

Title: “Bridging the gap between marine research, policy and management – developing new ideas for collaboration”

Convener: Nairobi Convention, GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Full day Session on 2 November at WIOMSA Scientific Symposium

Background:

Research provides decision-makers at both policy and management levels with the necessary knowledge to protect and sustainably use marine resources. The need to build bridges between marine research and decision-making processes is widely recognized. However, both the identification of research priorities that address public or social concerns and communicating research results to marine resources managers and policy-makers appear to remain a great challenge in the WIO Region. At past WIOMSA symposiums, participants have voiced the need for new approaches to knowledge production based on greater direct collaboration between researchers and management authorities. This interactive session will bring scientists and decision-makers together to explore concrete knowledge needs of decision-makers, discuss ideas to meet demands and develop concepts for new collaborations.

Objectives of the session:

- Identify knowledge and data needs of decision-makers
- Develop project ideas and formulate formats that could address decision-makers' needs

Targeted audience: Symposium participants comprising scientists, decision-makers and practitioners interested in engaging in an interactive session.

Registration: Please note, that due to a limited number of places, we ask you to register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp1v0i_rpYZKUasTnmBS9pzDCYULm_mNmpum1IOw68quQK-A/viewform?usp=sf_link