



Report of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

Presented By Trinidad and Tobago Chair Representative Dr. Darryl Banjoo
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Technical Advisory Committee

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The Working Group

Working Group Members:

- Darryl Banjoo – Chair -RAC- IMA, Trinidad & Tobago
- Linroy Christian – Vice Chair - Antigua & Barbuda
- Elle Chang -USA
- Hodayah Finman -USA
- Hugh Sullivan-USA
- Suzanne Archuleta -USA
- Troy Pierce – USA
- Andrew Horan - USA
- Felicia Adams-Kellman – Guyana
- Anthony Headley – Barbados
- Gillian Guthrie – Jamaica
- Eromonsele Akhidenor – Jamaica
- Richard Nelson - Jamaica
- Lisa Kirkland - Jamaica
- David Olarte/ Erick Castro González – Colombia
- Marko Tosic – EAFIT (Colombia)
- Marino Eugenio Abrego - Panama
- Marnie Xiomara Portillo Rodriguez, Alberto Thompson – Honduras
- Milagros De Camps – Dominican Republic

- John Bowleg – The Bahamas
- Lugdiwine Burtschel - France
- Valeria Cruz Blancas – Mexico
- Claudius Carty – Saint Maarten
- Lormeka Williams – Turks and Caicos
- Luisa Espinosa Diaz – INVEMAR -Colombia
- Rahanna Juman - RAC- IMA -Trinidad & Tobago
- Marlen Perez– RAC – CIMAB-Cuba
- Luis Garcia Abreu – RAC – CIMAB -Cuba

CEP Secretariat

- Christopher Corbin
- Sarah Alexandra Carolin Wollring
- Jhenelle Barret
- Tamoy Singh
- Georgina Janelle Singh

Expert Nominees to the OEWG and the Thematic Sub-groups

Affiliation	Name
Nominees to the OEWG	
Aruba	Naviel Lue
RAC CIMAB	Yamiris Gómez D'Angelo
RAC IMA	Wendy Nelson
	Azad Mohammed
	Deanesh Ramsewak
	Denise Beckles
Nominees to the Nutrient & Wastewater Standards Sub-Group	
RAC CIMAB	Marlen Pérez Hernández
	Yamiris Gómez D'Angelo
	Tahimí Jiménez Alquizar
(Observer) Universidad EAFIT, Colombia	Marko Tomic
Nominees to the Information Management Sub-Group	
RAC CIMAB	Jesús Beltrán González
	Freddy Potrillé Tito
Nominees to the Emerging Issues Sub-Group	
RAC CIMAB	Jesús Beltrán González
	Víctor Sende Odoardo
	Freddy Potrillé Tito

OEWG Activities since STAC5

- Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) met virtually three times – December 1st 2021 (post-IGM/COP); June 02, 2022 and November 23, 2022.
- 9 people were nominated as experts to the OEWG which brings the group to a total of 30 people. A total of 10 people were nominated to the thematic sub-groups, sub-group 1 on Nutrients had 5 expert nominations, sub-group 2 on Information Management received 2 expert nominations and sub-group 3 on emerging issues received 3 nominations.
- Following recommendations from Contracting Parties and Observers, Dr. Darryl Banjoo, as the LBS Focal Point for Trinidad and Tobago, accepted the role of Chair and Dr. Linroy Christian as the LBS Focal Point for Antigua and Barbuda accepted the role of Vice Chair of the Working Group in September 2022.

OEWG Activities since STAC5

- Mr. Hugh Sullivan and Mr. Anthony Headley will support an Ad Hoc Working Group on capacity building. This group will also provide input on training needs to ensure sustainability as the Secretariat works with Contracting Parties to enhance their National Monitoring and Assessment Programmes.
- The revised ToR was shared and adopted.
- Members of the OEWG participated virtually in the Regional Workshop on the Index of Coastal Eutrophication & Harmful Algal Bloom held on 25-26 July 2022. The workshop was organized by the RAC IMA with technical support from Cartagena Convention Secretariat, RAC CIMAB, SPAW RAC (Guadeloupe), OSPAR Commission (Europe), INVEMAR Colombia and GEF-IWECO Project.
- Members of the OEWG participated virtually in Day 1 of the Regional Eutrophication Workshop held on 13 December 2022. The workshop was organized by the Secretariat to facilitate the professional exchange of experiences and lessons learned in the development of National Nutrient Reduction Strategies and Action Plans in Barbados and Jamaica as well as UNEP's Caribbean priority initiative to develop National Nutrient Reduction Action Plans in other Caribbean nations.

Potential Recommendations

- The Secretariat with support of the LBS RACs continue to seek efforts in providing training and capacity development in the region as relates to the three thematic of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) (i) standards and criteria that would include discussions on comparable data, nutrients standards, wastewater effluent standards and defining Class I & II waters, (ii) information management, and (iii) future planning including consideration of emerging issues such as freshwater management and micro plastics.
- The OEWG continue providing technical support, advice, and input to the LBS RACs in implementation of project activities in the current work plan 2023/24.

Potential Recommendations

- The OEWG with support of the Secretariat and LBS RACs develop new sub groups for the development of the new State of Marine Pollution Report.
- The OEWG with support of the Secretariat and LBS RACs develop new sub groups for the development of regional marine and coastal water quality criteria towards good ecological and human health to be used in assessing the state of the environment.
- The Secretariat with support of the LBS RACs and OEWG continue efforts in the implementation of the regional nutrient pollution reduction strategy and action plan in countries of the wider Caribbean region.

