



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

OCEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN SMALL ISLAND STATES: WEBINAR

WOC Collaborates with U.N. and International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) To Advance Offshore Renewable Energy in Islands

30 March 2021

The U.N. agency for Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) are organizing a webinar on “Leveraging Partnerships for the Sustainable Development of Ocean Energy in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)” on 30-31 March 2021.

The World Ocean Council (WOC) invites the ocean business and investment community to participate in the webinar.

Africa / Indian Ocean and Caribbean regions:

30 March 08.00-10.30 EST Time

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NQIvoWHfTv20R6ywkTjYtg

Pacific region:

31 March 16.00-18.30 EST Time

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NQIvoWHfTv20R6ywkTjYtg

The WOC has collaborated with the U.N. OHRLLS and IRENA to develop the program, identify offshore renewable energy industry speakers and will be moderating several sessions.

The WOC is working with UN-OHRLLS to advance the Small Island Developing States Global Business Network (SIDS-GBN), including on the development of ocean energy.

The webinar is designed to increase private sector awareness and interest in the investment and business opportunities in SIDS, as well as share best practices and networking opportunities among participants from the private sector, SIDS Governments and relevant stakeholders.

The SIDS comprise 38 UN Member States and 20 Non-UN Members/Associate Members of United Nations regional commissions that face unique social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities.

UPCOMING WOC EVENT

Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '21) – Dates to be determined

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

15 March, Online event

Seafood and Fisheries Emerging Technologies (SAFET) webinar: “ Fishing vessels as platforms of opportunity” (Keynote Speaker)

30-31 March, Online event

Leveraging Partnerships for the Sustainable Development of Ocean Energy in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (Session Chair)

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

The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology and investment.

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