



Draft Agenda
SAPPHIRE Focal Points Project Review Meeting
12th August 2020
02:00 pm – 04:00 pm Nairobi Time

Introduction:

The Nairobi convention is executing UNDP's project, Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms (SAPPHIRE) project with the funding support of GEF. The project promotes policy harmonization and institutional reform for the improvement of the management of the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems. It is building capacity among governments, conventions, communities, partners, intergovernmental organizations and the private sector in sustainable management of coastal and marine resource and ocean governance.

The project is under implementation in the nine contracting parties of the convention to improve sustainable management of WIOLME and ocean governance. The national project focal points are the members of the regional project steering committee(PSC), as the highest decision-making body in the project management structure, will meet annually to review project progress, approve annual work plan and provide recommendation and set joint solution for identified problems and challenges during the courses of the implementation of the planned activities.

The global pandemic, COVID 19 has caused tremendous impact at global level and affected our work across the region. Most of the planned interventions for 2020 are not accomplished due to the pandemic related lock downs. The first PSC meeting was held in June 2019 in Durban, South Africa and the second was planned to take place in Maputo in August 2020 which can't be materialised. During this lock down period the SAPPHIRE Focal points jointly with that of the Nairobi Convention focal points participated on two virtual meetings organized by the Secretariat and discussed on the impacts of COVID 19 at national and project level as well as projects progress.

Objectives of Meeting:

To review project progress and the impact of COVID 19 on the implementation of planned activities at national and regional level and propose possible acceleration mechanisms as well as seek joint solutions to identified problems that are affecting the implementation of the project.

Meeting Agenda:

- **Update on COVID-19 pandemic and its impact at national level and on implementation of project activities by each Focal point**
- **Review Annual Work Plan 2020**
- **Review of Project Progress**
- **Co-financing reporting (participating countries committed contributions)**
- **National level coordination of activities implementation**
- **AOB**

Expected Outcome:

- 1. Review project progress and provide advice/recommendation for AWP revision as required as well as on the acceleration of implementation of planned activities**
- 2. Discuss the progress demonstration projects at national level and seek for joint solution to activities implementation challenges caused by COVID 19 and others**
- 3. Discuss and provide recommendation on project management and coordination**
- 4. Agree on way forward**