

# EU-CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

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Bridgetown, Barbados



## Preliminary Agenda

EU-Caribbean Workshop on Marine Scientific Cooperation

Date: 14–15 November 2023

Time:

Day 1: 08:30-18:00 UTC-4 (Barbados), Day 2: 08:30-13:00 UTC-4 (Barbados)

Venue: University of the West Indies (UWI) Campus, Barbados

Shell suite (ground floor of The Solutions Centre)

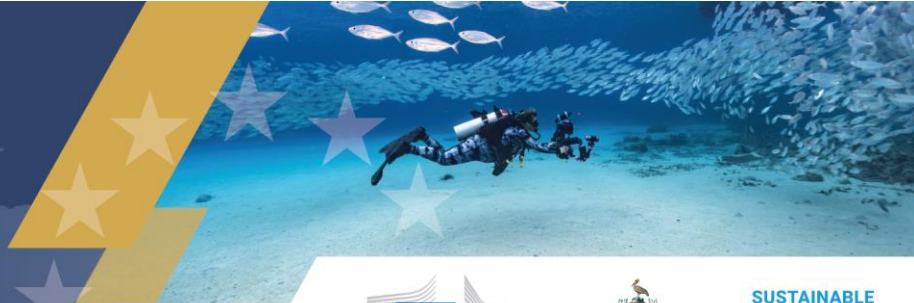
### Day 1, 14 November 2023

Time (UTC-4)	Programme
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration and participants check-in</b> (on-site and online)
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Opening address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hon. Davidson I. Ishmael</b>, M.P. Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology (MIST)</li></ul>
09:10 – 09:20	<b>Opening address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director, Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</li></ul>
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Welcome message</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms Fenny Steenks</b>, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Barbados</li></ul>
09:30 – 09:35	<b>Welcome message</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. R. Clive Landis, PhD</b>, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of the West Indies</li></ul>
09:35 – 10:05	<b>Keynote speech</b> <b>Marine regional research priorities and capacity building needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Milton O. Haughton</b>, Executive Director, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism</li></ul>
10:05 – 10:35	<b>Keynote speech</b> <b>The Oceans Programme, Healthy Oceans &amp; Seas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms Szilvia Nemeth</b>, B4 Ocean Unit, European Commission</li></ul>
10:35 – 10:55	<b>Group photo &amp; coffee break</b>
10:55 – 11:00	<b>Presentation of the meeting agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Luis Samaniego-Moffre</b>, Directorate for Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</li></ul>

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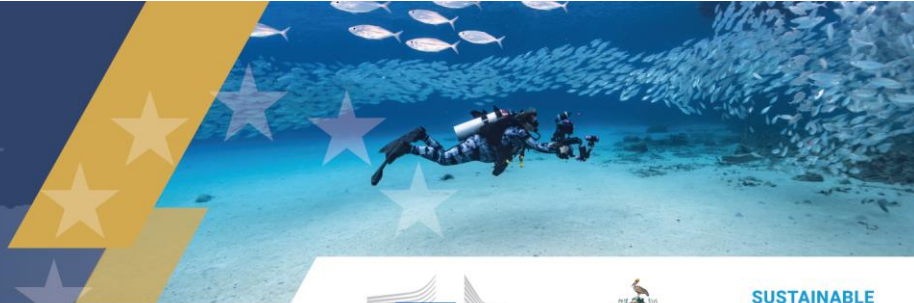


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11:00 – 11:10	<p><b>Bridging marine research in the Caribbean with global policy and targets – perspectives from the BIOPAMA programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Stephen Peedell</b> and <b>Ms Cristina Lázaro</b>, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</li> </ul>
11:10 – 12:00	<p><b>Pitches from EU and CAR projects and initiatives</b> (5 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine projects in UWI Jamaica, Dr Julian Walcott, Technical Officer, Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway, UWI-CERMES</li> <li>• BlueMissionAA – “The Coordination Hub of the Atlantic &amp; Arctic Lighthouse”, Mr José Moutinho, Chief Business &amp; Networking Officer, AIR Centre, Portugal</li> <li>• Blue Economy Research Agenda, Mrs Allena Joseph, Technical Specialist, Ocean Governance &amp; Fisheries Unit, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)</li> <li>• Marine Protected Areas Europe, Horizon Europe project, Mr Thanos Smanis, Project Partner</li> <li>• Sustainable Development &amp; Coastal Zone Management, Mr Leo Brewster, Director, Coastal Zone Management Unit</li> <li>• Coastal Restoration with Nature and People: The A-AAGORA project living lab concept, Ms Ana Lillebø, A-AAGORA Scientific Coordinator, CESAM, University of Aveiro, Portugal</li> <li>• “Priorities in Research Related with Environmental Quality of Cuban Bays and Coastal Areas”, Mrs Marlen Pérez Hernández, Deputy Director, Center for Research and Environmental Management of Transport</li> <li>• Marine Research Infrastructure Towards Sustainable Ocean Partnerships, Mr Rubén Marrero Gomez, PLOCAN, Spain</li> <li>• Blue Economy Research Needs for Caribbean SIDS, Mrs Arlene Young, Director of the Belize Coastal Management Authority &amp; Institute</li> <li>• Mr John Crowley, President of Produire Mieux Consommer Moins (PHGD), social aspects related to CC, blue economy, social and digital inequalities, ocean literacy and others</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:15	<p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
12:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Presentation on preliminary study results and of questions for discussion</b> <b>Ms Juliana Chaves-Chaparro</b>, Team leader EC action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the research capacities, priorities and capacity building needs to inform policy stakeholders about?</li> <li>• In which topics Civil Society Organisations (CSO) and Indigenous and Local Knowledge (ILK) holders shall be more deeply involved?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What about policy makers? Industry?</li> <li>• How to foster intra-regional cooperation? And international-EU linkages?</li> <li>• How can SIDS participate and benefit better from research outputs?</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation of moderators and division into thematic working groups:</b></p> <p><b>Group 1) Community resilience and climate change, i.a.:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to build resilience and opportunities for communities facing climate change and natural disaster, especially women and vulnerable groups?</li> <li>• How to co-produce the necessary knowledge and ocean literacy to address new upcoming challenges, e.g. Sargassum?</li> <li>• What are the best ways to improve the dialogue between academic and ILK to address the social and environmental challenges of the Caribbean region?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms Dionne Carrington, Research Officer, CPAG Caribbean Protected Areas</p> <p><b>Group 2) Healthy ecosystems for SDG 14, i.a.:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What knowledge is needed to implement international agreements and address national challenges               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ for the restoration of coral reefs, mangroves or sea grass beds?</li> <li>○ for the management of marine protected areas?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The BBNJ agreement for promoting research cooperation on common challenges: liquid and solid pollution, Sargassum, health, etc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr Julian Walcott, Technical Officer, Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway, UWI-CERMES</p> <p><b>Group 3) Fostering societal reliance on oceans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to foster sustainable and fair blue economy in the Caribbean?</li> <li>• What is the desirable contribution of tourism, biodiversity and ecosystem services (including fisheries and aquaculture), algae, blue bonds, transport and others?</li> <li>• How to promote sustainable use of marine resources by all stakeholders including vulnerable groups and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the framework of the BBNJ implementation?</li> <li>• How to leverage social innovation, arts and culture to enhance it?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr Hamish Asmath, Marine project, restoration seagrass and coral reefs, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p>

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	<p><b>Group 4) Ocean observation for governance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can it support ocean and coastal spatial planning, disaster risk prevention, data, and infrastructure access?</li> <li>• How to enhance intra- and interregional cooperation and compliance, i.a. to the BBNJ?</li> <li>• New insights to promote the science-policy interface</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr Ulises Jauregui, Professor-researcher at the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC, Dominican Republic) and coordinator of research group on Sargassum</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Thematic group discussions, part 1</b>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:45 – 17:00	<b>Thematic group discussions, part 2</b>
17:00 – 17:40	<b>Preliminary conclusions of thematic groups</b> (10 minutes each)
17:40 – 18:00	<p><b>Conclusions and Q &amp; A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Luis Samaniego-Moffre</b>, Directorate for Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Shelly Ann Cox</b>, Chief Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Environment and National Beautification, Barbados</li> </ul>
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Mix and match cocktail (bus shuttle)</b>

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## Day 2, 15 November 2023

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08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration and participants check-in</b> (on-site and online)
09:00 – 09:40	<b>Presentation from working groups' moderators</b> (10 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recapitulation of first day conclusions</li> </ul>
09:40 – 10:30	<b>Tour de table from Caribbean countries' partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open discussion</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>International cooperation in Horizon Europe</b> Open to the participation of organisations and researchers from all over the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr Luis Samaniego-Moffre</b>, Directorate for Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Presentation of regional funding mechanisms for research and capacity building in the Caribbean</b> (5 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Lorna Inniss, Head of UNESCO IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (online)</li> <li>Ms Yvette Diei Ouadi, Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, FAOSLC</li> <li>Ms Kristina Eisele, European Investment Bank Representative for the Southern and Eastern Caribbean</li> <li>Mr Christopher Corbin, Senior Coordination Officer, CEP UNEP (online)</li> <li>Ms Tanja Lieuw, Conservation Finance Programme Manager, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Final remarks and way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr Luis Samaniego-Moffre</b>, Directorate for Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&amp;I, European Commission</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch and end of workshop</b>