

# Capacity Development and Stakeholder Engagement in IOCARIBE

Exciting progress is being made as IOCARIBE continues to strengthen ocean science and sustainable development across the Tropical Americas and Caribbean regions:

## ✔ **Key Initiatives:**

- Launching a **Blue Schools Network** to inspire the next generation of ocean advocates, with coordinator training beginning in January 2025. 🌊📖
- Expanding support for Venezuela, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago, Dominican Republic, and Colombia through targeted marine spatial planning (MSP) initiatives.

## 🤝 **Stakeholder Engagement Highlights:**

- A strengthened focus on inclusive collaboration, engaging governments, local communities, early-career professionals, and indigenous groups.
- Enhanced partnerships through the **TAC Ocean Decade Task Force**, connecting stakeholders from diverse sectors to co-design innovative ocean solutions.



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### **What's Next:**

- Integrating indigenous and local knowledge into ocean science efforts to ensure sustainable and equitable outcomes.
- Advancing regional partnerships through the **Adaptation Fund**, driving impactful pilot projects to tackle pressing challenges.

IOCARIBE remains dedicated to fostering collaboration, empowering decision-making, and building a sustainable future for our oceans. 🌍💙

Stay tuned for more updates as we champion stakeholder engagement, ocean literacy, and capacity development in the region!