

Trade and the Blue Economy: Caribbean Case Studies

3-Day Online Course

27 Feb – 1 March 2023

Course Description:

This 3-day virtual course will explore the origins of the Blue Economy, how it is regulated under international, regional and national governance frameworks, with a particular emphasis on how the trade context affects and is affected by the Blue Economy Agenda. Using case studies, it will also consider how the blue economy and its sustainable development has been and is best integrated into national and regional development plans, identifying best practice and ultimately exploring how best the Blue Economy can yield opportunities and benefits to small island development states, like those of CARICOM.

Content and Goals of the Course:

- Promote an understanding of the Blue Economy, scientific principles, its management, conservation, and protection;
- Facilitate understanding of the origins of the Blue Economy, including links to the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and recent developments at the global level on the Oceans Economy;
- Examine the relevant legal and governance frameworks regulating the Blue Economy;
- Facilitate the exploration of the linkages between the Blue Economy and trade negotiations and trade rules;
- Foster participants' appreciation of opportunities provided for developing countries to sustainably develop the Blue Economy;
- Using case studies from the Caribbean region, foster participants' appreciation of the commercial and business opportunities to sustainably develop the Blue Economy and share in its resources.

Mode of Delivery: Synchronous/Online; in-class questions and interactive discussions

Dates: 27 Feb – 1 March 2023

Time (daily): 8 am – 11 am (EST); 9 am – noon (AST); 1 pm – 4 pm (GMT); 2 pm – 5 pm (CET)

Target Audience: Policymakers, government employees, practitioners, project developers, technical staff, and academics in the Eastern Caribbean; but open to all countries

Certification: Certificate of attendance (min. 90% attendance)

Agenda

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Day	Time (AST)	Main Topic	Specific Area	Speaker
27 Feb	9:00 am – 9:05 am	Welcome		Organizers/Facilitators: Ms Sara Valero (UNDP); Dr Jan Yves Remy (SRC/UWI) and Dr Andrea Wilkson (Newcastle University)
	9:05 am – 10:40 am	Understanding the basics of the Blue Economy (definitions, measurement, scientific ecological, and other considerations especially as they relate to the Caribbean region)	Resource conservation and management as fundamental requirements for a Blue Economy Measuring environmental /biodiversity loss and impact on the Blue Economy: Considerations for small islands developing states	Professor Phil McGowan (Professor of Conservation, Science and Policy, NCL, University) Professor Rashid Sumaila (University Killam Professor, University of British Columbia, Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, Fisheries Economics Research Unit, OceanCanada Partnership)
	10:50 am - noon	Intersection of the Blue Economy with the Oceans/SIDS/SDG Agendas	The Blue Economy and the Global Agenda: How the Blue Economy intersects with concerns of small island developing states including recent developments (Rio + 20, SDG 14 and the	Yuvan Beejadhur (Senior Advisor, WTO Director-General)

			United Nations Oceans Conference)	
28 Feb	9 am – 10: 25 am	Regulation of the Blue Economy (including relevant governance and legal regimes)	Regional and international regimes and frameworks that govern the Blue Economy	Karen McDonald Gayle (CEO, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund) Prof Judith Gobin (UWI)
	10:30 am - noon	The Blue Economy and its intersection with the WTO/select trade sectors and negotiations	Blue economy: current and emerging issues and their contribution to advancing economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. Trade and the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement Trade and Maritime Transport	Claudia Contreras/ David Vivas Eugui (Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD) Sainabou Taal (Head, Fisheries Subsidies, WTO) Dr. Jan Hoffmann, (Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD)
1 Mar	9 am – 9:45 am	Focus on case studies in the Caribbean	Case studies from the OECS	Lench Fevrier (OECS)
	9:45 am - 10:20 am	People-centred perspectives on the Blue Economy	Caribbean perspectives on Blue Economy governance, justice and gender.	Patrick McConney (CERMES)

	10:30 am - 11:30 am	The Blue Economy and the potential for its commercial development	Business case development, partnership structuring, and innovative financing for blue growth projects in the Caribbean.	Keith Flett (Managing Director, One Skip Fisheries Development, Grenada Tuna Fisheries Methodology & Case Study)
	11:35 - noon	Wrap-Up/Conclusions		Facilitators: Dr Jan Yves Remy (SRC/UWI) and Dr Andrea Wilkson (Newcastle University)

Recommended Readings:

For session on People-centred perspectives on the Blue Economy:

- Gustavsson, M., Frangoudes, K., Lindstroëm, L., Alvarez Burgos, M. C., & de la Torre-Castro, M. (2021). Gender and Blue Justice in small-scale fisheries governance. *Marine Policy*, 133, 104743. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2021.104743>
- McConney, P. and Compton S. (2020). National ocean governance as a foundation for blue economic development. *The Caribbean Blue Economy*. Pp 92-103 in P. Clegg, R. Mahon, P. McConney and H.A. Oxenford. (Eds.) *The Caribbean Blue Economy*. Routledge: Oxford, UK. (see attached)

For session on Blue economy: current and emerging issues and their contribution to advancing economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability.

- <https://unctad.org/system/files/non-official-document/ditc-ted-06042022-Oceans4-BackgroundNote-v3.pdf>
- <https://unctad.org/publication/material-substitutes-address-marine-plastic-pollution-and-support-circular-economy>