

WIO-Regional Ocean Governance Initiative

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Draft Inception Report & Draft Task Force ToRs

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The draft Inception Report

- describes the **Scope** and **Mandate** of the WIO-ROG Strategy development process
- proposes a number of **Institutional Arrangements** for:
 - stakeholder engagement
 - consensus-building and
 - decision-making
- identifies a **Timeline** and
- the **Inputs**, **Outputs** and **Resources** required and the
- Expected **Outcomes**

Issues addressed in Inception Report and requiring **FP guidance** (by March – early April)

- a) How is the process for preparation of the WIO Regional Ocean Governance Strategy to be organised?
 - a) Coordination & management of available resources
 - b) Structure of the process - stakeholder engagement, decisions
- b) Decision making on the Strategy
 - a) Form and content of the Strategy – document, institutional arrangement(s), linkages (NC/AU/RECs)
 - b) Timetable, e.g. NC COP, AMCEN targets

Specific FP **guidance** (short-term/March)

1. Consolidate the work programme, e.g., SAPPHIRE + WIOGI + other resources directly linked to the NC as a '**virtual ROG project document**'
2. Specify how cooperative **decisions** are made on the work programme (e.g., integration/ coordination of FPs?)
3. Consider target dates for delivery of Strategy – NC COP?
4. Reaffirm composition of Core Group* = ROG **Task Force** to act as a stakeholder interface and technical advisory group (draft ToRs already under review)

* Nominated by SAPPHIRE FPs in 2021 to participate in Ocean Governance training course.