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**IORA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023**

**(Including the Local/National/ International Days)\***

**Priority area**

**MSS = Maritime Safety and Security**

**TIF = Trade and Investment Facilitation**

**FM = Fisheries Management**

**DRM = Disaster Risk Management**

**ASTC = Academic, Science and Technology Cooperation**

**TCE = Tourism and Cultural Exchanges**

**BE = Blue Economy**

**WEE = Women’s Economic Empowerment**

**IABE = Institutional Arrangements and Broadening Engagement**

**CS = Corporate Services**

**TBA = To be announced; TBC = To be confirmed**

**Public holidays in Mauritius highlighted in “Red”**

**National days of Member States/ Dialogue Partners highlighted in “Blue”**

**Green = completed events**

**Date (s) to be announced:**

1. Workshop to review mechanism of IORA Special Agencies, early 2023, Iran/ Secretariat
2. Workshop on IORA Development Initiative (IDI), Virtual (UAE), early 2023
3. 22nd Working Group on Trade and Investment (WGTI), Australia
4. 28th Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Business Forum (IORBF), Bangladesh
5. Third Core Group on Fisheries Management (CGFM) meeting, Indonesia
6. Workshop on the development of aquatic health system in fish farming, FSU
7. Second Meeting of the Working Group on Disaster Risk Management (WGDRM), India, second half of 2023
8. IORA Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (DRI) Workshop, Mauritius, hybrid format
9. Third Meeting of the Working Group on Science Technology and Innovation (WGSTI), India, first half 2023
10. Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Science Technology and Innovation (WGSTI), India, second half 2023
11. 28th Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group (IORAG), South Africa
12. IORA-India Cruise Tourism Conference “Spotlight on the Indian Ocean”, India
13. Third Working Group on Blue Economy (WGBE), South Africa
14. Fourth IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference (BEC-IV), Sri Lanka, Virtual
15. Webinar on final report of the ‘Earth Observation for an Indian Ocean Blue Economy - Consultation Workshop’, Australia
16. Seventh Working Group on Women's Economic Empowerment (WGWEE), Iran
17. Fourth Somalia-Yemen Development Programme (SYDP), Somalia/ Yemen
18. “Electricity production using the salinity gradient of the seawater adjacent to the Saint Martin’s Island of Bangladesh (ISDP), 2023-2024
19. Validatiom Workshop on IORA Guidelines to prevent entry of IUU fisheries products within IORA MS’s supply chains, March

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| **JANUARY** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| IABE | 7 to 13 January | Third Familiarization Visit for Media Practitioners and Journalist  | Bangladesh | In-person, Bangladesh | IORA |
| BE | 23 |  Webinar on “Promoting the Manual of blue Carbon standard methods to be used for standardised baseline data sets” will be hosted in January 2023. | AFD/IORA  | Virtual platform | IORA - Part of the IORA-AFD Cooperation  |
| BE | 25 | Online Workshop on the SDG 14.4 Monitoring and Reporting and Experience Sharing” | AFD/FAO/Secretariat | Virtual platform | IORA - Part of the IORA-AFD Cooperation  |
| DRM | TBA | IORA Sustainable Health Initiative Workshop on late January/February 2023, Mauritius | Mauritius | TBA | IORA |

* ***Sunday, 01 - Public Holiday***
* ***Monday, 02 - Public Holiday***
* ***Sunday, 22- Public Holiday***
* ***Thursday, 26 January - Australia Day/ Republic Day (India)***

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| **FEBRUARY**  |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| DRM | TBA | IORA Sustainable Health Initiative Workshop on late January/February 2023, Mauritius | Mauritius | TBA | IORA |
| BE | 20-22 February | Third Phase of Workshop Series on Effects of Climate Change on the Indian Ocean Marine Environment | RCSTT | In person, Tehran, Iran | IORA |

* ***Tuesday, 1 February – Public Holiday***
* ***Saturday, 4 February – Public Holiday***
* ***Saturday, 4 February, Independence Day, Sri Lanka***
* ***Saturday, 11 February, National Foundation Day, Japan***
* ***Saturday, 18 February – Public Holiday***
* ***Thursday, 23 February, Emperor Day, Japan***

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| **MARCH** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| IABE | 5-7 | IORA’s 25 Years Strategic Review Workshop - Reflection, Review & Renewal | South Africa/Secretariat | In-person, Mauritus | IORA |
| IABE | 7 | 26th Anniversary of IORA | Secretariat | In-person, Mauritus | IORA |
| BE | 13 | Ninth Indian Ocean Dialogue (IOD) | Tanzania | In-person, Zanzibar | IORA |
| BE | TBA | Training study tour on health management, disease diagnosis and treatment of cultured species in IORA Region for aquaculture sustainable development” | FSU | In person, Oman | IORA |
| MSS | TBA | Third Meeting of the IORA Working Group on Maritime Safety and Security (WGMSS) along with a Workshop on UNCLOS in cooperation with Max Plank Foundation and GIZ | Sri Lanka | TBA | IORA |

* ***Sunday, 12 March, Independence and Republic Day, Mauritius***
* ***Sunday, 26 March, Independence Day, Bangladesh***

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| **APRIL\*** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
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* *22 March to 20 April - Ramadan*
* ***Saturday, 1 April, Independence Day, Iran***
* *Friday, 7 April –* *Good Friday; Monday, 10 April –* *Easter Monday*
* ***Saturday, 22 April - Public Holiday (confirmation depends on visibility of the moon)***
* ***Thursday, 27 April, Freedom Day, South Africa***

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| **MAY** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| TCE | TBA | Workshop on Nature-based tourism: “Boosting Livelihoods across the Indian Ocean Rim through Nature-Based Tourism” | Mauritius | TBA | IORA |
| TCE | TBA | Fourth meeting of the Core Group on Tourism (CGT) | Mauritius | TBA | IORA |

* ***Monday, 01 May - Public Holiday***
* ***Monday, 22 May, National Day, Yemen***

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| **JUNE** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
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* ***Friday, 2 June, Republic Day, Italy***
* ***Friday, 2 June, Queen’s Birthday – 2nd Saturday in June (official), United Kingdom***
* ***Monday, 12 June, Russia Day, Russia***
* ***Sunday, 18 June, Republic Day, Egypt***
* ***Sunday, 25 June, Independence Day, Mozambique***
* ***Monday, 26 June, Independence Day, Madagascar***
* ***Thursday, 29 June, Independence Day, Seychelles***

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| **JULY** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| IABE/CS | 5 | Bi-annual Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Finance (SCF) | Bangladesh | Virtual platform | IORA  |
| IABE | 12-13 | 13th IORA Bi-Annual Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials | Bangladesh | TBA | IORA  |

* ***Saturday, 1 July, Independence Day, Somalia***
* ***Tuesday, 4 July, Independence Day, United States of America***
* ***Thursday, 6 July, Independence Day, Comoros***
* ***Friday, 14 July, Bastille Day, France***
* ***Sunday, 23 July, National Day, Egypt***
* ***Wednesday, 26 July, Independence Day, Maldives***
* ***Friday, 28 July, King’s Birthday, Thailand***

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| **AUGUST** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
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* ***Wednesday, 9 August, National Day, Singapore***
* ***Tuesday, 15 August, Independence Day, India***
* ***Tuesday, 15 August, Independence Day, Korea***
* ***Tuesday, 15 August, National Mourning Day, Bangladesh***
* ***Thursday, 17 August, Independence Day, Indonesia***
* ***Thursday, 31 August, Independence Day, Malaysia***

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| **SEPTEMBER**  |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
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***Wednesday, 20 September - Public Holiday***

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| **OCTOBER** |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
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* ***Sunday, 1 October, National Day, China***
* ***Tuesday, 3 October,German Unity Day,Germany***
* ***Sunday, 29 October, Republic Day, Turkey***

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| **NOVEMBER**  |
| **Priority area** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Lead country/organisation** | **Format/Location** | **Description** |
| IABE-CS | TBA | Annual Sub-Committee on Finance (SCF) | Bangladesh | Virtual platform | IORA  |
| IABE | TBA | 25th Annual Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) | Sri Lanka | In-person, Colombo | IORA  |
| IABE | TBA | Interactive Dialogue between Senior Officials and Dialogue Partners | Sri Lanka | In-person, Colombo | IORA  |
| IABE | TBA | 23rd Council of Ministers and related meetings (COM) | Sri Lanka | In-person, Colombo | IORA  |

* ***Wednesday, 1 November - Public Holiday***
* ***Thursday, 2 November - Public Holiday***
* ***Sunday, 12 November - Public Holiday***
* ***Saturday, 18 November, Oman National Day, Oman***
* ***Thursday, 30 November, Independence Day, Yemen***

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| **DECEMBER** |
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* ***Saturday, 2 December, National Day, United Arab Emirates***
* ***Tuesday, 5 December, National Day, Thailand***
* ***Saturday, 9 December, Independence Day, Tanzania***
* ***Tuesday, 12 December, National/Jamhuri Day, Kenya***
* ***Saturday, 16 December, Victory Day, Bangladesh***
* ***Monday, 25 December – Public Holiday***

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