



Indian Ocean Regional Ocean Acidification workshop: Call for applications

The Nairobi Convention in collaboration with the IUCN-chaired Ocean Acidification international Reference User Group (OAI-RUG) and the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) are organizing the Indian Ocean Regional Ocean Acidification workshop that will be held in Zanzibar, Tanzania on 28th and 29th October, 2019. The workshop is organized with the financial support of the Prince Albert II Foundation, the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Nairobi Convention and WIOMSA through its MASMA Programme.

This workshop is building on the outcomes of the ‘WIOMSA Ocean Acidification workshop – developing regional capacity for ocean observations in support of SDG target 14.3’ held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in October 2017 and the Decision CP.9/9 (2) on Ocean Acidification of the Ninth Conference of Parties to the Nairobi Convention that took place in Mombasa, Kenya in August 2019. The main objectives of the workshop are to: take stock of current regional knowledge and actions on ocean acidification and develop a regional action plan for the WIO region that will guide how the region will respond to this challenge. The Plan will benefit from the recent regional action plan developed for Latin America and the Caribbean and the White Paper for the WIO region.

The workshop is expected to be attended by about 30 - 40 regional invitees comprising government representatives, end users, and resource managers, and informed by a small number of key ocean acidification scientists who could provide an overview of current global scientific knowledge on ocean acidification, and also comment on what is happening and being planned in the region.

How to apply

Applications to attend the workshop are invited from regional scientists, representatives from sectors likely to be affected by Ocean Acidification, leaders in environmental protection and management agencies, and representatives from national and regional NGOs.

If you would like to apply for this workshop, please submit your CV (2 pages maximum) and a short justification clearly indicating why you want to attend and how ocean acidification is relevant to your work/research (maximum 1 page). These should be sent at the latest on **31st August 2019** via email to WIOMSA (secretary@wiomsa.org) and Marlyn Omondi (marlyn.omondi@un.org) copied to Dan Laffoley (danlaffoley@btinternet.com) and James Oliver (james.oliver@iucn.org).

Please note: We recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible, as the selection process will start before the deadline, for logistical reasons.