

- Thematic:

Integrated Ocean Management

- Why attend:

About 500,000 West Africans live on the coasts and are affected by constant floods every year. 50% of regional fisheries related jobs are expected to be lost by 2050 if coasts continue to decline. There is a strong need to adopt an Integrated Ocean Management approach that can save the ecosystems. This session will therefore set the basis on how to ensure sustainable use of natural resources and ecosystem

services, including those of freshwater ecosystems and promote and maintain ecosystem resiliency.

How can the implementation of adaptive tools on Integrated Ocean Management lead to regional policy development?

- Description:

The Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of West and Central Africa provides a general legal framework for all marine-related programmes in West, Central and Southern Africa. The Abidjan Convention through its protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management is encouraging parties to implement the protocol as an instrument within the purview of laws governing their coastal zone.

The session will focus on different presentations, feedback on the implementation of projects dealing with Integrated Ocean Management, benefits and lessons learned.

- On Thursday 9th September The Abidjan Convention Secretariat / Grid Arendal will present on the following:

Time	Institution	Description	Speakers
12H00-12H25	Abidjan Convention Secretariat	Introduction to the Abidjan Convention and the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol	Richard Dacosta/Online
12H30-12H40	Abidjan Convention Secretariat / Grid Arendal Presenting the Mami Wata Project	Introduction to the Mami Wata Project	Richard Dacosta/Online
12H40-12:50		Côte d'Ivoire approach on SoME	Marguerite Kouadio / Online
12H50-13H00		Benin EBSA Identification	Faustine Sinzogan / Online
13H00-13H10		Ghana MSP development	Peace G. D. / Online
13H10-13H30		CSE lessons learned on EBSAs & MSP	Dieynaba Seck / On line Taibou Ba
13H30-13H45		EPA-SL feedback on SoME	Online
13:45-14:15	Q/A Session		

14H15-14H30	Abidjan / Convention Secretariat	Introduction to Multilateral Environmental Agreements	Dr. Abdoulaye Diagana/Online
14H30-15H00		Q/A Session	