**(Virtual) Workshop on**

**“The Urgency of Climate Change and its Consideration as a Topic in IORA”  
08 November, 2021, 11:00–15:00 (Mauritius time UTC +4)**

**Agenda**

# Climate Change in the Indian Ocean Region – Scientific Evidence and its Relevance for IORA (11:00 – 12:30h)

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| 11:00 – 11:15 | Welcome and Opening Addresses   * Dr. Tahereh Miremadi, RCSTT * Dr. Gatot Gunawan, ASG, IORA Secretariat |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Scientific keynote address, by Prof. Bruce Glavovic, IPCC member:  Climate-change related disasters as a threat to peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indian Ocean region. |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Scientific responses from within the region, by Prof. Mahmood Hossain, Bangladesh:  Climate change in IORA Member States and prospects for forest-based mitigation and adaptation solutions. |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Karuna Rana (SYAH/Mauritius):  The urgency for climate action from a youth and Indian Ocean SIDS perspective. |
| 12:15 – 12:20 | Dr. Thomas Krimmel (GIZ):  The relevance of addressing climate change in IORA – some thoughts from a Dialogue Partner´s point of view. |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | Prof. Anil Sooklal (IORA Vice-Chair):  Climate change as a topic for IORA. |

# Working Group Discussions (12:30 – 13:30h)

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| 12:30 – 13:30 | Working Group A:   * How should the topic of Climate Change be addressed by IORA? * How should the topic of Climate Change be addressed by the Working Group of Blue Economy (WGBE) in the future?   (For members of the WGBE and other official representatives from IORA Member States only; Moderation: Andre Share). |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Working Group B:   * Which are the climate change topics to be addressed by IORA as a regional organization, * What concrete ideas for climate action at national level of IORA Member States and at regional level could be taken up by IORA? * In which ways can and should IORA address these topics? * What opportunities does IORA have as a regional organization to address the challenges of climate change in the region, and beyond?   (For all other participants from academia, Government institutions of IORA member states and dialogue partners, NGOs, and civil society; Moderation: Dr. Thomas Krimmel) |

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| 13:30 – 14:00 | BREAK |

# Presentation and Discussion of Working Group Results (14:00 – 15:00)

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| 14:00 – 14:20 | Presentation and discussion of results, Working Group A |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | Presentation and discussion of results, Working Group B |
| 14:40 – 14:50 | Final Remarks by Prof Anil Sooklal, IORA Vice-Chair |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | Closing remarks by Dr. Tahereh Miremadi, RCSTT,  and Dr. Gatot Gunawan, ASG, IORA Secretariat |