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Day 2- Blue Ocean Workshop

Processes

* Use existing processes where possible, such as
  * National sustainable development strategies
  * Policy reviews and reform processes
  * Civil society initiatives
  * Build on green growth initiatives
  * Implementation of Nairobi Convention Protocols
* Align regional processes
* Develop common positions on global processes
* Engage with regional/provincial governments and initiatives

Examples of processes

- African Union Maritime Strategy 2050 and Agenda 2063
- AU Climdev programme
- African Ministerial Conference on Environment
- WIO Challenge

Programmes and Projects

- Review and engage with existing and pipeline programmes and projects (national/regional)
- Prepare inventory of programmes and projects
- Examples:
  - SWIOFish
  - WIO-SAP
  - SAPPHIRE Project
  - North Mozambique Channel
  - IOC Coasts
  - SMARTFISH

Business/Private sector

* CSR: Responsible industry codes
* Product certification (fisheries, tourism, mariculture)
* Public-Private partnerships
* Opportunity for government reforms especially to get the business/private sector involved
* Legal certainty: improved marine tenure, investment climate

Finance

* Reinvestment of major incomes from extractive industries.
* Mainstreaming core functions into recurrent public funding (rather than relying on project funding)
* Climdev fund (African Union)
* GEF, World Bank Climate Funds
* Coordinated national funding for Regional/subregional projects developed by RECs (COMESA, SADAC, ECOWAS etc.)
* Development of free trade area- customs tariff concessions for blue and green products

Toolkits

* Regional guidelines for application of key toolkits e.g.
  * marine spatial planning,
  * ecosystem approach,
  * capital accounting,
  * payment for ecosystem services,
  * ecosystem valuation,
  * EIAs for extractive industries;
  * indicators, monitoring and enforcement
* Disseminate lessons learned on application of toolkits

Technologies

* Knowledge exchange on viability and regional application of emerging technologies e.g. mariculture

Pathways

* Build a clear social, economic and political justification for blue economy
* Use of Labs approach (e.g. South Africa, Tanzania): Priority sectors, sector objectives, strategy, indicators and monitoring
* Green economy lessons and synergies
* NC has opportunity to get actionable commitments that are feasible for governments to implement by taking advantage of the discussions happening now
* Balanced positioning of blue economy in regional and national agendas