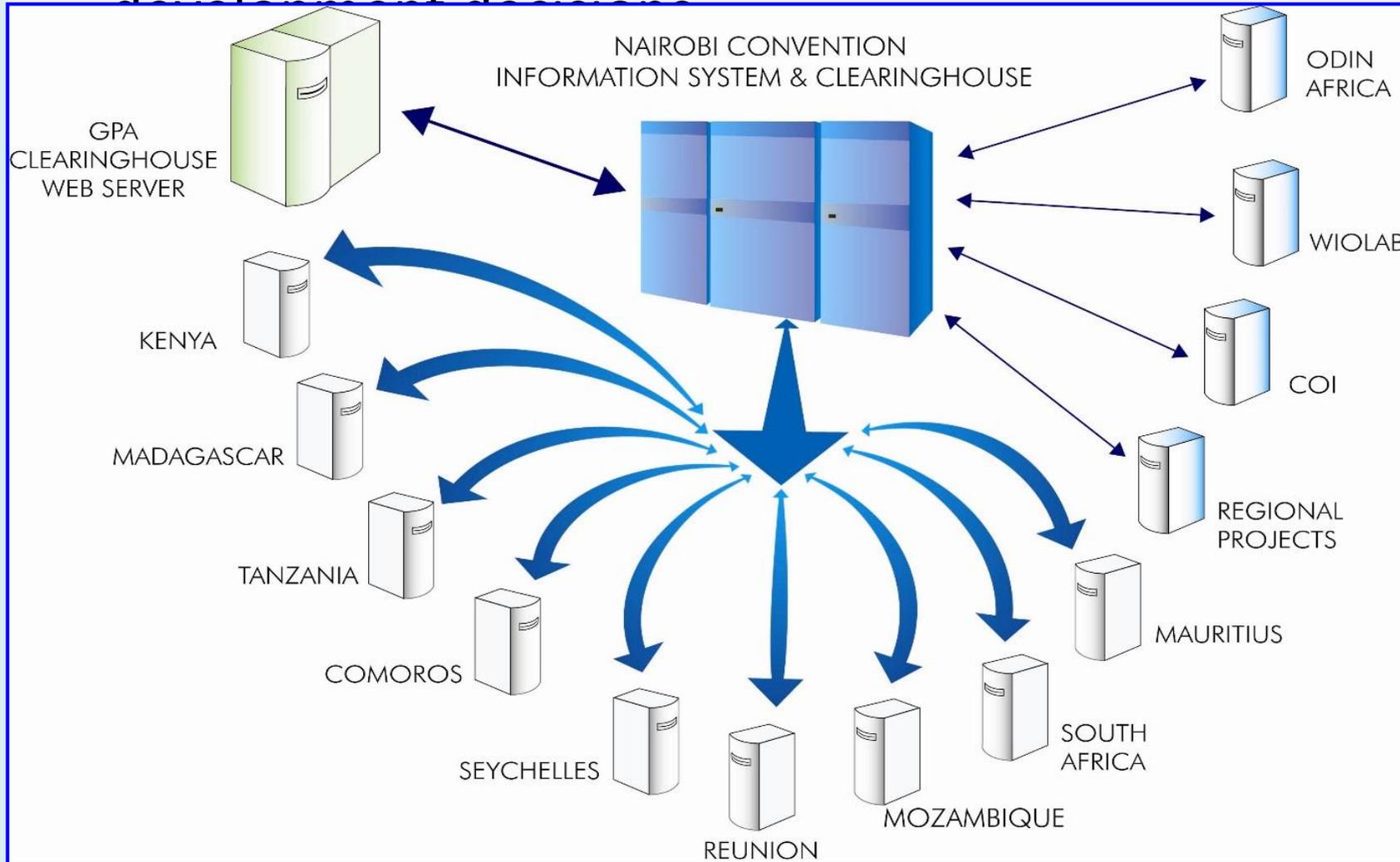
1. Policy and Strategy

- Policy coherence/harmonization/institutional capacity
- Regional Ocean Governance Strategy: 2015 AMCEN Decision
- A regional approach in the management of ABNJ – BBNJ discussions – e.g. JMA between Mauritius and Seychelles
- Green Port development with PMAESA
- Regional maritime security – IUUs, security....
- Blue Economy Strategies – *SADC: Principles, ocean sectors.....*
- A common strategy and position multi-nationals extracting resources – EPAs - RECs????
- Mobilizing member states for common action
- Peace and stability/economic development



2. Programmatic interventions

- Natural Capital assessment to inform development decisions



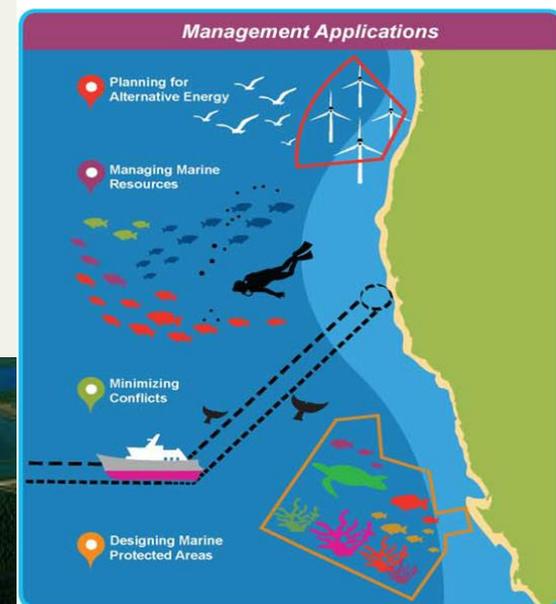
Clearing House Mechanism

2. Programmatic interventions

- Regional collaboration in MCS.....
- Knowledge management/shared learning
- Harnessing scientific research for policy
- Support to various Task teams serving RECs:
Convention under WIOSAP has established RTFs...



- Marine Spatial Planning – a great opportunity
- Waste management/Marine Litter
- Ocean acidification
- E-Flows application in IWRM
- Invasives
- Alternative livelihoods



Levels of collaboration

- National level for specific priorities.....
- Regional level within the jurisdiction of each respective REC/across jurisdictions
- Continent-wide on broad agenda



Challenges/opportunities

- Financial resources/innovative financing



An ignored dividend/opportunity or burden??????

Mechanisms for collaboration

- Multi-lateral/bilateral
- Prioritizing mutual areas of interest
- MOUs – *SADC, PMAESA*....
- RECs defining a mechanism of legitimizing information and data services from technical experts and even NC
- Role of RECs in the Science to Policy Platform of the Nairobi Convention
- Shared learning/exchange programs
- Co-organizing major events
- Co-sponsoring of policy processes/projects



Mechanism of support from the NC

Through the GEF funded Projects:

1. The Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms (SAPPHIRE) project: *Policy and institutional reforms/capacity building*
2. Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities (WIOSAP) project: *Programmatic*



Proposed way forward

1. Proposed areas of collaboration

- *Blue Economy - SADC*
- *Marine spatial planning*
- *Policy harmonization*
- *Science to Policy*
- *Green Port development*
- *Marine litter*

2. Defined partnerships based on need

3. Frequency of meetings – action oriented



Request from PSC

1. Consider and advise on the proposed areas of collaboration
2. Advise on the mode of collaboration
3. Advise on support and strengthening of the partnership with RECs and Commissions



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Thank you

