

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



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).



Providing both online and face-to-face training aimed at empowering informed decision-making of leaders of LDCs and SIDS.



Providing access to trusted and accurate information through online initiatives (i.e. *VERIFIED*; ready-to-use e-learning apps).



Raising awareness on climate change through digital means such as social media.



Improving "ocean literacy" through dedicated online courses, workshops, and webinars.



Hosting conferences and granting access to LDCs and SIDS, making their voice heard on an international level.



Connecting the public and the private sectors globally to establish sustainable economic partnerships.

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

