

THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE (IOI) CAN ASSIST YOU IN ACHIEVING SDG 14 AND ITS TARGETS



In this era of globalization and sectoral integration, capacity building in ocean governance plays a pivotal role in ensuring safe and healthy oceans for the benefit of humankind and the planet. Additionally, obligations towards achieving the SDGs, notably SDG14 and its targets, and other intersecting SDGs, place a burden of responsibility on States and institutions which may benefit from targeted capacity development and training opportunities for their staff.

The IOI, through its global network of centres, offers annually a portfolio of international and regional Training and Capacity Development Programmes in Ocean Governance; IOI also provides customised thematic courses and leadership seminars at the request of partners.

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Since its foundation in 1972, IOI has trained hundreds of young practitioners, particularly from developing countries and countries in transition, and contributes towards a growing global network of trained and empowered leaders fully conversant with the latest developments in ocean governance.

IOI course participants acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for effective ocean governance. They are empowered to apply contemporary approaches to coastal and ocean management, with an emphasis on the moral, ethical and legal values in ocean governance (equity and peaceful uses of the ocean).

IOI training programme syllabi emphasise the importance of viewing the ocean as a system with varied users and multiple, often competing and conflicting, uses. They recognize that ocean governance requires broad interdisciplinary skills, new institutional and legal infrastructures, and new forms of interaction between intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations and cooperation at the local, national and international levels. The syllabi core contents cover material in the fields of the law of the sea, the natural and social sciences, economics, policy making, related conventions and offer the opportunity to integrate new and emerging issues as well as regional matters of specific interest or concern.

Training consists of classroom-based lectures, interactive discussions, field trips, simulations and exercises, individual participant presentations, and international round tables. Guidance offered by the expert faculty is supported through the provision of appropriate tools and additional information and participants are expected to explore the subjects in more depth to supplement the material offered in class.

The IOI Regional Programmes offer a targeted regional approach to global ocean governance with each regional programme addressing the respective regional seas perspectives, issues and mechanisms. They emphasize the benefits of harmonizing ocean policies and promoting a shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management. The courses contribute to building a sustainable core of experts in the region.

The IOI provides Tailor-Made Programmes on specific topics at the request of partners. The IOI benefits from an international network of faculty with expertise in key areas pertaining to ocean matters. Requests for specific thematic courses or seminars on ocean topics or specific regions or seas can be accommodated with course syllabi and dedicated faculty lists drawn up specifically to fulfil the needs of the requesting organisation.

Target audiences of IOI training programmes are mid-career practitioners in ocean governance, as well as scientists, policy makers, educators and decision makers. Selected candidates should be in a position to be able to successfully transmit and apply the acquired knowledge on return to their institutions, serving as educators and ocean advocates in their homeland.

International Ocean Institute - Portfolio of Annual Training Programmes

International Programmes

Post Graduate Degree: Master of Arts in Ocean Governance;

with the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta <http://www.um.edu.mt/icp/ocean-governance>

Offered in Malta

- This postgraduate programme aims to forge a knowledge base that is essentially legal but which also delves into the natural and social sciences to determine how an effective regulatory framework should operate; it serves to further enhance the development of learning and research in the field of marine resource management and maritime security from a multidisciplinary perspective
- The programme is delivered annually over 13 months, commencing each October
- It is coordinated by the Environmental and Resources Department within the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta, and is supported by the Department of International Law, the Institute of Earth Systems, the Department of Biology (Faculty of Science), the Faculty of Economics, Management & Accountancy, and the International Ocean Institute
- The taught component is composed of 12 Study Units addressing the broad topics underpinning Ocean Governance; a research component comprises the writing of a dissertation on a topic related to ocean governance. Total credit value of the programme is 90 ECTS.

Ocean Governance: Policy, Law & Management

<http://internationaloceaninstitute.dal.ca/training.htm>

Offered in Canada

- Offered by IOI in Canada at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Two-month residential programme offered annually since 1981 in May-July
- Global coverage of ocean governance issues
- Training consists of over 200 hours in the classroom, and includes lectures, interactive discussions, field trips, simulations and exercises, individual participant presentations, and an international round table.

REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic & Caspian Seas

<http://www.ioimaltacourse.org>

Offered in Malta

- Offered by IOI in Malta, Europe and accredited for 15ECTS by the University of Malta
- Five-week residential programme offered annually since 2005 in November-December
- Coverage of regional ocean governance issues with specific emphasis on the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas.

Ocean Governance Training Programme for Africa

<http://ioisa.org/training>; <http://ioisa.org/ocean-governance-course>

Offered in South Africa

- Offered by IOI in Cape Town, South Africa
- Four-week residential programme offered since 2013, in August/September
- Coverage of regional ocean governance issues with specific emphasis on the African Seas.

Regional Ocean Governance Framework, Implementation of UNCLOS and its Related Instruments in the SE Asian Seas & the Indian Ocean

<http://www.ioithailand.com/home/>

Offered in Thailand

- Offered by the IOI in Thailand
- Annual four-week residential programme
- Coverage of regional ocean governance issues with specific emphasis on the Southeast Asian Seas and Indian Ocean.

Ocean Governance, Ocean Sciences & Geoethics

<https://www.ioitclac.org/training-program/>

Offered in Latin America & the Caribbean Countries

- Offered by IOI Brazil and IOI Costa Rica, in Latin America and the Caribbean countries
- The four-week training course is offered each year in a different country of these regions
- The course programme includes coverage of global and regional ocean governance issues concerning Latin America and the Caribbean.

Sustainable Development & Governance of the Caspian Sea

Offered in Turkmenistan

- Organised by the IOI in partnership with the State Enterprise on Caspian Sea Issues at the President of Turkmenistan and at their behest
- Two-week residential programme held annually since 2013 at Turkmenbashi, Turkmenistan
- Coverage of regional issues of the Caspian Sea.

Ocean Governance for the Western Pacific Region

Offered in PR China

- Organised by the IOI in partnership with the State Oceanic Administration of PR China
- Four-week residential programme in Tianjin, PR China
- Coverage of regional issues of the Western Pacific Regional Seas.