Implementing Global Frameworks in the South West Ocean Islands

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# The Indian Ocean Commission

Created in 1982 (Port-Louis Declaration)  
Institutionalised in 1984 (Victoria Agreement)

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<th>5 Member States</th>
<th>26 M inhabitants</th>
<th>5,5 M km² of exclusive economic zones</th>
<th>+10 international partner organizations</th>
<th>48 projects of cooperation and development since its creation</th>
<th>254 M€ in funding since its inception</th>
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| The Union of the Comoros  
France / Reunion  
Madagascar  
Mauritius  
The Seychelles | | | | | |

ISLANDS
Nos îles, Nos vies, Notre devenir.  
Our lands, Our life, Our future.
Strategic Focus Areas

- **Diplomacy and political cooperation**
  Promote dialogue amongst member states for regional stability and security

- **Economic development and Infrastructure**
  Create a conducive environment for economic growth

- **Sustainable Environment and climate Change**
  Support sustainable development while safeguarding the natural resources for the well being of the population

- **Education, Research and Innovation**
  Promote research, innovation and capacity development to support socio-economic and cultural development
## Role as a regional organisation

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| • Promote dialogue amongst MS  
• Advocate at regional and international level  
• Resource mobilisation  
• Strengthen capacity | • Respect the sovereignty of each member state  
• Complement national efforts in specific areas identified by the country | • Shared values  
• Generate ideas  
• Long term solutions |
IOC and International Frameworks

Regional Context
Countries are at different level of development
- Comoros and Madagascar low income countries
- Mauritius upper-middle income countries
- Seychelles: high-income country
- Reunion (French overseas department –EU)

International Frameworks
- S.A.M.O.A Pathway - (Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles)
- Sendai Framework –All countries
- Paris Agreement - All countries

Regional Frameworks
- Regional Seas Convention (Nairobi Convention) All countries
- AUC – Agenda 2063,- Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles
Addressing Sustainable development Goals

Approach
- Integrated /multisectoral
- Enhance capacity (institutional)
- Reduce vulnerability
- Education & awareness (schools)

Stakeholders
- Government institutions
- Non State Actors - Private Sector
- Community base organisations
- Regional Economic Communities
- International organisations
- Financial Partners
Priority Sectors and SDGs

- Climate change and energy (SDG13,7, 6) - Meteorological Services (Tools, equipment and training) & Energy Commissions, Public Utilities
- Health – (SDG 3,6,13) - Ministry of Health in surveillance of epidemics and disease outbreak
- Disaster Risk Reduction (SDG 9,11,3,13) - Disaster Centres and Ministry of Finance/ Economic Develop, National Statistics, Insurance, Land
- Coastal and marine resources (SDG14,13,15) – Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries
- Food security (SDG12, 6,8,13) - Agriculture and Fisheries
- Peace and security (SDG16) - Maritime Centres, Port Authorities, Coast Guards

Education and Gender are integrated in all sectors (Tool Kit for Education to sustainable development)
Addressing the Sendai Framework

IOC Regional Action Plan for Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction is aligned to the
• Sendai Framework,
• Paris Agreement and
• the S.A.M.O.A Pathway

PRIORITY AREA

● Understanding Risk
● Develop capacity to account for disaster losses for major, medium and small scale events (training of local technicians and established national database)
● Assessing future risk (Risk Profiles) to improve preparedness
● Public Investment Planning (integrating Risk Reduction into national budgets)
Addressing the Sendai Framework

**RISK**

1. HAZARD
   - Intensity
   - Frequency

2. EXPOSURE
   - People at risk
   - Assets at risk

3. VULNERABILITY
   - Susceptibility to hazard

**DISASTER**

Losses

- Physical
- Economic
- Human
Post 2017- Implementation of the Regional CC and DRR Action Plan

Focus

- **Risk Identification** (loss data bases, hazard mapping, risk modeling, social perceptions)
- **Risk Reduction** (territorial and sector planning, building codes, risk mitigation work, education)
- **Financial Protection** (budget planning and appropriation, risk investment, risk transfer)
- **Preparedness** (alert systems, early warning, response planning and management, logistics)
- **Post-disaster reconstruction** (recovery, rehabilitation).
Where are we?

- CC and DRR Plan adopted by Council of the IOC (sept 2018)
- Discussion ongoing with financial partners (5 year program)
- Feasibility Studies for project formulation to include national consultations

Continuous actions:
- Education and awareness raising for integration of energy, SDG and DRR into eco-school programmes
- Support to ICZM/SD national platforms and regional Platforms

Main Challenges
- National coordination and reporting
- Data sharing
- Staff turnover/rotation and handover
- Regional coordination (REC)/Financial partners
Thank you for your attention