TRAINING PROGRAMME IN
OCEAN GOVERNANCE
FOR AFRICA

Offered by the IOI–SA
in collaboration with IOI Headquarters

International Ocean Institute
Southern Africa

ABOUT THE COURSE

Background

The International Ocean Institute (IOI) has a long history of conducting training and capacity building programmes, of which the most widely known is the annual Ocean Governance course offered by IOI-Canada at Dalhousie University in Halifax which was initiated 30 years ago by the late Elisabeth Mann Borgese, founder of the IOI. More recently a number of regional Ocean Governance courses have been or are being developed and, in this context, the Southern African branch of IOI – which is also the coordinator of the IOI African Region which includes IOI-Kenya, IOI-Egypt & IOI-Nigeria – initiated the development of a course on Ocean Governance tailored to meet the needs of African countries.

Goal of the course

The goal is to meet the ongoing need within the African region for awareness and training in the various disciplines associated with ocean governance and that will contribute to building a sustainable core of experts on the continent. While the course will highlight the importance of the global governance framework, it will have a regional focus emphasizing the benefits of harmonizing ocean policies and will promote a shared, integrated and common approach to ocean management.

Objectives

- To build a core of well-informed decision-makers in the countries of the region;
- To deepen understanding of the importance of the regional seas and their resources in the context of regional politics and sustainable development;
- To provide an insight into the regulatory frameworks for coastal and ocean governance, promote harmonization of policies and build capacity to maximize the benefits afforded by implementing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other relevant global and regional conventions;
- To promote the role of science and technology in supporting the development and implementation of ocean governance systems;
- To highlight emerging socio-economic and environmental issues and the need for ocean governance to adapt to changing scenarios;
- To present regional problems and explore potential solutions;
- To provide a forum for exchange of views between managers and researchers, and to promote a better understanding of the science-management interface in coastal and ocean management.
- To catalyze the establishment of an IOI network in the region comprising past and future participants and regional resource persons.

Target Audience

The course is intended for mid-career professionals, educators, researchers and civil society members that have coastal and marine related responsibilities, functions or interests, preferably from countries within the African region.

COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1: Oceans and Coasts – Opportunities and Threats

This module reviews the value of the Oceans to the Planet and People through their role in regulating climate, the provision of living and non-living resources and their contribution to the economy through tourism, transportation and energy generation. In addition, it describes the various threats to the Oceans, from pollution, to invasive species, habitat destruction and over-exploitation of resources as well as emerging issues such as climate change and maritime security. Together these underlie the need for sustainable use of the Oceans through harmonisation of policies and strategies.

Module 2: The Governance Framework

An introduction to the relevant UN Agencies and other international and regional institutions as well as the international and regional regulatory frameworks, agreements, strategies and programmes with a particular emphasis on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the UNEP Regional Seas Programmes. The module then explores the implications of international and regional agreements for regulation at the national level.

Module 3: Governance Tools

Legislation on its own is of little use, and needs to be implemented through a variety of practical measures, both legal and technical. This module describes some of these tools including reporting, compliance and enforcement mechanisms, standard setting, monitoring and assessment, information management, planning, protected areas, remote sensing, modelling and GIS.

Module 4: Governance in Action

This module outlines in more detail the legal instruments and associated tools and how they are applied in specific sectors and areas including:

- The Maritime Sector
- The Energy Sector
- The Fisheries Sector
- Coastal Tourism
- Regulation of Land-Based Activities
- Coastal development
- Biodiversity and livelihoods
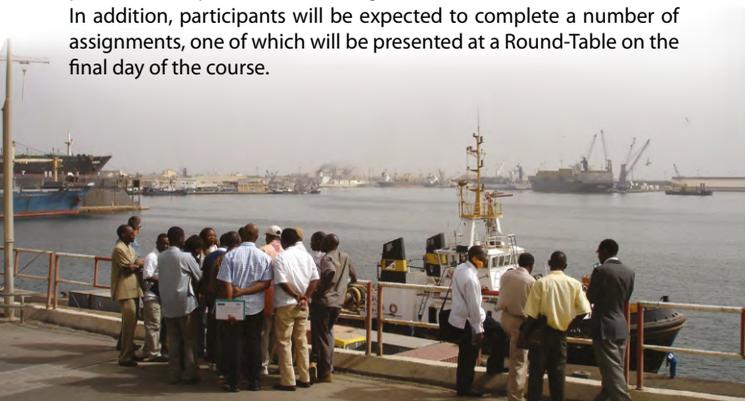- Dumping of waste at sea

Module 5: Creating a Supportive Environment for Effective Governance

The effective implementation of regulations can only be achieved in the context of a supportive environment including public and political support – which itself requires a broad understanding and awareness of the value of the Oceans to society and the economy – as well as a core of personnel in each country with appropriate training and experience. This module therefore covers issues such as stakeholder engagement, communications, conflict resolution and the building of awareness and capacity. In addition, it specifically addresses environmental economics and how it can be used to influence decision-makers and play a role in regulation using market-related and other mechanisms.

Field Trips and Assignments

There will be a number of field trips during the course to demonstrate practical examples of some of the governance tools and mechanisms. In addition, participants will be expected to complete a number of assignments, one of which will be presented at a Round-Table on the final day of the course.

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Course Logistics

DURATION AND DATES: The course will be held over 4-weeks and participants will be expected to participate on a full-time basis for the full period.

LOCATION: The course will be delivered in Cape Town.

ACCOMMODATION: International Participants will be provided with accommodation arrangements.

LOCAL TRANSPORT: Airport transfers and transport between the various course venues will be provided.

Costs of Attendance & Bursaries

Participants will be required to cover the costs of attendance, including flights to Cape Town, accommodation and DSA. However, a limited number of bursaries are available to cover full or partial costs depending on circumstances.

Applications

Application forms for enrolment in the course and for bursaries are available upon request by email or from the IOI website (www.ioisa.org). Completed forms should be accompanied by a letter of motivation and Curriculum Vitae and should be submitted to IOI-SA.

Communications can be directed to:

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Location of IOI Regional Offices in Africa

This Training Programme forms part of the IOI-OceanLearn Programme – an IOI capacity building initiative aimed at developing an interdisciplinary, integrated and accessible programme focussing on Ocean Affairs and Science to meet the needs of both developed and developing nations.