

2:00PM, 30 November 2018, Fairview Hotel | Nairobi, Kenya

- 1.1 Mr Luther Bois Anukur, Regional Director, IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa region welcomed the members to the 1st meeting of the National Scientific Committee at the Fairview Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The purpose of the meeting was to build a strategic coalition and agree on its role, scope, and function based on the shared Terms of Reference, update on the status of project implementation, receive feedback and strategic guidance, and review and validate the proposed 2018-2020 workplan.

- 2.1 In attendance were David Wanjala, MOITC; Obadiah Mungai, NEMA; Prof Jared Onyari, KEWMA; Caroline Muriuki, NEMA; Faith Temba, KAM; Joyce Waweru, PETCO; Dr Ayub Macharia, MEF; Luther Bois Anukur, IUCN ESARO; Peter Manyara, IUCN MARPLASTICCs RPO. In absentia was a representative of SIDA, whose terms of reference were changed to observers.
- 2.2 The members nominated Dr Macharia as the Chair of the meeting and adopted the agenda as presented.

- 3.1 The RPO gave an overview of the MARPLASTICCs project, including the basis of its establishment, global significance of the plastics issue and links to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), project objectives, and key deliverables.
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3.6 KAM reiterated that project outputs should be tools that stakeholders are able to access and use. Will the plastic footprint for companies be freely available and useable beyond the project? IUCN highlighted that despite the

data acquisition technique, where a consultant approaches entities on one-on-one meetings basis will be effective. This requires well-defined and clear boundaries on the data required.

- 5.6 Is the PPP a Public-Private-Partnership in its strict sense? As this affects the timelines significantly if so pursued. IUCN clarified that the PPP was not initially envisaged as a PPP in its strict sense, but as a project that integrates the interests of the public and private sectors, municipalities and county governments, and local communities.
- 5.7 Members noted the importance for IUCN to focus on concrete activities and strengthen areas with tangible output that will bear fruit and recognition at the highest levels of government. Examples of these areas were mentioned as the plastics footprint baseline, legal gap analysis, PPP project, and regional technical working group on marine litter. The members encouraged IUCN to ensure that these deliverables come out as big for ownership and uptake by the Cabinet Secretary.
- 5.8 On the single-use plastic strategy, MEF highlighted that this is a priority activity for the Cabinet Secretary and that the earlier in the timeline it could be supported, the better. NEMA has already developed a Plastics Waste Management Bill which is currently under review.
- 5.9 Members proposed to add wider engagement technical workshops that provide useful comments to studies before their ultimate consideration and validation by the NSC.
- 5.10 In policy support, NEMA asked whether IUCN could consider drafting support to some policies and regulations, beyond providing recommendations in the one or two priority areas identified during the ToC. MEF added that the project plays an important role in achieving what government is not able to achieve with ease given meagre resources. Activities such as development of TORs and their management is always taxing on the part of government, while priorities identified within the project are necessary in Kenya.

- 6.1 The members adopted the 2018-2020 workplan, with a caveat that critical comments be considered.
- 6.2 IUCN to prepare letters to institutions for their official nomination of representatives to the NSC.
- 6.3 IUCN need to support enhanced communication e.g. through policy briefs every six months as an example, while recognizing the NSC members in such publications. What has emerged from the NSC could be a start. Such communications helps enrich the implementation of the national workplan.
- 6.4 IUCN will consider KAM's request to deliver a presentation on the company's Plastics Footprint Methodology for an appreciation of what is it and how it could be useful to companies.
- 6.5 IUCN will share the report of the NSC by December 7, while NSC members will submit their comments on the draft minutes no later than 14 December 2018. If a member does not submit feedback by that date, it is assumed that he or she has no comments to add and accepts the documented minutes as is.
- 6.6 Next formal meeting of the NSC is scheduled for the July 2019, with a date to be communicated later, although an ad hoc meeting of the NSC could be convened in early 2019 for review and selection of a PPP project.

- 7.1 IUCN could consider capturing additional national-level activities within its programme, such as the World Wetlands Day, World Environment Day, and World Oceans Day as these are critical activities spearheaded at the Cabinet Secretary's level.
- 7.2 It is critical to invite and integrate the media during project events for effective dissemination of key messages.