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From 26 to 28 March 2025, the Guadeloupe Region is organising the Sargasso International Sequence (SIS) at the Créole Beach Hotel in Le Gosier.



The event brings together SARGCOOP II project partners in Guadeloupe for a series of working sessions and field visits that will help nurture exchanges and strengthen the partnership formed during the first phase of the SARGCOOP project, which ran from 2019 to 2023.





AGENDA OF THE INTERNATIONAL SARGASSUM SEQUENCE

Wednesday 26 March 2025

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE CARIBBEAN PROGRAMME ON SARGASSUM (SARGCOOP II)

8am : Welcoming participants

8:30-9:30 AM: Opening remarks

- Ary Chalus, President of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe
- Ramon Lopez Sanchez, Head of International Relations, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Christopher Corbin, Coordinator of the Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP) (by video conference)
- Mr. Ferdy Louisy, 5th Vice President of the Departmental Council of Guadeloupe
- Bernadette Davis, 2nd Vice-President of the Saint-Martin Overseas Collectivity (OC), President of the Cadre de Vie delegation
- Xavier Lédée, President of the St Barthélémy OC
- Serge Letchimy, President of the Martinique Territorial Collectivity (TBC)
- Dr Didacus Jules, Director General, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) (recorded statement)
- H.E Noémi Ezpinoza Madrid, Secretary General of the ACS (recorded statement)
- Jose Ramon Reyes Lopez, Vice-Minister for Coastal & Maritime Areas, Dominican Republic Ministry for the Environment & Natural Resources
- Xavier Lefort, Prefect of Guadeloupe

9:30 – 10:00 AM: Inaugural conference

- Mélanie Cueff: Status, challenges and opportunities for sustainable growth in the seaweed sector, Scientific Head, Global Seaweed Coalition
- Ligia Collado, Navigating the sargassum crisis: Road map for international collaboration, Professor at Florida University, Coordinator of the SARGNET research network

10:00 – 10:15 AM: SARGCOOP II: Co-building logic and the search for synergies, Sylvie Gustave-Dit-Duflo, Vice-President, Guadeloupe Regional Council; Lydia Barfleur, Director of Cooperation, Guadeloupe Regional Council

10:15 – 10:30 AM: Coffee break

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Cluster: The need for a stakeholders' network

Cluster outlines and aims: Dynamics of the quadruple helix, Lydia Barfleur, Director of Cooperation, Guadeloupe Regional Council

Key testimonials:

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- The cluster, a tool to improve understanding of groundings and fragile marine and coastal ecosystems, Lucile Rossin, Director of CAR-SPAW (Cartagena Convention - UNEP)
- The importance of sensitization and education activities, Santiago Ramirez, project manager and scientific head, Victoria University, Vancouver Island, British Colombia, Canada (on behalf of the research group SargaSTREAM)

- Q & A

11:00 - 11:30AM: Issues related to the collection and reuse of sargassum seaweed in the Caribbean
Removing obstacles to seaweed recycling through cooperative scientific and technical actions, Charlotte Gully, Coordinator of the circular economy unit, ADEME Martinique

Key testimonials:

- Contribution of the RESARGO project, Professor Ulises Jauregui, PhD Coordinator in Environmental Science at the Santo Domingo Technology Institute (INTEC)
- The Global Getaway initiative - EU sargassum: Transforming a problem into an economic opportunity, Susana Aguero, Cooperation Officer, Programme Manager for the EU delegation in Barbados, Eastern Caribbean States, OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM

- Q & A

11:30AM – 12:00 PM: Observation and forecast challenges
Monitoring sargassum from the sea to the coast: Challenges and opportunities for the scientific community, Audrey Hasson, Director of Geoblue Planet (by video conference)

Key testimonials:

- The strategy implemented by the St. Martin Overseas Collectivity, Igor Rembotte, Environmental Director St. Martin OC
- Outlook for sargassum management by the Saint-Barthélemy Overseas Collectivity, Laureline Laugeri, Environmental Task Officer, Saint-Barthélemy OC
- Synopsis of sargassum research at the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Graham Niles, Remote Sensing Specialist, Geographic Information Systems, Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) (by video conference)

- Q & A

12:00 - 12:30 PM: Multidimensional effects and impacts
A Caribbean outlook on the various impacts of sargassum: Mrs Anne Desrochers, Consultant, Sargassum spcialist

Key testimonials:

- The impact on biodiversity, Lucile Rossin, Director of CAR-SPAW (UNEP)





- The impact on fishing industries, Maren Headley, programme Director, Fishing Development and Management, CARICOM Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) (by video conference)
- The impact on tourism, Agnie Lendor, Executive Vice-President, the Dominican Republic Hotel & Tourism Association (ASONAHORES) (TBC) (by video conference)
- The impact on health, Professor Rémy Neviere, Functional exploration of the nervous system, Department Head (CHUM) (by video conference)
- Q & A

12:30 - 13:30PM: The necessary internationalisation of the sargassum issue

A shared desire to include the sargassum question on the agenda of international organisations; expectations and challenges, Sylvie Gustave-Dit-Duflo, VP Regional Council of Guadeloupe

Key testimonials:

- Audrey Hasson, Director of Geoblue Planet (by video conference)
- Lucile Rossin, Director of CAR-SPAW
- Helena Jeffery Brown, Programme director for biodiversity, ecosystems and eco-systemic services, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Mrs Adeline Raphaël, Acting director, Risks, disasters and sustainable tourism division, Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
- Jose Ramon Reyes Lopez, Vice-Minister for Coastal & Maritime Areas, Dominican Republic Ministry of the Environment & Natural Resources
- Q & A

1:30 PM: Photo call, programme partners

Presentation of the study on national intervention policies to address the sargassum influx (ECLAC)

3:00 - 3:10PM: Introduction remarks Mr. Patrick Sellin, president of the regional integration commission, Regional Council of Guadeloupe

3:10 – 4:00 PM: Results of the study led by the ECLAC on the management of sargassum influx through integrative and adaptive approaches to natural resource management in Caribbean small island developing states (SIDS) - An exploratory framework, Artie Dubrie, Coordinator, Sustainable Development & Disasters unit (SDDU), sub-regional seat of the ECLAC for the Caribbean
National and regional approaches to sargassum management

4 – 4:15 PM: The approach by Trinidad and Tobago, Dr Rahanna Juman, Director of the Trinidad & Tobago Institute Marine Affairs (IMA-TT) (by video conference)

4:15 PM - 4:30 PM: The implementation of the national Sargassum II plan in Guadeloupe, Willy Ceï, Sargassum Task Officer in charge of coordinating the National Sargassum Plan, Guadeloupe Prefecture

4:30 - 4:45 PM: Outlooks for the OECS area, Helena Jeffery Brown, Programme director for biodiversity, ecosystems and eco-systemic services, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

4:45 - 5:15 PM: Questions & discussions





Thursday 27 March 2025.

Seminar: Towards the implementation of a Caribbean Air Quality Network

8:30 – 9 AM: Welcoming participants

9:00 - 9:15 AM: Opening remarks

- Sylvie Gustave-Dit-Duflou, Vice-President of the Guadeloupe Regional Council, President of the Environment Commission, President of the Administrative Board of the French Office for Biodiversity (OFB)
- Helena Jeffery Brown, Programme director, ecosystems and eco-systemic services, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Marc Dubernet, Atlantic Regional Director, French Development Agency (AFD)

9:15 - 9:30 AM: Introduction to air quality: Presentation by an air quality observatory and its role in monitoring pollution resulting from decomposing sargassum seaweed, Céline GARBIN, Head of Studies, Gwad'Air

9:30 - 9:40 AM: Zoning the sargassum risk: Presentation of a project mapping the gases emitted by sargassum in Capesterre-de-Marie-Galante, in support of the collectivity for the relocation of a school in the town, Alan DUCALCON, Head of emissions, modelling and digital tools, Gwad'Air

9:40 - 9:50 AM: Ongoing monitoring of sargassum in Martinique: Serving health management, Carole BOULLANGER, Head of Studies and Assistant Director, Madininair

9:50 – 10:05 AM: Projects in Martinique: Furthering knowledge of emissions and exposure to sargassum gases, Carole BOULLANGER, Head of Studies and Assistant Director, Madininair

10:05 - 10:15 AM: SARG'EX: Reducing exposure to sargassum gases in buildings, Jean GUIMBERTEAU, Design Engineer, Madininair and Céline GARBIN, Head of Studies, Gwad'Air

10:15 - 10:30AM: Coffee break

10:30 - 11:30AM: Results of studies prior to the implementation of an air quality monitoring and measurement network (H2S & NH3) in Caribbean countries, Carole BOULLANGER, Head of Studies and Assistant Director, Madininair and Olivia AMINTAS Research Officer, Madininair

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Presentation of funding programmes, World Bank, GIZ, Expertise France

12:00 - 12:30 PM: Q & A

12:30 - 2:00 PM: Cocktail lunch

2:30 - 3:15 PM: Site A visit Group 1 (English-speaking) / **Site B visit** Group 2 (Spanish-speaking) / Gwad'Air technician +Willy CEI in Arnouville only

3:15 – 4 PM: Site B visit Group 1 (English-speaking) / **Site A visit** Group 2 (Spanish-speaking) / Gwad'Air technician +Willy CEI in Arnouville only

4:00 - 4:30 PM: Return to hotels





Thursday 27 March 2025 – Side event

Workshop – Building a coordinated solution for the collection, storage, recycling and use of sargassum
2:00 – 3:00 PM: Formal presentation of the SARGCOOP II Work Package 3 - Collection, storage and recycling
- Discussion on cooperation programmes

3:00 – 4 PM: Group work on the 2025 schedule

- Mapping
- Directives for storage sites
- Workers' safety

4 PM - 4:30 PM: Break

4:30 - 5:30 PM: Discussions and conclusions on improving harmonisation

Friday 28 March 2025:

Technical meeting for SARGCOOP II / Preparation of the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 3)





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