



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

Educating Ocean and Maritime Leaders: A Legacy of Excellence and Future Plans at the World Maritime University

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

The World Maritime University (WMU) was founded in 1983 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, as its premier centre of excellence for maritime postgraduate education, research, and capacity building. With 5,634 alumni from 171 countries and territories, WMU has fostered a global network of leaders in the maritime and ocean sectors. Driven by the need to enhance global capacity, particularly from less developed regions, to contribute to the implementation of SDG 14, this Side Event showcased the education and research programmes undertaken by WMU to deliver the next generation of maritime and ocean leaders.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Land to ocean connectivity
- SIDS's perspectives on the consent regime for marine scientific research under the UNCLOS
- Negotiating the BBNJ agreement – exploring the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM) engagement from a blue economy perspective
- Overcoming regulatory barriers for service robotics in an ocean industry context
- Advancing marine research on Sargassum and Marine Debris and capacity for Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) in Caribbean SIDS
- Marine debris solutions via transformative partnerships

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Explore the different procedures to undertake research for scientific purposes and for commercialization in SIDS's waters
- Create a formal and functional regional mechanism to coordinate and execute ocean related development for CARICOM member States
- Enhance data collection and research to support evidence-based implementation of MSP in the national and transboundary contexts in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Advance regional collaboration and partnerships to address challenges by marine debris in the Eastern Caribbean States

Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)

The organiser and supporting partners will make voluntary commitments to the theme of education and capacity development aligned with their respective initiatives and programmes implemented in the context of their own mandates.