

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for year 2016 and Plan for Year 2017 (4 pages maximum)

1. Title of your Regional Initiative:

Regional Initiative for the Conservation and Wise Use of Caribbean Wetlands (CariWet)

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2016

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Financial sustainability of the regional initiative.	1.1 Collation of information provided by CPs and key stakeholders to prepare the regional project.	1.1 Regional project to implement the priorities of the work plan of the initiative.	1.1 Regional project prepared and submitted to IKI
2. Management planning and monitoring of Ramsar	2.1 Case studies about the benefits of Ramsar site designation in the Caribbean	2.2. Preparation of case studies.	2.2. In progress preparation of case studies
3. Follow up on the implementation of the initiative by the coordination committee	3.1 Meeting of the Coordination Committee in Saint Lucia	3.1 Review of progress in the implementation of the action plan of the initiative and the Strategic Plan. 3.2 Review of the Operational Guidelines for Regional Initiatives approved by SC53	3.1 Action plan of the initiative with reporting indicators and align with Ramsar Strategic Plan. 3.2 Amendments to the Operational Guidelines.

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

3. Activities undertaken to improve the operational criteria 2013-2015

Mention any follow up activities undertaken to improve the following operational criteria:

- 1) Involvement of other interested actors (ministries, intergovernmental organisms, associated international organizations, NGOs, academia, local communities, actors in the economic sector) (Criteria 20)
- 2) Increase the visibility of the Convention. Specific activities in the areas of communication, education and participation. (Criteria 25)
- 3) Political and financial support from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders (Criteria 27)
- 4) The initiative must ensure the funding for the development of its activities and projects. (Criteria 29)

Below the update on the operational criteria

Criteria	Agreed Action
<p>1) Involvement of other interested actors (ministries, intergovernmental organisms, associated international organizations, NGOs, academia, local communities, actors in the economic sector) (Criteria 20)</p>	<p>The key players identified in the sub region continue participating in the meetings of the initiative and synergies have been strengthened with UNEP Caribbean Environmental Program, through the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, Conservatoire du Littoral, and BirdLife International.</p> <p>The Initiative is working to strength links with CARICOM and the Association of Caribbean States.</p>
<p>2) Increase the visibility of the Convention. Specific activities in the areas of communication, education and participation. (Criteria 25)</p>	<p>The initiative currently has a logo. About the web site after further exploration, CPs consider that the information of the initiative can be continue being posted on Ramsar web site.</p> <p>The parties made progress on the preparation of a brochure to raise the visibility of the Convention and the initiative at the national level as well as the preparation of a video that showcases the Ramsar Sites and other wetlands of the Caribbean.</p> <p>Parties also are preparing the case studies about the benefits of Ramsar Site designation at least of one Ramsar Site/wetland per country. Draft of case studies have been sent to the Senior Advisor for the Americas by 16 November 2016.</p>
<p>3) Political and financial support from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders (Criteria 27)</p>	<p>In general terms the initiative has made good progress and the main achievements so far are a Strategic Framework and Financial Strategy, a Work Plan 2010-2016, the initiative's regulations for the Coordination Committee.</p> <p>Contracting Parties reviewed and adjusted Cariwet work plan 2010-2016 to 2016-2024. In general new activities were added about ecosystem services, some existing activities were refined and a new column for remarks was also added.</p> <p>Contracting Parties agreed the preparation by the Secretariat of a simple template to monitor progress on the implementation of the work plan once a year. The template will be sent by the Secretariat 3 months before the annual meeting of the initiative.</p> <p>In terms of political support for the initiative, the Parties agreed that it is important to continue working to maintain a strong commitment of all the focal points and AA under the leader ship of the</p>

	<p>initiative's coordinators.</p> <p>Participants reviewed the Operational Guidelines for Regional Initiatives approved by SC52 and did specific comments and amendments to the document. In general they are related with repetitions, contradiction and overlap among paragraphs, not clear terms and the lack of distinction between criteria for networks and centers.</p> <p>The initiative has played an important role in the adoption of common regional positions in the review of the Operational Guidance approved by SC52.</p>
4) The initiative must ensure the funding for the development of its activities and projects. (Criteria 29)	<p>A project proposal (outline) was submitted to the International Climate Initiative (IKI Funding) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment in June. The areas of focus are: biodiversity, adaptation and mitigation to climate change according to the IKI guidelines and the priorities of the Work Plan. So far IKI has informed that the project proposal has fulfilled the first stage of the financial process.</p> <p>The initiative also will explore other funding opportunities with CARICOM, ACS, the adaptation and Green fund for climate.</p>

4. Financial report for Year 2016

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Activities	Planned expenditures CHF	Actual expenditures CHF
1.1 Meeting of the Coordination Committee	40,000	43,980
Total		43,980

Sources of income	Income received
Government of Saint Lucia	3,0000
Others	40,980
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)	amount (currency)
Total	43,980

Financial balance at 31 December 2016: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2013, or deficit:

For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2016, please explain how this funding has been spent or committed, and compare this to the plan on which the funding request was based. Explain any significant scope or timetable changes:

5. Work and activities planned for Year 2017

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Financial sustainability of the regional initiative.	1.1 Preparation of second stage IKI project and start implementation.	1.1 Implement the priorities of the work plan of the initiative.	1.1 Activities implemented according to the work plan for 2017.
2. Management planning and monitoring of Ramsar	2.1 Case studies about the benefits of Ramsar site designation in the Caribbean	2.2. Preparation of case studies.	2.2. Case studies published and disseminated.
3. Follow up on the implementation of the initiative by the coordination committee	3.1 Meeting of the Coordination Committee (venue to be confirmed)	3.1 Review of progress in the implementation of the priorities of the action plan. 3.2 Participation in the Pan American meeting. 3.3. Review of the progress in the implementation of the IKI project.	3.1 Action plan of the initiative with reporting indicators and align with Ramsar Strategic Plan. 3.2 Progress report to be presented to the Panamerican meeting. 3.3 Lessons learn of the implementation of the first year action plan of the project.

For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2017, please provide a financial summary of your 2017 plan. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Not eligible for funding

Activities	Forecast/budgeted expenditures real expenditures (CHF)
1.1 Implementation of IKI project	1,606,000
Total	1,606,000

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income
IKI (International Climate Initiative)	1,606,000
Request from Ramsar core budget	
Total	1,606,000