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Blue economy towards sustainable development in the Islamic World and Arab Countries

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About the event

This event will explore blue economy challenges, and provide examples of innovative solutions underway via the Ocean Decade. It will explore the conditions of success and pathways to the future of countries economy.

Objectives

- Identify and discuss the challenges faced by the Blue Economy sector in the Islamic World and Arab Countries, focusing on barriers to sustainable development.
- Highlight ongoing innovative solutions within the Ocean Decade that are addressing challenges in the Blue Economy sector. Present examples of successful initiatives and projects.
- Explore future pathways for the economic development of countries through the Blue Economy sector. Discuss strategies and policies that can drive growth and sustainability.
- Emphasize the role of the Blue Economy sector as an engine for economic development in the Islamic World and Arab Countries. Analyze its potential contributions to national economies.

Expected Outcomes

- Deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the Blue Economy sector in the Islamic World and Arab Countries, leading to increased awareness of key issues.
- Provide valuable insights into the conditions necessary for the success of Blue Economy initiatives, informing policymakers and stakeholders on effective strategies for sustainable development.
- Clear vision of future pathways for economic development through the Blue Economy sector, enabling them to engage in strategic planning and decision-making.
- Call to action for stakeholders to prioritize sustainable practices, invest in innovation, and collaborate towards building a resilient and thriving Blue Economy in the Islamic World and Arab Countries.

Blue economy towards sustainable development in the Islamic World and Arab Countries

This event will mainly focus on how blue economy sector will engine to develop economies in the world. The sustainable blue economy facilitates the development but also looks for synergies in the maritime space, without damaging the environment. It also helps identifying real needs for investment in research, skills and innovation for climate change mitigation, more circular economy and preserving biodiversity. Presenting a number of successful best practices and stories in the development of skills and circulation of talents for a sustainable blue economy.

Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speaker(s)
5 min	Welcoming / Moderator	Dr. Suzan El-Gharabawy (NIOF)
15 min	Introduction to the Blue economy	Prof. Alex David Rogers, Deputy Director Strategic Science Programmes and Partnerships, The National Oceanography Centre (NOC)
15 min	The World Association of Marine Stations in Islamic and Arab countries and their role in capacity building.	Prof. Matt Frost, Head of the International Office at Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML)
15 min	Blue economy Projects in Arab and Islamic countries: Case Study Egypt.	Prof. Amr Hamouda, President of Marine Hazards Mitigation Center (MHMC)
10 min	Open discussion Wrap up and closing	Moderator: NIOF