**CTI-CFF TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**

(Note: Most of the activities identified are meetings. As of 27Th November, the following organizations have not posted their Calendar of Events for 2019: CBD, CMS, UNCLOS, PEMSEA, RAMSAR, and UNDP)

| **Date and Venue** | **Activity** | **Financial Support** | | | |  |
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| **Fully Sponsored**  (Y/N) | **Regional Secretariat** (Y/N) | **Partially Funded (co-share)** (Y/N) | **Objectives/Description/ Proponent** | |
| 22- 24 January 2019  Washington DC, USA | GEF Introduction Seminar |  |  |  | An opportunity for CTI-CFF to renew partnership for possible funding of future projects/activities. | |
| 5-7 March 2019  Abu Dhabi, UAE | World Ocean Summit 2019 |  |  |  |  | |
| 11- 15 March 2019  Nairobi, Kenya | 4th Session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4) |  |  |  | Theme: Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production” | |
| 24-30 March 2019  Monaco | Monaco Ocean Week |  |  |  |  | |
| 13-17 May 2019  United Kingdom | IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 74th Session |  |  |  | The 73rd session discussed (among others) on marine litter.  The MEPC agreed to include a new output on its agenda, to address the issue of marine plastic litter from shipping in the context of 2030 Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14).  Member Governments and international organizations were invited to submit concrete proposals to MEPC 73 on the development of an action plan.  The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other international organizations were invited to keep the Committee updated on their work related to addressing marine plastic litter. The MEPC also heard from FAO about the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear, which will be submitted to the thirty-third session of FAO’s Committee on Fisheries (COFI) 9-13 July 2018. | |
| 26-31 May 2019  Glacier Bay, Alaska | 4th marine World Heritage Managers meeting |  |  |  |  | |
| 3-6 June 2019  Washington DC, USA | GEF 56th Council Meeting |  |  |  | The Council meets twice annually to develop, adopt and evaluate the operational policies and programs for GEF-financed activities. It also reviews and approves the work program (projects submitted for approval), making decisions by consensus.  An opportunity for CTI-CFF to renew partnership for possible funding of future projects/activities. | |
| 12-14 June 2019  Valetta, Malta | Symposium “Oceans and Climate Change” |  |  |  |  | |
| 25 June 2019  Paris, France | EC-52: 52nd Session of the IOC Executive Council |  |  |  | Each year, IOC’s Executive Council reviews issues and items from ongoing work plans, and makes preparations for the Assemblies, which meet once per bieenium. | |
| 26 June – 4 July | IOC-30: 30th Session of the IOC Assembly |  |  |  | Agenda to be confirmed | |
| 30 June to 10 July 2019  Baku, Azerbaijan | 43rd Session of the World Heritage Committee |  |  |  |  | |
| 19 August 2019  New York USA | UN BBNJ (IGC-3) |  |  |  | An activity on international legally binding instrument on conservation and sustainable use of of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. | |
| 10-11 September 2019  London or Monaco | 12th Joint Capacity Development Meeting |  |  |  | Groups involved: IOC, IODE, IOC Capacity Development | |
| 24-25 October 2019  Oslo, Norway | Our Ocean Conference 2019 |  |  |  | An opportunity to showcase the accomplisments of the CTI | |
| November 2019  Honiara, Solomon Islands | 15th Senior Officials’ Meeting |  |  |  |  | |
| 9-12 November 2019  (Venue: TBD) | 2019 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 25) |  |  |  | No specific details yet | |
| 9-12 December 2019  Washington DC, USA | GEF 57th Council Meeting |  |  |  | The Council meets twice annually to develop, adopt and evaluate the operational policies and programs for GEF-financed activities. It also reviews and approves the work program (projects submitted for approval), making decisions by consensus.  An opportunity for CTI-CFF to renew partnership for possible funding of future projects/activities. | |
| December 2019 (TBC)  Australia | ICRI General Meeting |  |  |  |  | |