Capacity building: impacts and prospects for the Blue Economy

Solutions for a prosperous post-COVID-19 Blue Economy

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Impacts and challenges
“While some like to dismiss us as small island nations, we are in fact large ocean nations.”

Ambassador Doreen Debrum
Marshall Islands
Capacity building goals

- Supporting the sustainable and integrated management of marine and coastal resources
- Strengthening cooperation among SIDS – “From islands in a far sea to a sea of islands” – Epeli Hau’ofa
- Fighting the ‘disinfodemic’ – supporting informed decision-making
- Supporting strategies aimed at tackling climate change - 80% of litter in the oceans is man-made debris
- Improving access to education at a local level
- Ensuring inclusion of LDCs and SIDS and acknowledge them as essential actors of the global market
- Supporting global efforts aimed at achieving the SDGs
- Supporting partnerships between the public and the private sector
Capacity building solutions

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<th>Providing access to online education and use alternative means to reach out to the communities living in remote areas with weak connectivity (i.e. radio).</th>
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<td>Providing both online and face-to-face training aimed at empowering informed decision-making of leaders of LDCs and SIDS.</td>
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<td>Providing access to trusted and accurate information through online initiatives (i.e. VERIFIED; ready-to-use e-learning apps).</td>
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<td>Raising awareness on climate change through digital means such as social media.</td>
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<td>Improving &quot;ocean literacy&quot; through dedicated online courses, workshops, and webinars.</td>
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<td>Hosting conferences and granting access to LDCs and SIDS, making their voice heard on an international level.</td>
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<td>Connecting the public and the private sectors globally to establish sustainable economic partnerships.</td>
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Conclusion

“In one drop of water are found all the secrets of all the oceans; in one aspect of You are found all the aspects of existence.”

Gibran Kahlil Gibran
Thank you