



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# AN OCEAN OF ACTIONS - A Showcase of the WOC Internship Program 2021

**World Ocean Council invites you to join the ShowCase event online on 9th September to have a taste of this special journey and provide feedback to our program.**

22 August 2021

A cohort of 13 people has gathered for this 3-month Internship with two objectives in mind: to equip themselves as up-and-coming professionals with lifelong learning capabilities to meet of the need of future of work and to thrive in time of uncertainty, and as young professionals to provide themselves with involvement in real-life projects and direct engagement with ocean industry operators.

Each intern had two tracks of projects: the WOC Program Project, and a Self-Identified Learning Project. Some interns also hosted a workshop.

In ShowCase event, Cohort of 2021 internship will present what we have been working on. We invite you to join the ShowCase day to have a taste of journey and provide feedback to our learning.

Date and time: **Thursday 9th September 2021**, GMT 1pm.

[Click here to see the event timing in your local time zone.](#)

[Click here to read more about the event](#)

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**Alessandro**



**Imali**



**Hannah**



**Adelaida**



**Farzaneh**



**Zoe**



**Kalyani**



**Michelle**



**Si Chen**



**Isabella**



**Caroline**



**Yvonne**



**Tina**

Here is the list of each of the interns and their projects to be showcased:

**Hannah Leach**

- \* WOC Program Project: Young Ocean Professionals Program
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: How to practically engage all of society in radical food democracy so that the environment and biodiversity are regarded as equals in sustainable development?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: Should we be dependent on the market to solve the environmental crises?

**Si Chen**

- \* WOC Program Project: GloFouling Partnerships Project
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: Whether and how should I start a company in the ocean energy industry?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: Underwater acoustics, anthropogenic noise, and its potential impacts on marine mammals

**Alessandro Gibertini**

- \* WOC Program Project: Ocean Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Working Group
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: How to communicate the Ocean and Blue Economy through a radio show?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: ON AIR: speaking and producing

**Yvonne Oeser**

- \* WOC Program Project: Ocean Investor Roundtable/Ocean ESG Framework
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: How can I make my way into the ocean environment/economy
- \* Workshop Scheduled: Data Science - An introduction to the most relevant terms

**Manikarachchige Imali Udeshika Manikarachchi**

- \* WOC Program Project: Small Islands and Blue Economy Business Development
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: In what ways ocean sciences can help sustain the blue economy and how to achieve that.
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

**Isabella Glušauskaite**

- \* WOC Program Project: SMART Ocean-SMART Industries (SO-SI)
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: How the standardization of data would be applicable across states and research institutions which would be beneficial for maritime archaeological research projects in the future?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: Identifying and /or Researching Maritime Archaeology and Its Probable Impact

**Farzaneh Shakeri**

- \* WOC Program Project: Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: How to translate legal concepts into figures and vice versa
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: How lawyers perceive the ocean? (Foundations of Law of the Sea)

**Michelle Chong**

- \* WOC Program Project: Global Blue Economy Innovation Initiatives Network
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project: What are the most effective financing strategies for ocean biodiversity conservation (including government, the private sector, non-profits, and individuals)?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program: Strategies for detecting wildlife trafficking through

financial flows & e-commerce

### **Caroline Schaus**

- \* WOC Program Project:Blue Economy/Ocean Sustainable Development Communications and Events
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project:How can I get inner city youths in landlocked Colorado involved in the climate movement?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program:Introduction of Conservation Ecology and Intersectional Environmentalism

### **Adelaida Patrasc-Lungu**

- \* WOC Program Project:30 x 30 Marine Conservation/Marine Protected Area (MPA) Campaign
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project:How can I leverage Portugal's early adoption of microalgae research and production for identifying opportunities for valorization of marine microalgae as food source and means for carbon sequestration?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program:Intro to Environmental Psychology

### **Zoe Scott**

- \* WOC Program Project:Ocean Restoration/CO2 Removal Roundtable/Program
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project:What are the potential applications of current technology and research to combat ocean acidification?

### **Tina Liu**

- \* WOC Program Project:WOC Internship Program 2021 Host
- \* Self-Identified Learning Project:How can we use business as a regenerative practice for oneself, our organization, our society, and for our earth?
- \* Workshop Delivered During the Program:Our World & Research – Philosophy, Science and Action Research

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## **UPCOMING WOC EVENT**

**Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '22) – Dates to be determined**

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## **Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement**

4-6 August, HYBRID/SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

**Caribbean Blue Economy Summit** (Plenary keynote speaker)

16-19 August, HYBRID/CHENNAI

**India National Blue Economy Conference** (Plenary Speaker)

20 August, VIRTUAL

**U.N. Law of the Sea BBNJ Treaty Intersessional Webinar**(Participant)

26 August, VIRTUAL

**Assessing Resilience: Case Studies and a Path Forward for the Marine and Inland Waterborne Transportation System** (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, listed [here](#), are 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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