

A satellite-style map of the Western Indian Ocean region. The map shows the eastern coast of Africa on the left, the island of Madagascar in the lower-left, and the Laccadive Sea and Indian Ocean to the right. The text 'Western Indian Ocean Partnership' is overlaid in large white font. Below it, in smaller white font, are the details: 'Hosted by: Ambassador Ronald Jumeau, Seychelles', 'October 23rd, 2010', '15:00 – 18:00', and 'CBD COP-10 Nagoya, Japan'.

Western Indian Ocean Partnership

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Partnership Proposal

The Partnership is proposed as a platform to:

- **Catalyze Political Leadership** at the highest levels to promote national and regional commitments and actions.
- Promote **Policy Change and Synergies** in environmental and climate change issues.
- Assist in **Resources Mobilization** for concrete actions on the ground and water.

FOR WHAT?

To support on the ground/water actions to safeguard the resilience of the region's ecosystems and provision of ecosystem services for sustainable livelihoods, address climate change impacts needs – particularly adaptation-, and secure human security in the region.

Proposed Goals

- Increase awareness of and attention to the environmental degradation and climate change impacts and adaptation needs in the region.
- Raise the region's institutional preparedness and capacity to address environmental and climate change challenges and promote synergies and complementarities among the environment, climate change and development strategies in the WIO.
- Identify and encourage actions on issues requiring collective approaches from countries and partners.
- Encourage adequate and sustainable financing to implement conservation and climate change abatement strategies.
- Create a network of pilot sites to demonstrate effective ecosystem-based adaptation strategies and best practices that can be replicated throughout the WIO.

Engagement Principles

This Partnership is proposed as an initiative that:

- Is **open** to national and local governments in the Western Indian Ocean and to local, national and international agencies and organizations.
- **Supports commitments** based on national, regional, global and/or organizational priorities.
- Encourages **collaboration** among governments and partners.
- **Complements and supports**, without duplicating, existing commitments that create synergies to ensure the effective use of limited human and financial resources.

Working with Others

Regional Institutions

- IOC
- IOTC
- UNEP Nairobi
Convention
- WIOMSA
- Others

Bilateral Partners

- France
- Germany
- UK
- Italy
- USA
- Others

Multilateral Partners

- European
Union
- GEF
- UNDP
- UNEP
- World Bank
- Others

NGOs/others

- National/Local
NGOs
- CORDIO
- GLISPA
- Birdlife Intl
- CI
- IUCN
- TNC
- OIF
- Sea Level Rise
Foundation
- WCS
- WWF

(not an exhaustive list)