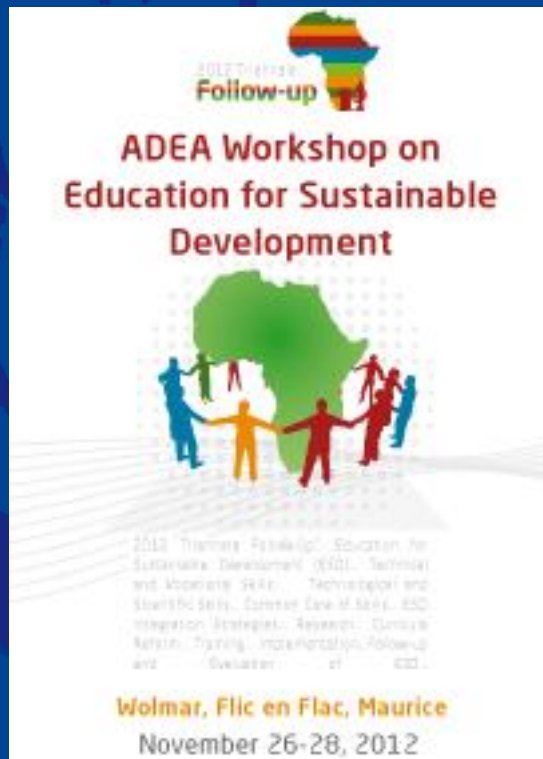




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- **Outline of the presentation**
- **Brief overview of the organisation**
- **ESD and IOC**
- **Research and development**
- **Support to ESD in the region**
- **Opportunities for cooperation**



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- **Intergovernmental organization created in 1982**
- **Institutionalised in 1984 by the Victoria cooperation agreement .**
- **Members : Comoros, France (La Réunion), Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles.**



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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 .**

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

- 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 ...)

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



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