

# Ocean Governance Capacity Building Training Program

## Online Workshop for the Pacific Region



Organized by the World Bank, in partnership with the University of Melbourne Law School, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, and with the International Seabed Authority.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Overview.** This online course provides an introduction to global ocean governance, including a primer on public international law related to the oceans and the international legal framework for the blue economy. It is centered on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments addressing fisheries, marine pollution, conservation and biodiversity, climate change, maritime transport and shipping, marine scientific research, and activities in the Area, among other topics. **This course is tailored to participants from the Pacific region.**

The course consists of pre-recorded lectures, reading materials, and live online discussion sessions. An overview of the course modules is available in the enclosed **Curriculum**.

**Audience and objectives of the training.** The objective of the training program is to enhance the capacity of government officials, staff of partner organizations, and other stakeholders on ocean governance by providing training on international law related to oceans and the legal framework for the blue economy, including relevant regional conventions. This training is expected to result in a greater understanding of relevant international law and facilitate the development and implementation of national legal frameworks and ocean governance with a view to sustaining blue economies, including by mobilizing public and private financial resources for sustainable development.

A participant who has successfully completed the training will:

- Understand the relevance of international law to the blue economy and identify related sustainable development opportunities, as well as capacity needs;
- Recognize the importance of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments;
- Understand international legal obligations of countries, how these obligations concern the activities of governments, businesses, and community members, and how they can be implemented at the national level to support the blue economy;
- Be able to identify global and regional instruments (and organizational support) relating to, for example, fisheries, marine pollution, marine biodiversity, and climate change;
- Be able to independently examine and assess cross-cutting issues in ocean governance and participate in debates regarding emerging and contemporary issues in the field, such as the impact of COVID-19 on the blue economy.

**Workshop dates.** The workshop takes approximately three days to complete. It is available in two formats: (i) three full consecutive days or (ii) six half-days spread out over three weeks. The format of the workshop will be finalized based on the preference of a majority of participants.

- Dates of workshop over three full consecutive days: **April 20-22, 2021**, 9:00-17:00 (UTC+10).
- Dates of workshop over six half-days spread out over three weeks: mornings of **April 19-20, April 26-27, and May 3-4, 2021**, 9:00-12:30 (UTC+10).

**Certificate.** Participants who successfully complete the course requirements will be awarded a certificate and priority consideration to participate in a possible follow-up, in-person workshop in 2022.

**Who may apply?** The training is designed for non-lawyers and lawyers. To be eligible, participants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be government officials, staff members of partner or collaborating organizations, or relevant stakeholders working directly on issues concerning ocean governance, oceans policy, fisheries, marine pollution, conservation and biodiversity, maritime transport and shipping, marine scientific research, activities in the Area, or related thematic areas.
- Be a national of, or have a direct working relationship with, a developing State. Applicants with a nominating letter from their employer will be given priority consideration. A **nomination letter** template is enclosed.
- Demonstrate a desire to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other relevant instruments related to the oceans.
- Have fluency or working proficiency in English.

**Cost.** The training is available at no cost to the participants.

**Deadline.** The deadline for submitting applications is **March 8, 2021**, at 11:59 PM EST.

**Application instructions.** Interested individuals who meet the eligibility criteria and are available on the training dates indicated above should submit an application form at the following link: [APPLY HERE](#).<sup>1</sup> For further information, please contact [oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org](mailto:oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org).

**Other online trainings.** Similar online courses are being planned for East Africa and West Africa, as well as possibly Latin America and the Caribbean. If you would like to learn more about those future courses and be informed of the call for applications, please contact us at the address above.

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<sup>1</sup> URL: <https://forms.gle/PJXFK9b6ts23gpfH7>

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## CURRICULUM FOR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

To complete this training program, participants will need to complete **15 core modules**, a minimum of **3 elective modules** (listed on the next page), and actively participate in live sessions, including one stand-alone individual presentation of 5 minutes. The online workshop takes approximately 24 hours to complete and is composed of the following activities:

a. **Class preparation**

- Pre-reading (approximately 5-7 pages per module); questionnaires on expectations, national and regional priorities; independent preparation of an individual class presentation, based on material provided and tailored to the region (total 3 ½ hours).

b. **Pre-recorded lectures and activities**

- Pre-recorded lectures for each core module of 20 minutes per lecture (15 total) (total 5 hours).
- Pre-recorded lectures for elective modules of 20 minutes per elective, with additional independent learning tasks (total 2 hours). Each participant is required to take three elective modules but may take more if desired.
- Asynchronous online activities such as quizzes and discussion boards (total 2 hours).
- Viewing of pre-recorded 5-minute presentations by other participants (max of 24 presentations - total 2 hours).

c. **Interactive live participation via videoconference (WebEx)**

- Introductions and discussion of learning objectives (total ½ hour)
- Live synchronous participation of 1 ½ hours per session/half day, including (i) Q&A to lecturers, (ii) engagement with individual presentations by the assigned participant(s) based on materials and guides provided by the trainers, and (iii) subsequent discussion. The final session will include closing remarks and networking opportunities (total 9 hours)

Additional optional resources will be available to participants, including optional readings, summaries of key international conventions, additional optional modules, and opportunities for participants to interact with each other and the trainers via discussion boards.

## Core Modules

Module	Content
1. Introduction	Global State of the Oceans; Scientific assessments; Link between science and law; Primer on public international law; Historical and institutional background; Current objectives, including Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14
2. Oceans Governance and Sustainable Development	Oceans Governance: Sustainable Development and the Blue Economy
3. UNCLOS- Jurisdictional Zones	United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) framework; Jurisdictional zones under UNCLOS; UNCLOS institutions and their roles
4. UNCLOS-Key Responsibilities	Key responsibilities related to sustainable development, navigation, protection and preservation of the marine environment, and conservation and international cooperation
5. UNCLOS-National Implementation	National implementation of UNCLOS
6. Fisheries-Multilateral Agreements	UN Fisheries Agreements and other instruments: Fish Stocks Agreement, Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), FAO Agreements, Code of Conduct and International Plans of Action (IPOA), etc.
7. Fisheries-Regional Management	Regional management of fisheries (selected instruments based on participants' regions)
8. Fisheries and Trade	Fisheries and trade: subsidies, trade measures, management systems
9. Marine Pollution, including Land-Based Sources	Management of land-based sources of ocean waste and pollution; best practices for waste reduction
10. Marine Pollution-Plastics	Plastics pollution and the marine environment, including relevant international conventions
11. Activities in the Area	Part XI of UNCLOS
12. Marine Conservation and Biodiversity	Overview of main conventions; Area-based management tools
13. Climate Change-Mitigation	Links between ocean health and climate change; UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and UNCLOS; Mitigation options
14. Climate Change-Adaptation	Adaptation and climate resilience
15. International cooperation opportunities	Related cooperation obligations, including UNCLOS and customary international law obligations to cooperate, to conduct EIAs and SIAs, and to notify affected states of transboundary impacts; trade facilitation; international finance.

## Elective Modules

**(3 minimum per participant, no maximum)**

Module & Content
1. Dispute Settlement within UNCLOS, including International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
2. Marine Scientific Research
3. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter
4. Convention on the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWC)
5. Convention on Biological Diversity (including Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)), Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
6. Maritime Transport
7. Marine Security
8. Blue Finance
9. SDGs, Ocean Governance, and Policy Planning
10. Emerging Issues and Outlook (e.g., COVID-19, alternative livelihoods)

# Ocean Governance Capacity Building Training Program

## NOMINATION and RECOMMENDATION FORM

(applicants with a nominating letter from their employer will be given priority consideration)

### Instructions:

To be completed by an official employer of the applicant (e.g., nominating Government). A signed copy may be submitted through the [Application Form](#) or sent directly by E-mail to [oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org](mailto:oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org) by the application deadline.

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name of individual nominating candidate) (Title or Post, of individual nominating candidate)

Hereby nominate/Recommend \_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's surname, given name, middle initial)

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(State, institution or entity)

As a candidate for the Oceans Governance Capacity Building Training Program.

And I also hereby certify that:

1. This candidate will benefit from the Training Program for their work or academic pursuits in support of ocean governance and the blue economy;
2. All information supplied by the candidate is complete and correct;
3. The candidate has adequate knowledge of the English language, which can be used for work purposes;
4. The absence of the candidate from their ordinary work during the Training Program period would not have any adverse effect on the status, seniority, salary, pension, and similar rights of the candidate; and
5. Upon completion of the Training Program, the candidate will be employed as:

Title of post or position: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties and responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominating Employer's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address line 1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, District/Province)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Postal Code, Country)

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of nominating employer

E-mail (Obligatory): \_\_\_\_\_

(place official seal above, if relevant)

**Instructions: To be completed in detail by the nominating employer, as identified on page 1.**

1. Comments on how this training would relate to the candidate's work program or academic pursuits related to ocean governance and the blue economy:

2. Comments on how this training would contribute to the advancement of ocean governance and the blue economy:

3. Comments on the linguistic ability and other skills of the candidate:

Certification of nominating employer as identified on page 1:

Place and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of nominating employer

Please note:

This nomination and recommendation form contains two (2) pages.

All fields must be duly completed, and both pages must be signed.

(place official seal above, if relevant)