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International Partnership for Blue Carbon Workshop: Draft Agenda

Abu Dhabi, 11 –13 July 2017

DAY ONE

0830 *Registration and tea and coffee*

Introduction sessions

These sessions establish the objectives for the workshop and how it is run. The sessions also present broader context of developments on oceans and the Partnership's activities.

0900 Welcome

0905 Introduction

0915 The Year of Oceans

0945 Update on International Partnership for Blue Carbon

1015 *Morning tea*

Stocktake sessions

The Partnership commissioned a stocktake on blue carbon science, policy and practical action. These sessions will present the findings of the stocktake. These will provide participants a common understanding of blue carbon. It will also start a conversation of gaps and potential activities and tools that could be developed.

1045 Stocktake introduction

1130 Stocktake in more detail

1215 Discussion of the Partnership's role

1300 *Lunch*

Regional presentations

There is significant blue carbon work underway, through research, pilot projects and policy development, across the world. These sessions highlights some of this work at a regional level. Many of the examples may be relevant to others and lessons can be considered later in the program.

1400 Arabian Peninsula

1445 IORA

1530 *Afternoon tea*

1600 Asia-Pacific

1645 South America

1715 **Summary of day one and preview of day two**



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DAY TWO

0645 **Optional Field Trip (see field trip notes) (1.5 hours)**

0930 *Morning tea*

1000 Introduction to Day Two and organisation of focal groups

Policy discussions

The focal groups are charged with considering three key questions (TBA) – these will help form the sessions and identifying speakers.

1015	Focal Group one	Focal Group two	Focal Group three
	Developing access to tools and methods and knowledge sharing	Governance and linkages	Finance

1200 *Lunch*

1300 Summary of focal groups discussions

1430 *Afternoon tea*

Technical discussions

These sessions could provide a space for more technical discussions.

1500 Presentation of five key tools and policy handbooks

1600 Ecosystems services tools

1630 Finance avenues

1700 **Summary of Day Two**

DAY THREE

Partnership strategy sessions

The Partnership, as decided at the initial workshop in 2016, will regularly revisit the Partnership's governance and roadmap. Australia and the Blue Carbon Initiative are currently serving on the Coordination Group and Australia is providing coordinator services but others are encouraged to take a role in the Partnership. The discussions earlier in the workshop are also intended to inform the future direction of the Partnership and its activities.

- 0900 Partnership strategy and objective
- 1000 Roadmap revision and activity prioritisation
- 1100 *Morning tea*
- 1130 Governance
- 1230 Next steps and conclusion**

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