



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# ISLAND FINANCE FORUM 2021: WOC PARTNERS WITH ISLAND INNOVATION

## The World Ocean Council Invites the Ocean Business and Investment Community to Engage with the Island Finance Community on Sustainable Development

7 April 2021

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is honored to partner with Island Innovation on the Island Finance Forum (13-16 April, 2021).** The Island Finance Forum will bring together senior financiers, development partners and regulators to share and exchange expertise on sustainable and inclusive financial structures in island communities.

**The Island Finance Forum will highlight the financial challenges and opportunities faced by islands and the solutions for sustainable economic recovery and inclusive growth in a post-pandemic world** through a series of interactive panels, roundtables and keynote sessions addressing:

- Impact Investing & ESG
- Climate Change, The Blue Economy & Natural Capital
- Insurance & Risk Management
- Economic Growth in a Post-Pandemic World
- Financing the Green Energy Transition & Low-Carbon Infrastructure
- Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies
- Access to Finance & Debt Restructuring
- Fintech for Financial Inclusion

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.

**For more information and to register for this free virtual event visit:**

<https://islandinnovation.co/finance-forum-2021/#register-now>

The WOC is working with U.N. to advance the Small Island Developing States Global Business Network (SIDS-GBN). The WOC global working group on Port and Coastal Infrastructure Adaptation and Resiliency is bringing together the business and investment community to address the climate change risk and impacts from extreme weather events and sea level rise on SIDS, in

order to develop and implement nature based solutions.

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## UPCOMING WOC EVENT

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

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### 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)

1 April, Online event

**Greenlight Climate Festival: “Climate in International Affairs”** (Panelist)

13-16 April, Online event

**Island Finance Forum '21** (Partner)

28-30 April, Online event

**International Conference on Ocean Energy (ICOE): “The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: What is it and what does it mean for Marine Energy?”** (Plenary Session Moderator)

15-16 April, Online event

**Artificial Intelligence LA - Earth Summit: “Using Technology to Monitor and Protect Oceans and Coastal Communities”** (panelist)

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### 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.*

*WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US, UK and France.*

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