



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

MARITIME START UP OPPORTUNITIES – GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

Deadline 25 June for Applications to Maritime ClimAccelerator

22 June 2021

The World Ocean Council (WOC) supports the Maritime ClimAccelerator efforts to identify and support startups to address energy, ship design, logistics, circular economy, waste, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

WOC encourages Interested applicants to submit their application by visiting the Maritime ClimAccelerator website <http://maritime-accelerator.org/>

Deadline for application – June 25th, 2021

ClimAccelerator is a global programme giving start-ups access to innovate, catalyse, and scale the potential of their climate solutions through funding, training, peer to peer coaching and theme-specific mentoring.

The Maritime ClimAccelerator is supported by [EIT - European Institute of Innovation and Technology Climate-KIC's #ClimAccelerator](#) and a consortium of maritime research and development leaders, including the [Sustainable Development Unit](#) of the [ATHENA Research Center](#) led by [Prof. Phoebe Koundouri](#).

The Climate-KIC identifies and promotes innovation that helps society mitigate and adapt to climate change. A decarbonised, sustainable economy is not necessary to address climate change, but also presents a wealth of opportunities for business and society.

The Maritime ClimAccelerator is part of the WOC Global Blue Economy Innovation Initiatives Network which connects nearly 100 ocean sustainable development related accelerators, incubators, startup hubs and challenge competitions. The network advances synergies and economies of scale among the initiatives, and works to connect them with sustainable development issues, industries and investors.

UPCOMING WOC EVENT

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

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

14-18 June, Online event

21st U.N. Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea: Theme “Sea Level Rise and its Impacts”

(Panellist: “Port and Coastal Infrastructure Adaptation: Private Sector Collaboration to Advance Action, Investment and Nature-Based Solutions”)

16 June, Webinar

Blue Bonds: Accelerating the Blue Economy (Partner)

16-17 June, Online event

Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC) Conference “Sustainability and Responsible Investment”: ‘Paving the Way for Profitability through Sustainability’ (WOC CEO Panellist)

23 June, Online event

U.N. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Webinar on Pandemic Recovery: Tourism (Co-organizer, Moderator)

24 June, Online event

U.N. Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Webinar on Pandemic Recovery: Fisheries/Aquaculture (Co-organizer, Moderator)

24 June, 9 July, Webinars

XPRIZE Carbon Removal Q & A Webinars (Communications Collaborator)

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, and France.

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