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**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH WORKING PARTY ON METHODS**

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**Date:** 22–23 October 2012

**Location:** Grand Baie International Conference Centre (GBICC)  
Royal Road, Grand Baie, Mauritius

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00 daily

**Coordinator:** Dr. Iago Mosqueira; **Vice-Coordinator:** Dr. Toshihide Kitakado

1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM** (Secretariat)
2. **OPENING OF THE MEETING** (Chair)
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chair)
4. **OUTCOMES OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION** (Secretariat)
5. **REFERENCE POINTS AND HARVEST CONTROL RULES FOR IOTC STOCKS**
6. **OBJECTIVES OF MSE FOR IOTC STOCKS**
  - 6.1 Review of relevant IOTC decisions
  - 6.2 Implicit and explicit objectives
7. **CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK ON MSE STEPS**
  - 7.1 Conditioning of Operating Models
  - 7.2 Harvest Control Rules
  - 7.3 Simulations
  - 7.4 Outcomes and performance indicators
8. **PRESENTATION OF MSE OUTPUTS**
9. **ADVANCES IN CPUE STANDARDISATION FOR INDIAN OCEAN FLEETS**
10. **METHODS FOR SYNTHESIS OF STOCK ASSESSMENT RESULTS ACROSS MODELS**
11. **ADVANCES IN SOFTWARE AND METHODS FOR STOCK ASSESSMENT**
12. **RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES**
  - 12.1 Development of a draft work plan for the WPM (Chair)
13. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - 13.1 Date and place of the Fifth Session of the WPM
  - 13.2 Development of priorities for an Invited Expert at the next WPM meeting
  - 13.3 Review of the draft, and adoption of the Report of the Fourth Session of the WPM.