

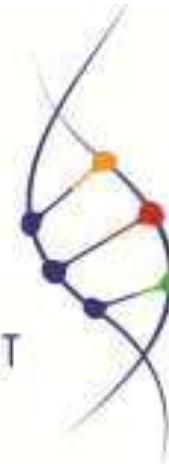
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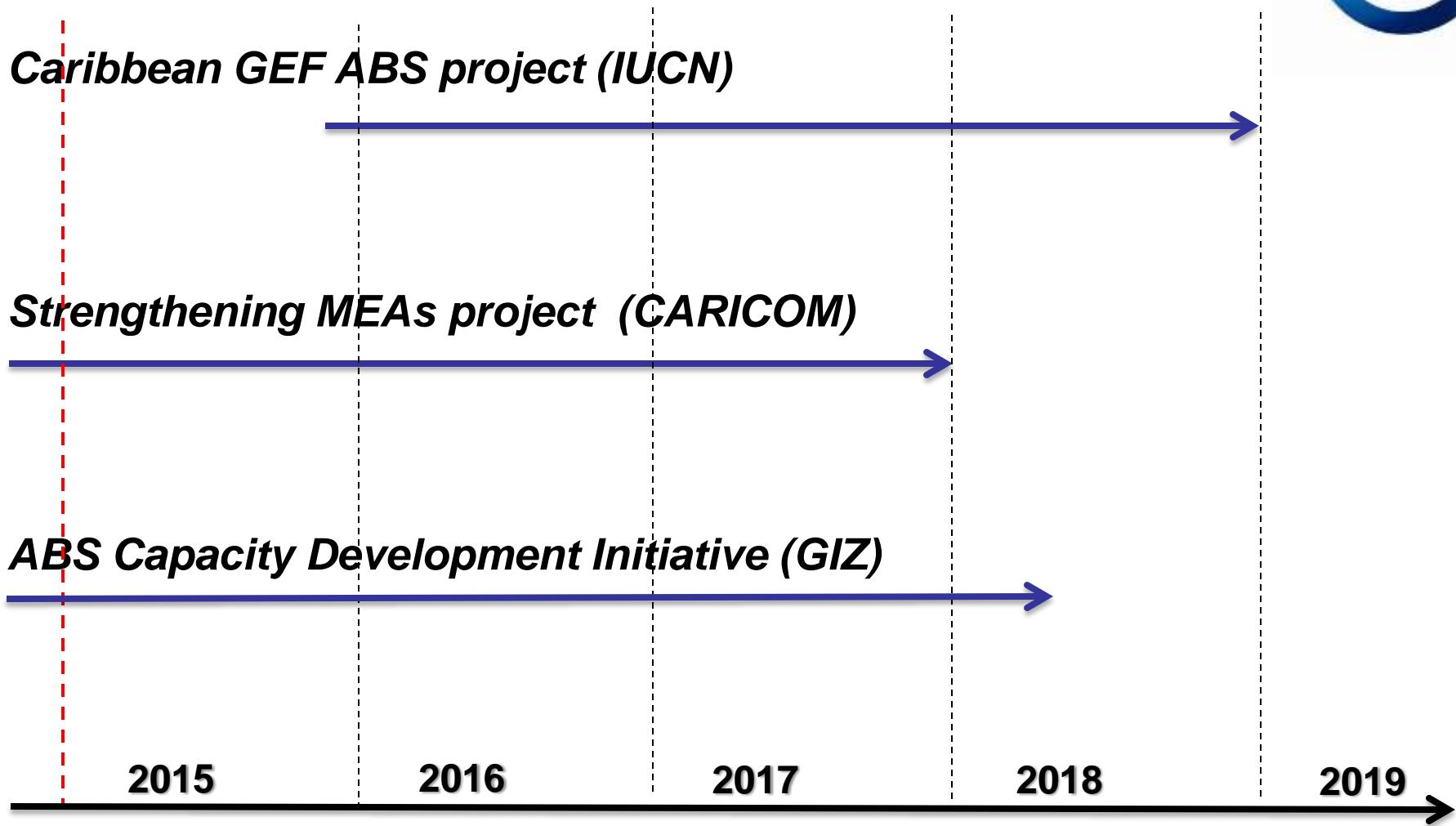
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*A collaboration approach to make the most  
of ongoing capacity building efforts*



# 3 main projects (so far)





# Considerations

- *Attending to National needs*
- *Using Regional processes when this is cost-efficient*
- *Ensuring workplans align to avoid “workshop overkill” and duplications*



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- *Attending to National needs*

## STAFF

- ✓ No National Project Coordinators are contemplated
- ✓ GEF project contemplates, for each country, upto 10 months of national consultant time, SPECIFICALLY to assist in carrying out national activities and supporting National Focal Points

# Considerations



- *Attending to National needs*

## PRIORITIES

- ✓ National activities must be derived from the country “roadmaps” and will be laid out in a 2 year work-plan.
- ✓ Together with IUCN and ABS-CDI, countries will prioritize the aspects of their workplan that are:
  - most strategic (enabling conditions for other steps to take place)
  - are to be supported by Govt, ABS-CDI or IUCN



# Considerations

- ***Using Regional processes when this is cost-efficient***

## POSSIBLE SUPPORT

- ✓ Regional studies (covering >3 countries)
- ✓ Regional or international experts to provide technical or legal advice to >3 countries
- ✓ Regional training activities
- ✓ Standardized methodologies, protocols, templates
- ✓ Awareness raising materials that can be replicated in >3 countries
- ✓ Regional conferences
- ✓ Regional data bases or inventories



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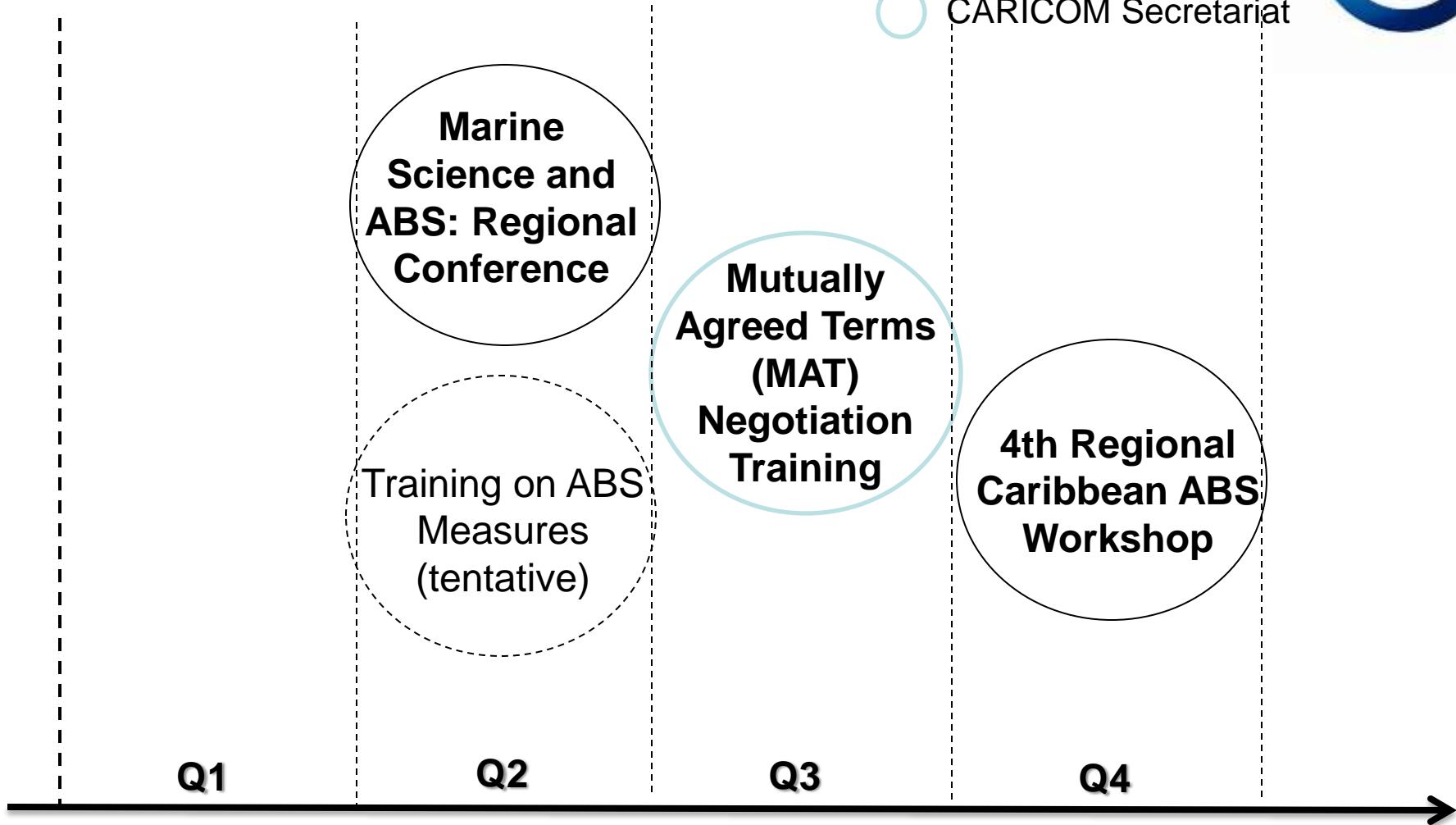
AGREE TO:

- ✓ Correspond with CBD and CARICOM Secretariats to keep their agendas in mind
- ✓ Be mutually supportive when developing products (studies, inventories, tools, training, methodologies)
- ✓ Keep each other abreast of progress, so when liaising with ABS-CDI or IUCN, countries do not feel that we do not communicate!
- ✓ Be inclusive, whenever possible, of non-GEF project countries

# 2015 Regional workshops



- ABS CDI
- CBD Secretariat
- CARICOM Secretariat



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