

## 7<sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference Call for Side Event Proposals

The 7<sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference secretariat invites ocean stakeholders to submit expressions of interest in organizing official side events during the 7<sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference, from 7-8 December 2020.

Side events enable stakeholders to highlight their initiatives and progress relevant to the Our Ocean Conference [outcomes](#), and to foster and strengthen partnerships for ambitious ocean action. Side events must:

- Be linked to one of the six Conference Areas of Action.
- Be co-organized by a diversity of stakeholders, demonstrating collaboration.
- Reflect on progress or challenges in achieving previously-made commitments, as well as highlighting future actions that can be taken for our ocean
- If possible, link to the particular focus of the Our Ocean Conference 2020 on island circumstances, such as intergenerational linkages; land-ocean connectivities; and the role of the ocean in providing food and sustaining island cultures, traditions, and identities.
- If possible, address how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the Areas of Action that the side event will address, and what opportunities might be possible as part of a 'blue' recovery.

Proposals should be submitted via the form on the [Our Ocean Conference website](#) by 30 September 2020, and include a concept note that explains its goals and how it addresses the above criteria. Proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Secretariat, and decisions communicated by 30 October 2020. The Conference Secretariat will aim to achieve a balance of side events across the Conference Areas of Action.

Questions surrounding side events can be directed to the Conference Secretariat at [info@ourocean2020.pw](mailto:info@ourocean2020.pw).

### Logistical Information

- Side events will be hosted within the Our Ocean Village, and are less than 5 minutes' walk from the 'Waves of Action' plenary hall.
- Side events will be held during the following times (around 5 events will be possible in each time slot):
  - Monday, 7 December, from 7:30-8:30am and 12:15-1:15pm.
  - Tuesday, 8 December, from 7:30-8:30am, 12:45-1:45pm, and 4:30-5:30pm.
- Side event rooms are available free of charge, and will range in capacity from 30-100 attendees (subject to any social distancing requirements to be determined). Some rooms will be indoors, and others will be outdoors.

- Most rooms will have standard AV capabilities. Further logistical information will be made available closer to the time of the conference – please direct all queries to [info@ourocean2020.pw](mailto:info@ourocean2020.pw).
- No simultaneous interpretation services will be available, unless self-provided.
- Catering options will be available at a charge. Further information on catering options and packages will be provided in mid-October.
- Side events will be listed on the Conference website. Organizers are required to communicate to the Secretariat, no later than Thursday, 3 December, a final list of speakers and final concept note for the purposes of this listing.
- Logistical information on options for self-organized, unofficial side events held outside of the Our Ocean Village will be made available closer to the time of the Conference.

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