



News Release

TOURISM, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE RECOVERY IN SMALL ISLAND STATES: U.N. WEBINAR

U.N. and World Ocean Council Co-Organize Event on Pandemic Recovery for Tourism and Seafood Sectors in Small Islands

22 June 2021

The U.N. agency for Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the World Ocean Council (WOC) are organizing a two-part webinar on Partnerships for the Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on 23-24 June 2021.

The event will be opened by UN Undersecretary General, Her Excellency Ms. Fekitamelo 'Utoikamanu.

The World Ocean Council (WOC) invites the ocean and coastal business and investment community to participate in the webinar, which takes place over two days.

TOURISM:

23 June 10.00-12.00 EST Time

Registration: <https://bit.ly/2SLKoFY>

FISHERIES / AQUACULTURE:

24 June 18.00-20.00 EST Time

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3vMqLuO>

The WOC has collaborated with the U.N. OHRLLS to develop the program, identify tourism and seafood industry speakers and the WOC CEO will be moderating much of the event.

The WOC is working with UN-OHRLLS to advance the Small Island Developing States Global Business Network (SIDS-GBN), including on the recovery from the pandemic and building back stronger in key island economic sectors such as tourism and seafood.

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

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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