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Outline of the presentation

- Brief overview of the organisation
- ESD and IOC
- Research and development
- Support to ESD in the region
- Opportunities for cooperation
- Intergovernmental organization created in 1982
- Institutionalised in 1984 by the Victoria cooperation agreement.
- Members: Comoros, France (La Réunion), Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles.
AREAS OF COOPERATION

- POLICY AND DIPLOMACY
- ECONOMY, TRADE AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY
- ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL SECURITY
- CULTURE AND SOCIETY
EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND IOC

- Education is key to sustainable development and to alleviate poverty
- Build capacity in the region to suit the need of the labour market requirement
- Provided support to the formal and informal education
  - Involve the school in the regional program
  - Worked with national, regional/international academic and research institutions for professional training
- Place training and capacity building as an important component of regional programs
- Need to promote regional expertise, researchers and research findings.
In 2005, the 3rd Summit of Head of State of the IOC called for further cooperation in education and research.

Since late 2008, there has been various initiatives to reactivate cooperation in higher education and research.

Sensitisation and awareness on environmental education continues through the various programs of the IOC.
Objectives for higher education and research

• To create a critical mass of human resources operational and active

• To establish an operational partnership between scientists (projects, publications ...)

• To create a synergy among partner organizations to optimize the capacity building activities

• To facilitate access to information/opportunities (such as: training, publications, tenders, scholarships ...)

• To facilitate regional mobility (regional exchanges, co-financing ...)

Contraintes/besoins

• faible mobilité des étudiants et des chercheurs
• manque d'accès à l'information scientifique
• capacité à répondre aux appels d'offre et à communiquer limitée
• coopération scientifique régionale isolée

Réponses

• Créer une plateforme d'échanges
• Apporter une réponse appropriée aux besoins de renforcement de capacités
• Promouvoir et renforcer l'expertise régionale de haut niveau
SUPPORT TO ESD IN THE REGION

- Developed tools for environment education
  - Educational materials for children
  - Handbook for teachers
  - Develop module outline, short courses for lecturers (ICZM)
  - Organised essay, photo, drawings and poster competition for students of primary and secondary level

- Develop tools and provided training for professionals
  - Guide to management of Marine protected areas, sea cucumber, octopus for example
  - Supported on hand training for professional in the agriculture, fishermen, health, journalists, meteorology, disaster management, marine pollution, women in SD (politics and entrepreneurship)
  - Supported master training for meteorologists & maritime lawyers
Perspectives and opportunities

- Build synergy with on going or future initiatives on education, capacity building and researchers to avoid duplication of action and to optimize use of resources.

- Adapt and enhance educational tools to suite national requirements.

- Strengthening youth education on sustainable development by mainstreaming SD modules into school curriculum.

- Sensitization through non state actors, empower and engage civil societies in the education process.

- Develop the IT sector to promote learning and access to information.
Thank you
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