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BLUE ECONOMY PANNEL DISCUSSION

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BY LEVERAGING BLUE ECONOMY THROUGH EFFICIENT SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
AND AQUATIC RESOURCES CONSERVATION

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PANELIST 1



NAME: *Dixon Waruinge, Coordinator for the Secretariat for the Nairobi Convention*

PROFILE: He is the Coordinator for the Secretariat for the Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of Coastal and Marine Environment of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region. Has over 25 years' coordinating and overseeing programme formulation, funding raising and implementation of regional programs. He works collaboratively with Contracting Parties to the Nairobi Convention, Donor governments, non-governmental organization, and in diverse fields of biodiversity conservation, biodiversity assessment, monitoring, biodiversity information management, and community biodiversity conservation.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Blue Economy growth in WIO region, contribution to GDP and Next steps

PANELIST 2



NAME: *Doreen Nasimiyu Simiyu, South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum -SWIOTUNA*

PROFILE: Doreen Simiyu is a social scientist with 8 years of professional and practical experience in conservation work. She has a background in Environmental studies, community development and Environmental Science. Over the years Doreen has increased her competence and capacity by acquiring additional knowledge and job skills in ocean governance, networking and stakeholder management, Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Learning and policy analysis.

In the course of her professional work, she has mobilized, organized, and build the capacity of communities for individual and collection action on matters natural resource management, good environmental governance, and organizational development. Doreen is currently the Network Coordinator for a regional CSO network on marine fisheries-South West Indian Ocean Tuna Forum (SWIOTUNA), regional marine-related network registered in Kenya as an international public benefit organization with its membership consisting of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), community fisheries collective action units such as Beach Management Units (BMUs) and Private Sector from the coastal nations and island states of Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, Mozambique, Tanzania and Kenya. In Kenya we work with Tuna Fisheries Alliance of Kenya (TuFAK), in Tanzania we work with Tuna Alliance of Tanzania (TUNA), in Mozambique we work with Forum for CSOs for Marine and Coastal Areas (FOSCAMC), in Madagascar we work with Coalition Nationale de Plaidoyer Environmental (CNPE)The forum provides a capacity building opportunity to the CSOs working on marine and fisheries related issues to advocate for sustainable use, development, and management of marine fisheries in the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) range states with a view to ensuring that the respective countries and local communities derive more socio- economic benefits from their fisheries resources

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Unlocking the potential of Blue Economy in the South West Indian Ocean

PANELIST 3



NAME: *Dr. Ingela Isaksson, Senior analyst, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SWAM)*

PROFILE: Dr Ingela Isaksson has since 2006 worked with sustainable ecosystem based marine management for regional and national governmental agencies in Sweden. She presently holds a position as senior advisor at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. Ingela has been coordinating transboundary collaboration and planning at different scales: from local to international. Her priorities are to create and strengthen networks and collaborations contributing to a sustainable society. Since 2015, Ingela has coordinated EU-funded collaborations in the Baltic Sea Region on behalf of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. With her coordination maritime spatial planning authorities, regional sea organisations, and academia jointly develop planning solutions to transboundary issues, planning processes and planning evidence for decision-making. At SwAM Ingela is also coordinating the agency bilateral environmental and climate cooperation with Brazil, China, Indonesia, South Africa, USA and countries in the Western Indian Ocean region. Ingela is in charge of the Secretariat for the Swedish Ocean Platform to End Poverty as well as working with including poverty and gender perspectives into the marine spatial planning process.

At the County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland Ingela was during 2012-2019, responsible for coordinating the regional development of one of three MSPs in Sweden. She has been chairing several advisory and end-user groups of EU-funded projects. Since 2019 Ingela has the honorable assignment as Global MSP expert at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO Joint author of the international guide on Marine Spatial Planning/MSPglobal published by IOC-UNESCO and the EU commission in autumn 2021. Ingela holds a PhD in marine zoology with focus on shallow coastal marine ecosystems, plant-animal interactions, eutrophication related issues and biodiversity.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Factors enabling Blue Economy growth in developing countries

PANELIST 4

NAME: *BALLOO Madev, Project Manager, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles*

PROFILE: He joined the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles in November 2008 as an agricultural economist at that time to monitor the implementation of the EU support to the reform of the sugar industry of the Government of Mauritius. In his 15 years of career as Project Manager at the EU Delegation in Mauritius, he has been responsible for the formulation and implementation of various programmes/projects for the benefits of government and regional organizations as part of the European Union External Aid policies. Among his portfolios include climate smart agriculture, climate change, greening of the economy, sustainable fisheries, water and sanitation, poverty alleviation and promoting EU policies on tackling gender issues and women and girls' as well as youth empowerment in his capacity as Gender & Youth Focal Point.

One landmark achievement has been the formulation of the regional EEOFISH programme on sustainable fisheries for the Eastern Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean region, which took him almost two years to finalise as it required extensive consultation with the regional partners. The programme which focuses on three result areas – sustainable management and governance of fisheries resources, fighting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and support to artisanal fisheries, has now reached its cruising speed in the implementation phase. Mauritius, being a small island state, makes it highly vulnerable to the challenges of climate change. The small farmers whose livelihood



depend largely on agricultural activities are highly exposed to the threat of climate change. He has also formulated a programme on the adaptation of small farmers to the effects of climate change under the Global Climate Change Alliance (an EU flagship initiative) using innovative techniques of cultivation (sheltered farming), irrigation techniques and pest management (without use of chemicals) and the setting up of organic farms for production of bio products.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: EEOFISH programme - An overview of R3 - achievements and learning investments, including the prospects and challenges for the replication and upscaling