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RE: WORKSHOP INVITATION: ENHANCING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF NATIONAL MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING IN TANZANIA: MOROGORO 14TH - 16TH DECEMBER, 2021

As you may be aware, Tanzania is currently embarking on promotion of sustainable blue economy, integrated ocean governance and marine spatial planning (MSP). MSP is seen as an overarching tool for sustainability, inclusivity and equity across sectors in coastal and marine realm. However, the terms sustainable blue economy and MSP have not been well comprehended in the country. To address this challenge Government in collaboration with the WWF through the Northern Mozambique Channel Initiative (NMCI) is in the process of developing methodological tool for enhancing the sustainability and suitability of National MSP.

In order to facilitate the development of the Tool, the Draft Situation Analysis Report on MSP in Tanzania has been developed. The report provides an overview of the governance context of Tanzania including the ecological, socio-cultural, economic and political that may impact on and be impacted by the development and implementation of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in the country.

In this context, the VPO in collaboration with the WWF Tanzania have organised the stakeholder's workshop be held in Morogoro from 14th-16th December, 2021 for the purpose of among others, reviewing and comment on the Draft Report on MSP in Tanzania.

Also, the Vice President's Office is pleased to invite you to present a joint paper (with Mr. Mathew Langen GIS Expert, WWF: <u>lmathew@wwftz.org</u>) on "Tools in Marine Spatial Planning" to the above-mentioned workshop. The venue will be communicated shortly.

Travel cost and accommodation will be covered by the organisers. For further information, please contact (Ms. Maria Omary, mariamomary720@gmail.com 0652 503525; Enock Sanga, enocksanga52@gmail.com, 0753326234 OR Edward Senkondo, esenkondo@wwftz.org 0682 569590)

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

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