Title: Regional Training Course on Socioeconomic Impact of ocean acidification and HABs

Place: Monaco

Date: 13-17 October 2014

Deadline for nominations: 31 July 2014

Organizers: The International Atomic Energy Agency in cooperation with the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), Mombasa

Language: The language of instruction will be English.

Participation: In the framework of the IAEA project RAF/7/012, the training course is open to 10 participants from IAEA Member States in the region of Africa. Therefore, each of the below mentioned project participating countries is requested to nominate a maximum of 1 participant. In addition, 5 participants from non-African Member States will attend the course (the latter will be at no cost to the project RAF/7/012)

Target countries: RAF/7/012 Member States: Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Tunisia and United Republic of Tanzania
Non-RAF/7/012 Member States: Chile, Kuwait, Peru, Philippines.

Purpose of the course: The purpose of the training course is to get 1) an overview of the biogeochemistry of ocean acidification and HABs, and their ecological and socio-economic implications, 2) hands-on training on ecological, economic and bio-economic modeling to assess impact of ocean acidification.

Participants’ qualifications and experience: Candidates should be directly involved in their national programme to assess impact of climate and environmental changes in marine coastal ecosystems. Ideally, the participants should be involved in monitoring data treatment and interpretation, and have a background in socio-economic studies and modelling. As the training course will include substantial practical training on impact modelling, participants are strongly encouraged to bring their personal laptop. As the training course will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

Nature of the course: The training course consists of 1) lectures on the biogeochemistry of ocean acidification and HABs, and their ecological and socio-economic implications, and 2) practical sessions on ecological, economic and bio-economic modeling to assess their impact.

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Nominations should be submitted on the standard IAEA application form for training courses. Completed forms should be endorsed by and returned through the established official channels (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Atomic Energy Authority or the office of the United Nations Development Programme). They must be received by the International Atomic Energy Agency, P.O. Box 100, A-1400, Vienna, not later than 7 July 2014. Nominations received after that date or applications which have not been routed through one of the aforementioned channels cannot be considered.

Advance nominations by facsimile (+43-1-26007) or e-mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org) are welcomed. The facsimile/e-mail should contain the following basic information about the candidate(s): name, age, sex, academic qualifications, present position including exact nature of duties carried out, proficiency in English, and full working address (including telephone and fax numbers and e-mail) to enable the IAEA to make preliminary evaluation of the candidates.

BSITF/ASITF:

It is recommended that training course participants complete the courses Basic Security in the Field: Safety, Health and Welfare (BSITF) and Advanced Security in the Field (ASITF), prior to travelling to locations where UN security phases are in effect. The aim of these courses is to educate participants on how best to avoid or minimize potential dangers and threats, and to show what individuals can do if they find themselves in insecure situations.

- The courses are available on the following UN websites by using Microsoft Internet Explorer:
  - BSITF: http://dss.un.org/BSITF/
  - ASITF: http://dss.un.org/ASITF/
- If you have difficulty using the websites, a CD-ROM can be obtained from your IAEA National Liaison Officer, or from IAEA.

Once the candidate has completed the courses and passed the accompanying exams, certificates will be generated automatically and must be printed for submission to the IAEA (either as an e-mail attachment or by fax). Copies of the certificates should be kept by the candidate for his/her records, as they are valid for a period of three years.

Administrative and financial arrangements:

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the selected candidates and will at that time be given full details on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

During their attendance at the course, participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided by the IAEA with a stipend sufficient to cover the cost of their accommodation, food, and minor incidental expenses. The IAEA will also provide the participants with a round-trip air ticket, economy/excursion class, from their home countries to Mombasa, Kenya and return. Shipment of accumulated course materials to the participants’ home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the course do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.