

Course in OCEAN GOVERNANCE for AFRICA

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ABOUT THE COURSE

Background

The International Ocean Institute (IOI) has a long history of conducting **training** and **capacity building** programmes. The oldest of these is the annual **Ocean Governance** course offered by IOI-Canada at Dalhousie University in Halifax - initiated 30 years ago by the late **Elisabeth Mann Borgese**, founder of the IOI.

More recently, a number of regional Ocean Governance courses have been developed and, in this context, The Southern African Branch of IOI – which coordinates IOI's African branches initiated the development of a course on Ocean Governance tailored to meet the needs of **African** countries.

Goal of the course

The course aims to i) meet the ongoing need, within the African region, for **awareness and training** in the various disciplines associated with ocean governance and contribute to building a **sustainable core of experts** on the continent. While the course highlights the importance of the global governance framework, it has a regional focus emphasising the benefits of **harmonising ocean policies** and a **shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management**.

Objectives

- To build a core of well-informed decision-makers in the countries of the region;
- To deepen understanding of the importance of the regional seas in the context of regional politics and sustainable development;
- To provide an insight into the regulatory frameworks for coastal and ocean governance, promote harmonisation of policies and build capacity to maximise the benefits afforded by implementing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other relevant global and regional conventions;
- To promote the role of science and technology in supporting the development and implementation of ocean governance systems;
- To highlight emerging socio-economic and environmental issues and the need for ocean governance to adapt to changing scenarios;
- To provide a forum for exchange of views between managers and researchers, and to promote a better understanding of the science-management interface in coastal and ocean management;
- To catalyse the establishment of an IOI network in the region comprising of past and future participants and regional resource persons.

Target Audience

The course is intended for **mid-career professionals, government officials, educators, researchers and civil society members** that have coastal and marine related responsibilities, functions or interests, preferable from countries within the African region.

COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1: Oceans and Coasts: Opportunities & Threats

This module reviews the value of the oceans to the planet and people through their role in regulating climate, provision of living and non-living resources and their contribution to the blue economy through sectors such as tourism, transportation and energy generation. In addition, it describes the various threats to the oceans, from pollution to invasive species, habitat destruction and over-exploitation of resources as well as issues such as climate change and maritime security. Together these underlie the need for sustainable use of the oceans through harmonisation of policies and strategies.



Module 2: The Governance Framework

Module 2 provides an introduction to the relevant UN Agencies and other international and regional institutions as well as the international and regional regulatory frameworks, agreements, strategies and programmes with a particular emphasis on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the UN-Environment Regional Seas Programmes. The module then explores the implications of international and regional agreements for regulation at the national level.



Module 3: Governance Tools

Legislation on its own is of little use. It needs to be implemented through a variety of practical measures, both legal and technical. This module describes some of these tools, including reporting, compliance and enforcement mechanisms, standard setting, monitoring and assessment, information management, spatial planning, protected areas and remote sensing, modelling and GIS.



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Module 4: Governance in Action

This module outlines in more detail the legal instruments and associated tools and how they are applied in specific sectors and areas including:

- The Maritime Sector
- The Energy Sector
- The Fisheries Sector
- Regulation of Land-Based Activities
- Coastal Tourism
- Coastal Development
- Biodiversity and livelihoods
- Dumping of waste at sea

Module 5: Creating a Supportive Environment for Effective Governance



The effective implementation of regulations can only be achieved in the context of a supportive environment, including public and political support – which itself requires a broad understanding and awareness of the value of the oceans to society and the economy – as well as a core of personnel in each country with appropriate training and experience. This module therefore covers issues such as conflict resolution and the building of awareness and capacity. In addition, it addresses environmental economics and how it can be used to influence decision-makers and play a role in regulation using market-related mechanisms.

Field Trips and Assignments

The Face2Face courses include a number of field trips to demonstrate practical examples of some of the governance tools and mechanisms. Virtual training is supplemented by videos. In addition, participants will be expected to complete a number of assignments, one of which will be presented at a Round-Table on the final day of the course.



APPLICATIONS

Course Logistics

The course is held over a four-week period. Participants are expected to participate on a full-time basis for the full period. LOCATION: The Face2Face course is delivered in Cape Town. However, as a consequence of the COVID19 pandemic, it will be run virtually for the foreseeable future.



Costs of Attendance and Bursaries

Participants are expected to cover the costs of attendance, including, in the case of Face2Face courses, flights to Cape Town, accommodation and daily subsistence. However, a limited number of bursaries are available to cover full or partial costs. Insurance and visa related costs are not covered.

Applications

Application forms for the course are available online at www.ioisa.org. The application form includes a section where one can apply for full or partial funding. Completed application forms should be accompanied by a letter of motivation and CV and should be submitted to IOI-SA before the deadline.

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