

The Government of Sweden, the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention and WWF  
are pleased to invite you to our side event

## **Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Western Indian Ocean**

Taking place during the Preparatory Meeting of The Ocean Conference

*15 February 2017*

*13.15-14.30*

*UNHQ, Conference Room 11*

This side event will focus on the establishment of a regional partnership between governments, civil society and private sector towards SDG 14 implementation in the Western Indian Ocean, building on ongoing regional processes under the Nairobi Convention, in particular the Northern Mozambique Channel Initiative.

It will present findings from a new report (released 24 January 2017), uncovering the importance of the Western Indian Ocean blue economy for the countries and people of the region.

Representatives from the region will discuss plans for the formal launch of a partnership and roadmap towards implementation of SDG 14 at The Ocean Conference in June 2017.

### Speakers:

Ms. Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, Sweden; Mr. Alain de Comarmond , Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Seychelles; Ms. Felismina Antia, Director for Maritime & Fisheries Policy, Mozambique; Dr Lavitra Thierry, Programme Coordinator, State Secretariat of the Ocean, Madagascar; Dr Lisa Svensson, Chief of the Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Branch, UNEP (representing the Nairobi Convention); and Mr. Harifidy Ralison; Leader Northern Mozambique Channel Initiative, WWF Madagascar.

Welcome!