



ECOP
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ECOP Programme

Connecting with international ECOP networks

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Our Vision:

To elevate and strengthen the diverse perspectives of new generations of ocean professionals in a collective voice, ensuring that knowledge is transferred between experienced and early career ocean professionals, to promote ocean sustainability for “The Ocean We Want”.



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Our Mission:

To incorporate new ways of thinking into global ocean sustainability and stewardship challenges through diverse engagement. The ECOP programme will achieve this by empowering ECOPs with meaningful networking and professional development opportunities to engage with each other and with local to global institutions through the framework of the UN Ocean Decade.

ECOP Programme: Our Work

4 Task Teams

- Ocean Literacy;
- Training and Mentoring;
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity;
- OceanBRIDGES

6 Nodes

- Asian node (plus Japan);
- African node;
- Canadian node;
- Central American node;
- US node

4 Endorsed Projects

- The East-West Center's Southeast Asian Ocean Professionals Program (EWCSEAOPP);
- Training-through-Research (TTR) - Floating University;
- WASCAL Cabo Verde Graduate School;
- PlaSTic On beaches: 3D-distRiBution and weathering



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Funded capacity development opportunities

Call for Financial Support for Legal Entities Providing Capacity Development Opportunities

- Basic Concepts of Ocean Governance for Early Career Ocean Professionals - with a focus on the African Seas (IOI);
- Exploring Pathways to a Vibrant Ocean Economy for Africa (GoGMI);
- Marine Spatial Planning (Diaries of the Ocean);
- Developing ocean leadership and stewardship in the Caribbean (SOA Caribbean and EcoVybz)

Call for Financial Support for Capacity Development Events Fees

- Ngozi Oguguah (Nigeria) - Researcher's Writing Academy (online)
- Sidonio Machaieie (Mozambique) -- International Indian Ocean Science Conference (online)



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Our Priorities

Capacity Development

- ECOP Programme webinars with the first one on Sept 29 – “How to start an NGO?”;
- More advanced online trainings – second round of funded trainings;
- Database of funding resources;
- Database of ECOPs (1085 members) and stakeholders per region.

Tools for informing the Programme

- Regional work in Africa, Asia, Canada, Central America, US, with subsequent development of the nodes in the Caribbean, Pacific, Mexico, and South America;
- Identifying specific needs for CD per region and determining existing training opportunities.

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