

Ocean Governance Capacity Building Training Program Online Workshop for the Latin America and the Caribbean region



Organized by the World Bank, in partnership with the University of Melbourne Law School, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the International Seabed Authority, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Center for Maritime and Oceanic Law at the University of Nantes

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Overview. This online training program provides an introduction to global ocean governance, including a primer on public international law related to the oceans and the international legal framework for the blue economy. It is centered on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments addressing fisheries, marine pollution, conservation and biodiversity, climate change, maritime transport and shipping, marine scientific research, and activities in the Area, among other topics. **This training program is tailored to participants from Latin America and the Caribbean region.**

The training program consists of: (i) an e-learning course; (ii) region specific reading materials; (iii) individual participant assignments; and (iv) live online discussion sessions. This training program will be provided in **English** and **Spanish**. An overview of the course modules is available in the enclosed **Curriculum**.

Audience and objectives of the training. The objective of this training program is to enhance the capacity of government officials, staff of partner organizations, and other stakeholders on ocean governance by providing training on international law related to oceans and the legal framework for the blue economy, including relevant regional instruments. This training is expected to result in a greater understanding of relevant international law and facilitate the development and implementation of national legal frameworks on ocean governance with a view to achieving the sustainable development of blue economies, including by mobilizing public and private financial resources for sustainable development.

A participant who has successfully completed the training will:

- Understand the relevance of international law to the blue economy and identify related sustainable development opportunities, as well as capacity needs;
- Recognize the importance of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments;
- Understand international legal obligations of countries, how these obligations concern the activities of governments, businesses, and community members, and how they can be implemented at the national level to support the blue economy;
- Be able to identify global and regional instruments (and organizational support) relating to, for example, fisheries, marine pollution, marine biodiversity, and climate change;

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- Be able to independently examine and assess cross-cutting issues in ocean governance and participate in debates regarding emerging and contemporary issues in the field.

Workshop languages and dates. The workshop consists of two components: self-paced e-learning course and live sessions. The workshop takes approximately 24 hours to complete.

Self-paced e-learning course: Participants will first complete a mandatory e-learning course in their own time and in advance of the commencement of the live sessions. The self-paced e-learning course is currently available in English and French. The Spanish version of the e-learning course will be published in early 2024. **Participants can choose to take the e-learning course in English, Spanish, or French.** The mandatory e-learning course takes approximately 8 hours to complete (note that this 8 hour is included in the 24-hour workshop total time).

Live sessions: The live sessions will run virtually for three weeks when participants and facilitators meet twice a week for approximately 1.5 hours. **The live sessions will take place in English and Spanish.** The English and Spanish live sessions will commence the week of **May 06, 2024**, and end on **May 23, 2024**. The English live sessions will start at 5:00 pm Washington DC time (6:00 pm, ART/Buenos Aires; 4:00 pm, PET/Lima; 5:00 pm, AST/Bridgetown). The Spanish live sessions will start as of 11:00 am Washington DC time (12:00 pm, ART/Buenos Aires; 10:00 am, PET/Lima; 11:00 am, AST/Bridgetown).

Welcome session. Admitted applicants are required to join an online welcome session that will take place around two weeks before the first live session.

Certificate. Participants who successfully complete the training program requirements will be awarded a certificate.

Who may apply? The training is designed for lawyers and non-lawyers. To be eligible, participants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be government officials, staff members of partner or collaborating organizations, or relevant stakeholders working directly on issues concerning ocean governance, oceans policy, fisheries, marine pollution, conservation and biodiversity, maritime transport and shipping, marine scientific research, activities in the Area, or related thematic areas.
- Be a national of, or have a direct working relationship with, a developing State in Latin America and the Caribbean region. Priority will be given to applicants whose work is related to the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean.
- Demonstrate a desire to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other relevant instruments related to the oceans.
- Have fluency or working proficiency in English **or** in Spanish.
- Applicants with a nominating letter from their employer will be given preferential consideration. A **nomination letter** template is enclosed. A fillable PDF version of the form can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Cost. The training is available at no cost to the participants.

Technical requirements for participation. Participants in the workshop are required to secure a reliable internet connection and a working laptop or desktop computer with a web camera and microphone to complete the e-learning course and attend the live sessions. Basic computer skills are required to attend the workshop. The training will be held online using Microsoft Teams.

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Deadline. The deadline for submitting applications for both English and Spanish workshops is **February 11, 2024**, at 11:59 PM EDT.

Privacy Notice. To participate in this training program, the World Bank will collect and process personal data pertaining to name, gender, nationality, contact details, job title, name of the employer and its contact details, and field of work. This data will be destroyed within three (3) years of the end of the workshop, except for contact information which will be kept beyond that period if the applicant selects to receive information about future events and workshops. In this case, contact information will only be deleted when applicant withdraws his consent. The World Bank will process personal data in accordance with its Privacy Notice. As the workshop is co-organized with other partner institutions, namely **the University of Melbourne Law School, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the International Seabed Authority, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Center for Maritime Law at the University of Nantes**, personal data and the application materials submitted will be made available to these institutions for the selection process. Partner institutions will process personal data according to their own policies and applicable laws. Personal data and application materials of the admitted applicants will also be shared with workshop facilitators and presenters. Selected participants will be required to send a 5-minute recorded video presentation as part of their workshop assignment, which will be shared with other participants and the workshop facilitators and presenters. The pictures taken during the workshop might be used later by the World Bank for its reports, newsletters, blog posts, etc. Any picture-taking will be announced in advance., so participants can choose to turn on or off their camera during the virtual photoshoot.

For any questions about the processing of personal data, please contact the World Bank Data Privacy Office at privacyquestions@worldbank.org. For information on the Personal Data Privacy Request and Review Mechanisms and to submit a request, please visit: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/accountability/data-privacy#rnr>.

Application instructions. Interested individuals who meet the eligibility criteria and are available on the training dates indicated above should apply through the [form](#) at the following link: [APPLY HERE](#).¹ For more information, please contact oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org.

Information Webinar.

Interested applicants are invited to join an **Information Webinar** to learn more about the training program, including its scope and modalities. This webinar will introduce you to the program's institutional partners and session facilitators and provide an opportunity to ask questions. The one-hour webinar will be held on February 06, 2024. The English-language webinar will start at 3:00 pm Washington DC time (5:00 pm, ART/Buenos Aires; 3:00 pm, PET/Lima; 4:00 pm, AST/Bridgetown). The Spanish-language webinar will start at 4:00 pm Washington DC time (6:00 pm, ART/Buenos Aires; 4:00 pm, PET/Lima; 5:00 pm, AST/Bridgetown).

Participation in the information webinar is free of charge and accessible at the following links:

Information Webinar Link for English: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/78ec2eaa-317c-4833-ba1a-c1a657285e21@31a2fec0-266b-4c67-b56e-2796d8f59c36>

Information Webinar Link for Spanish Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

¹ <https://forms.gle/3aWA3e4Grn321R979>

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Please click this URL to join: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e087f526-5878-4012-a5bf-7c2cb55ec04b@31a2fec0-266b-4c67-b56e-2796d8f59c36>

Other online training. If you would like to learn more about future training programs and be informed of the call for applications, or are interested in supporting these initiatives, please contact us at the email address above.

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CURRICULUM FOR ONLINE WORKSHOPS

To complete this training program, participants will need to complete the **e-learning course composed of 10 core modules**, a minimum of **3 elective modules** (listed on the next page), and actively participate in live sessions, including preparing one stand-alone individual presentation/assignment of 5 minutes. The e-learning course will take approximately 8 hours to complete and **must be completed at least one week before the first live session (April 28, 2024 deadline for both English and Spanish Workshops).**

In addition to the e-learning course, further preparation for and participation in the live sessions will take approximately 16 hours to complete and is composed of the following activities:

- a. **Class preparation**
 - Pre-reading (approximately 5-10 pages per module); independent preparation of an individual class presentation, based on material provided and tailored to the region (**maximum** 5-minute pre-recorded video).
- b. **Online Class Discussions and Review of Participant Presentations**
 - Asynchronous online activities such as discussion boards.
 - Viewing of pre-recorded 5-minute presentations by other participants.
- c. **Interactive live participation via videoconference (Microsoft Teams)**
 - Introductions and discussion of learning objectives
 - Live synchronous participation of approximately 1 ½ hours per session, including (i) Q&A to facilitators, (ii) engagement with individual presentations by the assigned participant(s) based on materials and guides provided by the facilitators, and (iii) subsequent discussion. The final session will include closing remarks and networking opportunities.

Additional optional resources will be available to participants, including optional readings, summaries of key international conventions, additional optional modules, and opportunities for participants to interact with each other and the trainers via discussion boards.

Curriculum

A. Core Modules

Module	Illustrative Content
1. Introduction	<p>State of the Oceans; Link between science and law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second World Ocean Assessment (UN, 2021) • State of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture (UN FAO, 2022) <p>Primer on public international law; historic and institutional background; current objectives,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal foundations • Key concepts • Finding solutions to problems • Duty to cooperate
2. Maritime Zones and Institutions under UNCLOS	<p>UNCLOS framework</p> <p>Maritime zones under UNCLOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline and internal waters • Territorial sea and contiguous zone • Exclusive economic zone (EEZ) • Continental shelf • High seas • The Area <p>UNCLOS institutions and their roles</p>
3. UNCLOS and Ocean Governance	Key UNCLOS responsibilities and Ocean Governance principles
4. Operationalizing Ocean Governance and the Blue Economy	Operationalizing principles of ocean governance, including through integrating sustainable ocean-based economies.
5. Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation	<p>Links between ocean health and climate change</p> <p>UNFCCC and UNCLOS</p> <p>Mitigation options</p> <p>Adaptation and climate resilience</p>
6. Fisheries	<p>UN Fisheries Agreements and other instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCLOS • Fish Stocks Agreement • FAO Compliance Agreement • Port State Measures Agreement • FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries • FAO IPOAs (e.g., FAO-IPOA-IUU) <p>Regional management of fisheries (selected instruments and organizations based on participants' regions)</p>
7. Trade	<p>Trade facilitation</p> <p>Fisheries and trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies • Trade measures (including labelling, import bans) and the fisheries management systems required by regional trade agreements

8. Marine Pollution	Management of land-based sources of ocean waste and pollution Plastics pollution and the marine environment, including relevant international conventions
9. Marine Conservation and Biodiversity	Overview of main conventions Area based management tools
10. Activities in the Area	Part XI of UNCLOS

B. Elective Modules (3 minimum per participant, no maximum)

Module & Content
1. Dispute Settlement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
2. Marine Scientific Research
3. Advanced Marine Pollution: MARPOL, the London Dumping Convention, and the Ballast Water Management Convention
4. Threatened Species: Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
5. Maritime Transport
6. Advanced Blue Finance
7. Sustainable Development Goals and Ocean Governance: Some Considerations for Implementation through MPAs and Ecotourism
8. Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
9. International Regulatory frameworks to combat IUU Fishing

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NOMINATION AND RECOMMENDATION FORM

(applicants with a nominating letter from their employer will be given priority consideration)

Instructions:

To be completed by an official employer of the applicant (e.g., nominating Government). A signed copy may be submitted through the [Application Form](#) or sent directly by E-mail to oceangovernancetraining@worldbank.org by the application deadline.

I _____ of _____
(Print name of individual nominating candidate) (Title or Post, of individual nominating candidate)

Hereby nominate/Recommend _____
(Candidate's surname, given name, middle initial)

On behalf of _____
(State, institution or entity)

As a candidate for the Oceans Governance Capacity Building Training Program.

And I also hereby certify that:

1. This candidate will benefit from the Training Program for their work or academic pursuits in support of ocean governance and the blue economy;
2. All information supplied by the candidate is complete and correct;
3. The candidate has adequate knowledge of the English or Spanish language, which can be used for work purposes;
4. The candidate has access to a reliable internet connection and a working laptop or desktop computer with a web camera and microphone to complete the e-learning course and attend the live sessions. The candidate has basic computer skills to attend the workshop.
5. The absence of the candidate from their ordinary work during the Training Program period would not have any adverse effect on the status, seniority, salary, pension, and similar rights of the candidate; and
6. Upon completion of the Training Program, the candidate will be employed as:

Title of post or position: _____

Duties and responsibilities: _____

Nominating Employer's Address:

Place and date: _____

(Address line 1)

(City, District/Province)

(Postal Code, Country)

Signature of nominating employer

E-mail (Obligatory): _____

(place official seal above, if relevant)

<p><u>Instructions:</u> To be completed in detail by the nominating employer, as identified on page 1.</p>
<p>1. Comments on how this training would relate to the candidate's work program or academic pursuits related to ocean governance and the blue economy:</p>
<p>2. Comments on how this training would contribute to the advancement of ocean governance and the blue economy:</p>
<p>3. Comments on the linguistic ability and other skills of the candidate:</p>
<p>Certification of nominating employer as identified on page 1:</p> <p>Place and Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Signature of nominating employer</p> <p>Please note: This nomination and recommendation form contains two (2) pages. All fields must be duly completed, and both pages must be signed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(place official seal above, if relevant)</p>