



UNEP-Nairobi Convention Secretariat/University of Nairobi

**Validation Workshop on Assessment of the Contribution of Maritime
Sectors to Kenya's Blue Economy: Values, Potentials and Governance
Frameworks**

22nd-23rd March 2023

Statement of Objectives, Outputs and Outcomes

The University of Nairobi – Maritime Centre with support from the UNEP Nairobi Convention Secretariat was required to:

- Assess the current contribution of ocean sectors to Kenya's GDP;
- Assess the values of ocean sectors and potentials for further development and investment;
- Identify the policy and governance gaps in each ocean sector; and
- Make recommendations on the policy tools that can support the development of a sustainable blue economy in Kenya.

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- The sectors covered in the assessment include **coastal and deep-sea fisheries, mariculture and aquaculture; tourism; ports, harbors and maritime transport; oil, gas and renewable energy; coastal agriculture; coastal forestry; and mining and extractives.**
- Overall, the assessment seeks to contribute to the Government's efforts to develop a **robust National Blue Economy Strategy** that is aligned with other development blueprints including Kenya Vision 2030, the National Fisheries and Oceans Policy, and other commitments, including those designed to address the SDGs and the AU Agenda 2063.

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- The key outputs of the assessment include:
 - sector reports for each of the different Blue Economy Sectors;
 - a synthesis report that provides consolidated perspectives and linkages across the sectors of concern, highlighting the values, potentials and contribution to GDP, governance frameworks, as well as key recommendations; and
 - annotated outline of a national blue economy strategy.

All these outputs have been circulated to stakeholders and workshop participants.

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- The objectives of this workshop are as follows:
 1. To present the findings of the assessment to key stakeholders for their input, suggestions and feedback;
 2. To present the key recommendations of the assessment to key stakeholders for their input, suggestions and feedback;
 3. To seek validation of the findings and recommendations of the assessment to enable finalization and next steps.

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- The **expected outputs** of this workshop include a report of the meeting, as well as validated sector reports, synthesis report, and annotated outline of national blue economy strategy
- The **expected outcomes** of the workshop include further understanding of Kenya's Blue Economy per sector , including inland blue economy aspects; more stakeholder engagement and feedback that enriches the process towards the development of the National Blue Economy Strategy; and possible replication of the process and products in other Western Indian Ocean region countries.