



## Agenda

### Joint LBS/SPAW Working Group Meeting

18-20 March 2025

Trinidad and Tobago

#	Time	Item	Presenter
1	9:00 –9:10	Welcome and Meeting/Workshop Objectives	Susana Perera
2	9:10 – 9:30	Introduction of participants	Participants
3	9:30 – 9:50	Overview of the biology, life cycle and distribution of Sargassum	Hazel Oxenford
4	9:50 –10:30	Overview of the Sargassum bloom in the Wider Caribbean Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timeline</li> <li>• Potential causes – <i>increase nutrient flows, warmer ocean surface waters, changing ocean currents</i></li> <li>• Impacts – <i>social, economic and environmental</i></li> </ul>	Kristie Alleyne
	10:30-10:45	<b>BREAK</b>	
5	10:45 –11:10	Opportunities for controlling the Sargassum blooms in the wider Caribbean Region	Rahanna Juman
6	11:10 –11:35	National Perspective – Threats, Impacts, Opportunities of Sargassum	Dominican Republic



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7	11:35–12:30	<p>Overview of activities by the Sargassum working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the survey results conducted by the SPAW Sargassum Working Group among Contracting Parties, focusing on the effects of sargassum and its impact on the fulfillment of obligations under the Cartagena Convention and its protocols</li> <li>• Presentation on the draft Sargassum Working Group Action Plan</li> </ul>	SPAW-RAC
	12:30– 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
8	13:30-14:20	<p>Overview of activities related to Sargassum by the LBS OEWG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrients reduction strategy and action plan</li> <li>• Regional Criteria and Standards for N and P Loads in Domestic Wastewater Discharges</li> </ul>	LBS RACs
9	14:20 –14:40	Questions from Working Group presentations	CCS
10	14:40–15:50	Presentations from countries, partners and observers on existing programmes and initiatives addressing Sargassum or nutrient reduction	CRFM, REMARCO, UWI
		<b>END OF DAY 1</b>	
		<b>DAY 2</b>	
11	9:00-9:15	Review of Day 1	CCS



12	9:15-9:45	Experiences from other Regional Seas Programmes	Michelle Devlin – OSPAR Yacoub Issola – Abidjan Convention
13	9:45 –10:30	Break out group on specific topics related to the draft Sargassum Working Group Action Plan	Break out groups
	10:30- 10:45	<b>BREAK</b>	
14	10:45-11:45	Discussion on potential collaborative actions and its inclusion in the updated SPAW Sargassum Working Group Action Plan (break out groups)	Chair of LBS OEWG and SPAW RAC
15	11:45-12:30	Report back to plenary	Break out groups
	12:30 –13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
16	13:30 –14:20	Discussion on definition for Sargassum inundations (Break out groups)	Susana Perera
17	14:20 –15:10	Opportunities for improved data collection and analysis to contribute to CCS data platform and the “State of Reports”	Laverne Walker
	15:10 -15:25	<b>BREAK</b>	



18	15:25 -15:50	Presentation of outputs and recommendations from Working Group Consultancy	Laverne Walker
		<b>END OF DAY 2</b>	
		<b>DAY 3</b>	
19	9:00 –9:15	Review of Day 2	CCS
20	9:15 –10:30	Towards the development of a joint LBS OWEG and Sargassum WG chapter for the next integrated State of Convention Area Report	CCS
	10:30-10:45	<b>BREAK</b>	
21	10:45 –12:30	Proposal of recommendations to be considered and/or endorsed at the LBS and SPAW Scientific Technical Advisory Committees	CCS
22	12:30 –12:50	Way Forward and Next Steps	CCS
23	12:50-13:00	Meeting/workshop closure	Laverne Walker
		<b>END OF DAY 3</b>	