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**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WORKING PARTY ON SOCIO-ECONOMICS****UPDATED: 24 MARCH 2026**

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**Date:** 1-2 April 2026**Location:** Virtual**Time:** 11:00 – 15:00 daily

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
  - IOTC-2026- WPSE03-01a: Draft: Agenda of 3rd Working Party on Socio-Economics
  - IOTC-2026- WPSE03-01b: Draft: Annotated agenda of 3rd Working Party on Socio-Economics
  - IOTC-2026- WPSE03-02: Draft: List of documents of the 3rd Working Party on Socio-Economics
- 3. THE IOTC PROCESS: OUTCOMES, UPDATES AND PROGRESS** (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 3.1. Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission
    - IOTC-2026- WPSE03-03: Outcomes of the 29th Session of the Commission
  - 3.2. Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee
    - IOTC-2026- WPSE03-04: Outcomes of the 28th Session of the Scientific Committee
- 4. INFORMATION ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA FOR IOTC CPCS AND FISHERIES**
  - 4.1. Review of socio-economic data available at the Secretariat and other fishery management organisations
    - IOTC-2025-WPSE02-10: Review of socio-economic data available at FAO(FAO)
    - IOTC-2025-WPSE02-13: EU data collection framework and economic indicators available and collected through EU legislation (ICES)
  - 4.2. Socio-economic data assessment relevant to tuna fishing nations and fisheries
    - IOTC-2025-WPSE02-11: Update review of Socio-Economic indicators from Coastal countries in Indian Ocean (IOTC Secretariat)
  - 4.3. Presentations from CPCs
    - IOTC-2026-WPSE03-09 - A study of the dynamics of price fluctuation of the prime tuna species in determining operational strategies of tuna gillnet vessels in Pakistan – WWF Pakistan (MM Khan)
  - 4.4. Selection of Key Indicators
    - IOTC-2025-WPSE02-\_\_ : Presenting the indicators from last year WPSE meeting for further discussion
  - 4.5. Mapping value chains and market organisation in Indian Ocean coastal countries
    - IOTC-2026-WPSE03-06 - Reducing drifting Fish Aggregating Devices number and impacts through cooperation (Patrice Guillotreau et al)
- 5. INCORPORATING FISHERIES SOCIO-ECONOMICS INTO IOTC SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT**
  - 5.1. Assessment of the social and economic significance of IOTC fisheries
    - IOTC-2026-WPSE03-12-A comparative analysis of the semi-industrial longline fleet efficiency in Seychelles (Sharif Antoine et al)
  - 5.2. Analysis of socio-economic impacts of the IOTC processes (e.g., catch limits)
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  - 5.3. Applied fisheries economic and social science research relevant to IOTC fisheries (e.g., climate change)
    - IOTC-2026-WPSE03-08-Extreme and compound climate events and their implications for fisheries (William Cheung-UBC)

**6. WPSE PROGRAM OF WORK** (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

6.1. WPSE Program of Work (2027–2031) and research priorities

- IOTC-2026-WPSE03-05: Revision of the WPSE program of work (2027–2031)

6.2. Regional cooperation and capacity building

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1. Election of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the WPSE for the next biennium (IOTC Secretariat)

7.2. Date and place of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the WPSE (Chairperson and IOTC Secretariat)

7.3. Development of priorities for Invited Expert(s) or consultant(s) at the next WPSE meeting (Chairperson)

7.4. Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the WPSE (Chairperson)