



The purpose and structure of the consultation

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Expert Consultation on Operationalisation of the Caribbean Sea Commission

Building a science-policy interface for ocean governance in the Wider Caribbean

Association of Caribbean States - Caribbean Sea Commission

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Why you are here...

The purpose of the Expert Consultation is to:

- Share information on the plans for and status of 'Operationalisation of the Caribbean Sea Commission' with critical partners;
- Obtain their feedback on the feasibility of the proposals and ideas for improvement of the plan;
- Build a common vision of how the partners can work together to achieve the overall goal of ocean governance in the Wider Caribbean Region.

When we are done...

- Consensus on the way forward with establishing and operating the CSC
- Wider publicity for and awareness of the CSC
- Input to the report of the ACS SG to the UNGA 2101
- Report outlining the way ahead

Who you are...

Representatives of:

- Regional intergovernmental organisations
- Regional UN agencies
- Regional NGOs
- Regional Projects
- National experts
- Baltic and Black Sea Commissions
- Other experts

How we will do it...

Consultation addresses three interrelated topics

- Regional ocean governance arrangement (architecture)
- The science-policy interface for ocean governance
- The data and information platform to support the science policy interface

More how we will do it...

Process for each topic:

- Presentations with questions for clarification
- Open microphone
- General discussion
- Breakout session

How the breakout groups will work...

Each group will address its topic by:

- Discussing four questions at tables of 4-5 people,
- Combining and analysing the point raised for each question
- Reporting them back to the plenary
- Overall discussion of reports

1. In your opinion what aspects of the approaches and proposals you have heard in the meeting seem feasible and beneficial in making the Caribbean Sea Commission more effective?

2. In your opinion what aspects of these approaches and proposals would cause the most difficulty for implementation?

3. From your perspective what aspects of these approaches and proposals would you change or improve to make the Caribbean Sea Commission more effective?

4. What would it take for you to buy into this overall process?

Other business

- Introductions
- Unrestricted wireless in this room
- Mixer courtesy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados – July 7th 6 pm

Lets go