

The Cartagena Convention COP17/IGM20 decides to:

1. **Adopt** the New CEP Strategy with Indicators.
2. **Approve** the Work Plan and Budget of the Caribbean Trust Fund up to 31st December 2025.
3. **Endorse** the efforts to develop a more comprehensive Resource Mobilization Strategy as reflected in the terms of reference (TOR) for the consultant, including the establishment of a new Working Group with the support of the Bureau.
4. **Acknowledge** the efforts by the Secretariat in responding to the Strategic and Functional Review of the Cartagena Convention Secretariat and **endorse** the recommendations, as well as the Review of Operations, Functioning and Financing of Regional Activity Centres and Regional Activity Networks of the Cartagena Convention (RAC-RAN Review).
5. **Endorse** the need to develop an "Onboarding/Welcome Kit" for new Focal Points providing historical background on the work and processes of the CEP and the role of the Focal Point.
6. **Note** the development of the new quarterly Newsletter and **encourage** Contracting Parties to provide updates to the Secretariat.
7. **Provide guidance** on the continued work on Ocean-Based/Blue Economy and Ocean Governance.
8. **Provide guidance** on how to support the Contracting Parties in meeting relevant global commitments including GBF Targets, BBNJ, INC on Plastics, etc.
9. **Urge** the Secretariat to finalise the new online Reporting Template and to provide guidance to the Contracting Parties on its use.
10. **Propose** that the Secretariat share the status of contributions of the Caribbean Trust Fund (CTF) on the Secretariat's website as done by other Regional Seas Programmes.
11. **Endorse** the Oil Spills Protocol Steering Committee Recommendations, as presented by RAC/REMPEITC.
12. **Provide guidance** on future work on Data and Information Management/Building on the Regional Platform, work of Science Division, and data sharing policy from the Barcelona Convention.
13. ~~**Approve** the proposed changes in the institutional structure, human resources, and finances, including the level of contributions to the CTF and how to continue to address outstanding contributions.~~
14. **Encourage efforts** to continue to enhance and consolidate regional data/information management platform (Regional Environment and Monitoring Platform) that will facilitate the contribution of data for future Integrated State of Reports, and improved decision-making, **considering** the outcomes and recommendations from the Hackathon interactive design workshop and the data sharing policy from other Conventions.
15. **Encourage continued involvement** in UNDP/GEF ProCaribe+ Project including Guidance on UNEP-CEP's potential role in the project. Support for the prompt operationalisation of the Ocean Coordinating Mechanisms (OCM) and **pursue active participation in**, and the use of the OCM as a regional platform and key lever to enhance the delivery of UNEP-CEP strategy/objectives.
16. **Call upon** Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention who are not Parties to the SPAW or LBS Protocols to provide updates at the next Cartagena Convention COP as to the status of their ratification efforts and any impediments identified or assistance needed.

17. **Request** the Secretariat to work with Contracting Parties, as well as existing RACs and RANs, to update the 2008 "Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Regional Activity Centres and Regional Activity Networks for the Cartagena Convention" and present proposed revisions to IGM21/COP18.
18. **Urge** the Secretariat to continue to leverage resources and expertise from other organisations and projects to help achieve the objectives of the Convention.