

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meeting to strengthen collaboration among
CiiMAR-GoMC (Mexico), Gulf of Mexico Universities Research Collaborative (GOMURC) and the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA)

VENUE:
Instituto EPOMEX at Universidad Autónoma de Campeche (UAC)
San Francisco de Campeche, Campeche, México
24th January (Tuesday), 2017
16:00 to 18:00 PM

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- 16:00** Welcome remarks: UAC, EPOMEX, GOMURC, Campeche State Government, CiiMAR-GoMC & UJAT
- 16:10** Introduction of participants
- 16:15** **GOMURC current activities and its membership across the US Gulf States**
- 16:30** **GOMA main priority issues and activities**
- 16:45** **CiiMAR-GoMC overall structure and regional goals in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Region**
- 17:00** **General Discussion to address the following questions:**
- How does the current existing institutional arrangement in both nations allows to competitively and timely strengthen MEX-US collaboration to develop joint projects, programs and/or specific actions that would support and enhance our knowledge of the Gulf wide ecosystem functioning?
 - Which authorities, organizations and enterprises should be directly involved to promote a more active engagement to focus on common Gulf wide priorities?
 - Does the RESTORE ACT in the US or other initiatives in Mexico allow us to improve Gulf wide and bi-national collaboration, and what are the main current existing opportunities to follow?
 - Would a "Collaborative Southern Gulf Observatory Center" based in Mexico would work as a main node to combine resources and activities to develop a strong link with existing initiatives such as the five US Gulf Centers of Excellence or others?
 - How to strengthen our mutual work using CiiMAR-GoMC and its initiatives in the Southern Gulf?
 - Can we develop a joint CiiMAR-GoMC – GOMURC - GOMA program to enhance research and cooperation schemes
- 17:45** **Closing remarks**
- 18:00** **MEETING ADJOURN**