



## IORA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022 (Including the Local/National/ International Days)\*

\*In response to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak, all IORA/NON-IORA events could be rescheduled to later dates. Rescheduling to later dates will be evaluated depending on the further development on the current situation.

### 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**

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

**"Public Holiday" highlighted in "Red" at the end of each month = public holidays in Mauritius**

**Highlighted in "Blue" at the end of each month = National days of Member States/ Dialogue Partners**

APRIL*					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description

BE	11	Webinar on “International policy mechanisms to support blue forest protection and restoration” by the IORA Blue Carbon Hub	Australia	Virtual platform	IORA Blue Carbon Hub (CSIRO), in collaboration with the International Partnership for Blue Carbon and the IORA Secretariat
BE	25-29	Online training course to raise awareness of the benefits of the PSMA amongst the IORA Member States which are not yet Parties to the Agreement	IORA-AFD	Virtual platform	Part of the activities under IORA-AFD MoU
TCE	TBA	Third Core Group on Tourism (CGT) meeting	Mauritius	TBA	IORA

- **1 April, Independence Day, Iran**
- \*1 April to 30 April - Ramadan
- **Saturday, 2 April – Public Holiday**
- \* Friday 15 April 2022 – Good Friday; 18 April – Easter Monday
- **27 April, Freedom Day, South Africa**

MAY					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description
ASTC	24-25	Joint Workshop on ‘Role of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals – 2030’	India	Virtual platform	Part of IORA- NAM S&T Centre in India collaboration
BE	9	IORA Workshop on Blue Finance White Paper	Australia	Virtual platform	IORA

- **Sunday, 1 April - Public Holiday**
- **Tuesday, 3 April - Public Holiday (confirmation depends on visibility of the moon)**
- **22 May, National Day, Yemen**

## JUNE

Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description
IABE	5	Beach Cleaning in Mauritius – 25th Anniversary of IORA	Secretariat	In-person	IORA
TCE	9-10 (TBC)	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> RoK – IORA Partnership Seminar focusing on Tourism and Cultural Exchanges	Korea	Hybrid (Virtual and in-person, Jeju island)	IORA
DRM	13-17	Introduction to Geospatial Information Technology (GIT) for Operational Planning and Decision Making in Disaster Risk Management	GIZ, Germany/ UNITAR	In-person, Mauritius (venue TBC)	IORA – Part of UNITAR/ GIZ/ IORA Partnership

- *2 June, Republic Day, Italy*
- *2 June, Queen's Birthday – 2nd Saturday in June (official), United Kingdom*
- *12 June, Russia Day, Russia*
- *18 June, Republic Day, Egypt*
- *25 June, Independence Day, Mozambique*
- *26 June, Independence Day, Madagascar*
- *29 June, Independence Day, Seychelles*

JULY					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description

- *1 July, Independence Day, Somalia*
- *4 July, Independence Day, United States of America*
- *6 July, Independence Day, Comoros*
- *14 July, Bastille Day, France*
- *23 July, National Day, Egypt*
- *26 July, Independence Day, Maldives*
- *28 July, King's Birthday, Thailand*

AUGUST					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description
IABE	19	IORA Sport (badminton) tournament in Mauritius – 25 <sup>th</sup> IORA Anniversary	Secretariat	In-person, TBA	IORA

- *9 August, National Day, Singapore*
- *Monday, 15 August - Public Holiday*
- *15 August, Independence Day, India*
- *15 August, Independence Day, Korea*
- *15 August, National Mourning Day, Bangladesh*
- *17 August, Independence Day, Indonesia*
- *31 August, Independence Day, Malaysia*

SEPTEMBER					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description
ASTC	TBA	27 <sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group (IORAG) meeting	South Africa	TBA	IORA
IABE	TBA	Seminar on IORA – 25 <sup>th</sup> IORA Anniversary	Secretariat	In-person, TBA	IORA

- *Thursday, 1 September - Public Holiday*

OCTOBER					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description

- *1 October, National Day, China*
- *3 October, German Unity Day, Germany*
- *Monday, 24 October - Public Holiday*

- *29 October, Republic Day, Turkey*

NOVEMBER					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description
IABE	TBA	Interactive Dialogue between Senior Officials and Dialogue Partners	Bangladesh	TBA	IORA
IABE	TBA	22 <sup>nd</sup> Council of Ministers and related meetings (COM)	Bangladesh	TBA	IORA

- *Wednesday, 02 November – Public Holiday*
- *30 November, Independence Day, Yemen*
- *18 November, Independence Day, Oman*

DECEMBER					
Priority area	Date	Activity	Lead country/organisation	Format/Location	Description

- *2 December, National Day, United Arab Emirates*
- *5 December, National Day, Thailand*
- *9 December, Independence Day, Tanzania*
- *12 December, National/Jamhuri Day, Kenya*
- *16 December, Victory Day, Bangladesh*
- *Sunday, 25 December – Public Holiday*

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