

West Indian Ocean Governance Exchange Network (WIOGEN)

Short term consultancy: Development of a concept for a graduate programme on Ocean Governance in the WIO

The West Indian Ocean Governance and Exchange Network (WIOGEN) is one of the [MeerWissen Partnership Projects](#) and is led in a cooperation between the International Ocean Institute - SouthernAfrica (IOI-SA) and the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Bremen. WIOGEN is a networking platform that aims to contribute to the science to policy framework in the Western Indian Ocean region. It aims to complement other regional marine science networks by focusing specifically on ocean governance and by bridging the social (including economic) and natural marine sciences. WIOGEN is inclusive and dynamic – driven by the needs identified by its members.

The WIOGEN Project was initiated in November 2019 and will end in September 2022. The project focused on virtual exchanges and training, including a number of webinars, short training events and facilitated writing retreats for Early Career Professionals. These were well attended and feedback was positive. More information is available here: <http://wiogen.org/>

WIOGEN aims to develop a graduate programme concept to meet the needs of ocean governance professionals in the region. This Graduate School concept on 'Ocean Governance for Sustainability' in East Africa could for example be submitted to DAAD, GIZ, Sida, for seed funding and establishment in the first 10 years. WIOGEN sees great potential in a graduate programme concept to:

- a) continue the collaboration between IOI-SA and ZMT and other organisations in the region,
- b) fill capacity development gaps in the region and beyond,
- c) sustain the WIOGEN Network as part of the graduate school and
- d) strengthen partnerships amongst institutions within the region.

There are many existing national, regional and international training opportunities which the graduate school would need to build upon to create added value and not duplicate efforts.

Objective: Develop a concept for a graduate programme on Ocean Governance in the WIO, based on an assessment of capacity needs, potential partners and strategic roles, budgetary needs, and funding opportunities.

Activities to be completed by consultant:

- Meeting with clients (IOI-SA and ZMT) to discuss assignment in detail.
- Desk study of relevant documents (e.g., ZMT proposal for graduate school SARM, WIOMSA documents, IOC-UNESCO Ocean Teacher, Blue Solution trainings, IOI Ocean Governance Course documents, university courses) and websites.
- 5-10 Interviews with relevant stakeholders and potential partners (WIOGEN Management Committee, WIOMSA, Nairobi Convention Secretariat, Rhodes Business School, other institutions in the region).
- Report that lists existing courses and assesses capacity needs, and identifies priority themes to be covered by a new course.
- Outline potential for in-person, virtual or blended formats.
- Develop 3 scenarios for the graduate programme (to be discussed during the briefing) with different certification and budgetary options.
- Identify potential partnership organisations.
- Presentation of report to clients and discussion of options.
- Identify potential kick-start funding agencies.

- Finalisation of graduate programme concept with funding opportunities.

Start date: June to August

Days: 8-13

The consultant is expected to conduct the research between June and August 2022, with the draft interim report to be submitted by 31 July 2022. The report will be presented to the Project Coordination team and Project Partners. The final report should take into account comments and inputs made from these teams and should be delivered by 31 August 2022.

Documents to be produced

A final report in electronic format with submission of a draft version for comments, an executive summary presenting the main conclusions, survey data and images taken during the work.

Application Closing date: 31st May 2022.

Consultants meeting the specific requirements should email their tender to info@wiogen.org

Consultant Profile:

The study will be conducted by a regional consultant who will work in coordination with research institutions in each country and in close collaboration with the IOI-SA and ZMT

- A good knowledge of the Western Indian Ocean and ocean governance;
- Good understanding and demonstrated experience in training and development (with reference for accredited programme development);
- Good analytical and writing skills;
- Good communication skills in English;
- Professional experience in the fields of the environment, economics / social sciences and conception of capacity development.

Tender

Interested parties are invited to submit a proposal including the following elements:

- A concise proposal based on a clear understanding of the terms of reference, detailing the proposed methodology to be used;
- A clear and logical approach that will produce a comprehensive, well-informed report on ocean governance capacity needs in WIO, potential funding options and partners;
- Background of the lead person or organization and relevant experience in performing similar work, including links to any reports or other documents produced;
- A detailed financial offer, including daily rates for consultancy services and proposed expenses, as well as the number of days required to carry out the work.

Researchers should declare all potential conflicts of interest. The total budget must include researchers' time and incidental costs such as telephone costs and all taxes (including VAT).

All information exchanged during the study will be confidential, unless otherwise specified, and the consultant will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement with IOI-SA. The research will be the property of WIOGEN, IOI-SA and ZMT.

Planned (proposed) timelines:

	June				July				Aug			
	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4
Inception meeting with project team		■	■									
Desktop Research			■	■	■	■	■					
Interviews with stakeholders (MC, WIOMSA, NC, Universities, etc.)					■	■	■					
Draft Report presented to WIOGEN MC								■				
Incorporate suggestions									■	■	■	
Final Project Report due												■

IOI-SA (www.ioisa.org): IOI-SA focuses on Ocean Governance capacity development in Africa through training programmes aimed at harmonising management, policy and development. The IOI-SA produces research, policy and strategy-related outputs to address key challenges of sustainable ocean governance in support of the communities, governments, regions and international organizations concerned with securing a peaceful, prosperous and healthy future for all. The IOI-SA maintains particular focus on rural coastal communities, decision-makers, post-graduate students and schools. It achieves its mission through collaborating and networking with organizations and government agencies in Africa that are active in the sphere of marine and coastal management and sustainable livelihoods. They have been running a very successful ocean governance training course for more than a decade, focussing on developing this capacity within the African region. A graduate programme for the WIO will need to supplement what is already offered by IOI-SA, to avoid duplication of funds and initiatives. Through the IOI-SA network, a partnership with Rhodes University (South Africa) has already been established, more specifically with the Rhodes Business School whose focus on sustainability, leadership, governance and responsible management was identified as a strategic partner. This partnership has shown interest in accrediting such a graduate programme and act as host institution for the collaborative approach to teaching and learning on this graduate programme. This will need to be explored further in this proposal development.

ZMT (<https://www.leibniz-zmt.de/en/>): The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) in Bremen is the only scientific institute in Germany that exclusively investigates tropical and subtropical coastal ecosystems and their significance for nature and humans. Together with its partners in tropical countries, the ZMT creates a scientific basis for the protection and sustainable use of these tropical coastal ecosystems. In addition to research, the focus is on capacity development and consulting. During the last 25 years, ZMT has trained some 450 master students (of those more than 330 from 62 countries in its special master program ISATEC) and around 200 doctoral students. The ZMT Academy offers courses and services to researchers and provides a structure to realise ZMT's capacity development strategy.