

UNESCO launches global search platform for capacity development opportunities in ocean science and management

Through its Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO), UNESCO has launched the prototype of a web-based tool for developing country professionals to discover capacity development opportunities around the world in ocean science and management.



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Accessing the [Ocean CD-Hub](#) platform, individuals can easily search for information on available capacity development opportunities, saving precious time and increasing the accessibility of many so far little known valuable opportunities (e.g., trainings, fellowships, internships, grants, etc.) offered by national, regional and global organisations from all over the world.

The Ocean CD-Hub also aims to identify synergies and potential partnerships between organizations providing capacity development opportunities to avoid duplication of efforts and mutualize resources.

“As a central repository to easily search for available CD opportunities, the Ocean CD-Hub aims to contribute to a more accessible and equitable capacity development for ocean science and management.” - Peter Pissierssens, IOC CD Coordinator.

It can also make it easier for national governments to report on progress and availability of capacity development opportunities in the context of global efforts such as the Sustainable Development Goals, and the challenges of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

Are you an Early Career Professional, Manager, Scientist, Educator, or other category of ocean stakeholder?

[Discover and explore our OCEAN CD-Hub](#)

[Watch the recording of the launch event](#)

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About the IOC-UNESCO:

The [Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO \(IOC-UNESCO\)](#) promotes international cooperation in marine sciences to improve management of the ocean, coasts and marine resources. The IOC enables its 150 Member States to work together by coordinating programmes in capacity development, ocean observations and services, ocean science and tsunami warning. The work of the IOC contributes to the mission of UNESCO to promote the advancement of science and its applications to develop knowledge and capacity, key to economic and social progress, the basis of peace and sustainable development.

About the Ocean Decade:

Proclaimed in 2017 by the United Nations General Assembly, the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development \(2021-2030\)](#) ('the [Ocean Decade](#)') seeks to stimulate ocean science and knowledge

generation to reverse the decline of the state of the ocean system and catalyse new opportunities for sustainable development of this massive marine ecosystem. The vision of the Ocean Decade is 'the science we need for the ocean we want'. The Ocean Decade provides a convening framework for scientists and stakeholders from diverse sectors to develop the scientific knowledge and the partnerships needed to accelerate and harness advances in ocean science to achieve a better understanding of the ocean system, and deliver science-based solutions to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The UN General Assembly mandated UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) to coordinate the preparations and implementation of the Decade.