



2nd MSPforum for AFRICA

5 and 6 November 2023

Ramada Resort by Wyndam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Programme

I. Introduction

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a public process of analysing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic and social objectives that are usually specified through a political process (IOC-UNESCO, 2009). Although acceptance of the MSP approach has increased worldwide, most countries still need support to develop their marine spatial plans or to fully implement it where the plan is already approved.

MSP is also often discussed as an enabler of the Sustainable Blue Economy. For instance, the [African Union Blue Economy Strategy](#) urged Member States to institutionalise MSP to allocate specific spaces for maritime activities and ecosystem conservation.

The [Updated MSProadmap](#), a joint initiative by IOC-UNESCO and the European Commission to accelerate MSP processes worldwide, identified '*capacity development and awareness*' as one of its priority areas to contribute to knowledge exchange and transfer, while enhancing awareness of MSP. As part of this cross-cutting pillar of the mentioned roadmap, it was defined the '**Action VI**' to '**build a network of Regional MSPforums and Platforms**' together with interested regional institutions and initiatives working on MSP. Therefore, in 2022, with the support of the Government of Sweden, IOC-UNESCO and its Sub Commissions launched three Regional MSPforums for: [Africa](#), [Latin America and The Caribbean](#), and [Western Pacific and its Adjacent Areas](#). All first editions were organised online with the goal that future editions would be co-organised together with other regional organisations as in-person events.

Similarly, the AU-IBAR's policy note on [Continental Guidelines on MSP for conservation of Aquatic Biodiversity and Ecosystems in Africa](#) identified the need for Africa MSP events that can support knowledge and experience exchange between African Union Member States (Action 6).

The Regional Seas that have African parties are also engaged in MSP:

Region	Regional Sea	Examples of MSP-related initiatives
Mediterranean	Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (Barcelona Convention)	• Conceptual Framework for Implementing Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean • Mediterranean MSP Workspace • MSP Challenge/MSPglobal training network on Marine Spatial Planning
West and Central Africa	Abidjan Convention Secretariat	• Transboundary MSP between Benin and Togo • Capacities building on MSP in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal • Support to National MSP in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire • Support to MSPglobal transboundary pilot in the Gulf of Guinea • MSP Challenge/MSPglobal training network on Marine Spatial Planning
Eastern and Southern Africa and adjacent island states	Nairobi Convention Secretariat	• Establishment of the regional MSP Technical Working Group for the western Indian Ocean under the Nairobi Convention • Developed Regional Framework for MSP in the Western Indian Ocean • Ongoing MSP Capacity Development at regional and national levels through partnership with the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management • Several site level MSP initiatives supported in the Western Indian Ocean

It is within this context of multiple interconnected initiatives that the institutions above mentioned decided to join forces and co-organise the **2nd MSPforum for Africa**.

II. Organising Committee

The **UNESCO Dar es Salaam Field Office** together with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (**IOC-UNESCO**) and its Sub Commission **IOCAFRICA** are co-organising this event with the **African Union** and **Regional Seas** that have African parties:

- UNESCO Dar es Salaam Field Office (co-chair)
- IOC-UNESCO and its Sub Commission IOCAFRICA (co-chair)
- African Union - Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy Directorate
- African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources
- Nairobi Convention Secretariat (co-chair)
- Abidjan Convention Secretariat
- Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre - Barcelona Convention

III. Main sponsor and supporters

The event is co-funded by the Government of Sweden as a contribution to implement the [Ocean Decade Africa Roadmap](#) and the [Updated MSProadmap](#).



The following initiatives are also supporting the event:

MSPglobal 2.0 Project



Conserving Aquatic Biodiversity
in the Context of The Africa Blue Economy



SAPPHIRE project



IV. Agenda

Room: Grand Ocean

Moderator: Jacqueline Uku

5 November 2023	
Time	Session
11h30-12h30	Registration <i>(in front of Grand Ocean room)</i>
12h30-14h00	Lunch* <i>(Market restaurant)</i>
14h00-14h30	Session 1. Opening remarks - Michele Quesada, IOC-UNESCO - Timothy Andrew, Nairobi Convention Secretariat - Abdoulaye Diagana, Abidjan Convention Secretariat - Marko Prem, Deputy Director, UNEP PAP/RAC

	- Leah Wanambwa, African Union - Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy Directorate - Mohamed Seisay, African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources - Catarina Hedar, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management - Faith Shayo, UNESCO Office Dar es Salaam - Stephen Augustine Lukanga, Ministry of Fisheries, Tanzania mainland
14h30-15h30	Session 2. MSP & Ocean Literacy** - Communicating ocean issues to different target audiences, including policy makers by Emenyonu Martin Uchenna, The Atlantic Maritime Academy Nigeria - Webinar series on increasing awareness on MSP for a broad audience in the Western Indian Ocean by Bonface Mutisya, Nairobi Convention Secretariat - Ocean cultures, Marine Spatial Planning & a concept of Regional World Heritages by Rosabelle Boswell, Nelson Mandela University - Tanzania Ocean Climate Innovation Hub by Shamim Wasii Nyanda, Doors of Hope Foundation
15h30-16h00	Coffee Break
16h00-17h30	Session 2. MSP & Ocean Literacy (cont.)** - Dialogue by all participants
19h30-21h00	Dinner* (Ramada Beach Garden)
6 November 2023	
Time	Session
09h00-10h30	Session 3. MSP & Africa Blue Economy Strategy - Africa Blue Economy Strategy by Leah Wanambwa, African Union - Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy Directorate - The African Blue Economy Strategy and Marine Spatial Planning in Africa: the status of implementation by Joel Mokenye, Aquatic Biodiversity Specialist, African Union – Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources - Dialogue by all participants
10h30-11h00	Coffee Break
11h00-12h30	Session 4. Tools for MSP - WIO-Symphony: a tool for assessing cumulative impact assessment in support of MSP in the Western Indian Ocean by Sijali Pamba, University of Dar es Salaam - Online checklist for land-sea interaction, ecosystem-based approach and climate adaptations within MSP by Marko Prem, UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan (PAP/RAC) - Poverty and Gender Perspectives in Marine Spatial Planning by Richard Mulwa, Environment for Development-Kenya (EfD-K) - Dialogue by all participants

12h30-14h00	Lunch* (Market restaurant)
14h00-15h30	Session 5. MSP & Regional Seas - The regional MSP Framework for the Western Indian Ocean by Timothy Andrew, Nairobi Convention Secretariat - Conceptual Framework for MSP in the Mediterranean by Marko Prem, UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan (PAP/RAC) - Dialogue by all participants
15h30-16h00	Coffee Break
16h00-17h30	Session 5. MSP & Regional Seas (cont.) - Transboundary MSP: Case between Benin and Togo by Yacoub Issola, Abidjan Convention Secretariat - Marine Spatial Planning in the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem by Roman Sorgenfrei, GIZ - Dialogue by all participants
17h30-18h00	Session 6. Closing remarks - Timothy Andrew, Nairobi Convention Secretariat & Michele Quesada, IOC-UNESCO on behalf of Organising Committee - Keven Robert, UNESCO Office Dar es Salaam - Simon Wankyo, Vice President's Office, Tanzania
19h30-21h00	Dinner* (Market restaurant)

(*) **Lunch & Dinner:** Available on 5 and 6 November to all participants (including 1 soft drink or water).

(**) **Session 2 on MSP & Ocean Literacy:** It will be jointly developed and implemented with the Ocean Literacy Dialogues in Africa, which will be organised by IOC-UNESCO at the same venue on 4 and 5 November 2023. The goal of this session is to discuss and provide inputs to the co-development of Ocean Literacy handbook/materials for MSP processes in Africa.

V. Structure of the sessions

Each session will be dedicated to a specific topic and divided into three parts as follows:

- **PANEL:** Keynote presentations about the topic to inspire the discussions.
- **DIALOGUE:** 1 round of group discussion. **All participants** will be divided into groups/tables and invited to discuss predefined guiding questions based on their own experiences, reflecting about what worked and what did not in the MSP processes they are familiar with. The last 10 min should be dedicated to identifying key issues/challenges and respective recommendations.
- **WRAP UP:** Presentation of key findings to all.

VI. Instructions to connect to Wi-Fi

- **Username:** Ramada
- **Password:** unesco123

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