

Note of OTBG Meeting 6.

6th October 2011 Defra, London 11:30 am – 2:30pm

Summary Note

Representatives from UKOTA, DFID, Defra, FCO, DECC, UKHO and JNCC (Secretariat) attended the 6th OTBG meeting chaired by Defra.

Some actions for the last meeting were discussed including:

- Clarification of OT eligibility for ICF.

Departments gave updates on progress and activities over the last 4 months. Highlights included:

- **UKOTA:** UKOTA representatives gave positive feedback about the MEA workshop, and are working towards an OT student workshop in summer 2012
- **Defra:** work on the Defra response to the NSC OT white paper consultation process has begun.
- **DFID:** All documents and information relating to the Caribbean Project enhancing adaptation to climate change should be available on the website of CCCCC by the end of October 2011.
- **FCO:** The main focus is now on the OT white paper process.
- **JNCC:** Highlighted that the marine environment in the OTs is an important key work area
- **DECC:** are looking into their departments input into the OT white paper process.

Discussion item; MEAs in the OTs:

- **UKOTA/MEA workshop:** UKOTA highlighted that the event was a success, and the UKOTA chair has written to Defra minister Richard Benyon to say this.
- **HMG officials MEA/OT guidance:** Draft guidance for HMG officials working on MEAs that UKOTs and CDs have ratified was presented. It was agreed that this should be formalised after circulation for comments.