



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

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WEBINAR: BLUE ECONOMY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISLANDS

The Blue Economy Hub and WOC Partner on Blue Economy Opportunities for Islands, 27 August

24 August 2020

[The Blue Economy Hub](#) is hosting a webinar on opportunities in the Blue Economy for SIDS, with a focus on Mauritius and Seychelles.

World Ocean Council (WOC) CEO Paul Holthus will be participating as speaker, alongside Angelique Pouponneu (CEO, The Seychelles Conservation & Climate Adaptation Trust), Seewraj Nundlall (Head of Cluster, Economic Development Board Mauritius), with Ranjan Naik (Co-Founder, The Blue Economy Hub) as moderator.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are the custodians of much of the world's oceans. Through their exclusive economic zones, they control about 30% of all oceans and seas. Several SIDS have already developed national Blue (Ocean) economy strategies.

WEBINAR: Opportunities in the Blue Economy: Mauritius, Seychelles, World Ocean Council

Date: 27 August 2020

Time: 10:00 CET

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[Blue Economy by the Numbers](#)

Amount of sea space under control of the 36 coastal and island states of the Indian Ocean:

7,000,000+ sq. km (1)

Value of ocean assets of the Western Indian Ocean region: **US\$333.8 billion** (2)

Source:

1 Blue Economy and the Indian Ocean Rim. Timothy Doyle. 2018. Journal of the Indian Ocean Region.

2 Reviving the Western Indian Ocean Economy: Actions for a Sustainable Future. The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), CORDIO East Africa and WWF. 2017.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

27 August, 10:00 CET, Webinar

The Blue Economy Hub: [Blue Opportunities in Island Economies](#) (Panelist)

2-3 September, Online Summit

[Global Arctic Shipping Summit](#) (Speaker)

23-24 September, Online Summit

[Shipping & the Blue Economy Virtual Forum](#) (Speaker, Key Partner)

30 September, 10:00 BST, Webinar

[Breakbulk – The Digital Special: Growing a Sustainable Future](#) (Speaker)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

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