



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC
COMMISSION**
(of UNESCO)

**Workshop Sargassum and Oil Spills Monitoring Pilot
Project for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions**

(Mexico D.F., Mexico, May 2 – 4, 2018)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

When: May 2 - 4, 2018

Where: Hotel Krystal Grand Suites Insurgentes, Mexico City, Mexico

Hosted by: Mexico Ministry of Education (Secretaria de Educacion Publica) and
CONACYT

Organisers: IOCARIBE of IOC UNESCO, GEO Blue Planet, UNDP Barbados and the
OECS

Programme Description

Session 0: Welcome and Introduction

This session will introduce participants to the project and goals of the workshop.

Session 1: Sargassum and Oil Spills in the Caribbean

In this session, speakers will address the challenges faced by oil spills and sargassum in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions. Speakers will outline what is known about these issues to date and what additional information is required. What tools are currently available on detection/monitoring/forecasting on sargassum and oil spills?

Session 2: Project Working Groups

In this session, representatives from the working group 1 will give an overview of the working group duties and membership. Working group 2 will give an overview on the target users of the products and any consultations that were conducted prior to the workshop. Working group 3 will give an overview of existing products for sargassum and oil spills in the region as well as available products used for similar purposes in other regions. Working group 4 will give an overview of potential data platforms and visualization approaches. Working group 5 will give an overview on

the expectations and needs of IOCARIBE of IOC UNESCO member states including those of the national ministries and agencies.

Session 3: Product Requirements for Sargassum Monitoring and Forecasting

In this session, user representatives will work with the technical experts to identify the requirements for the product.

Session 4: Product Requirements for Oil Spill Monitoring and Forecasting

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Session 5: Service Development and Sustainment

In this session, discussions will focus on what investments, infrastructure and agreements need to be put in place to produce an operational system for sargassum and oil spill monitoring and forecasting in the Caribbean.

Session 6: Summary and Next Steps

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