



WIOGEN

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Expression of Interest and
“Save the Date” for the Kick Off Conference - 7 and 8
November 2019

WIOGEN is a scientific networking platform that aims to contribute to science to policy framework in the Western Indian Ocean region. WIOGEN will be a fully transdisciplinary coalition of researchers and policy makers working in academia, civil society and government in the region. It aims to complement other regional marine science networks by focusing specifically on ocean governance and by bridging the social and natural marine sciences.

WIOGEN puts a focus on capacity building – particularly of early career scientists, governance researchers, policy makers, tertiary educators and development practitioners. The network will be inclusive and dynamic – driven by the needs identified by the members. It will be structured around three broad ocean governance themes:

1. Nutritional security, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and livelihoods;
2. Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management;
3. Biodiversity conservation, pollution and habitat loss.

There are a number of activities planned for the network over the next 2 years which will be designed by network members tending to their needs and the needs of the region. The activities aim to foster collaborative efforts and encourage intra-regional and inter-regional (East Africa – Europe) exchanges. Activities planned for the network include:

- Joint publishing and production of science advice for policy makers;
- Knowledge exchanges – opportunities to visit partner institutions with the aim of preparing a publication out of the visit;
- Three training schools ;
- Virtual learning platforms;
- Showcasing of early career scientists;
- Encouraging development of female marine scientists.

It starts with a Kick-Off Conference to be held on the 7th and 8th November 2019. This conference will be an opportunity to identify the priority objectives for the network and how to most effectively undertake the project activities to maximise the opportunities for science to policy work in the region.

Please complete the accompanying short survey to indicate your interest in being part of WIOGEN. This is a non-obligatory expression of your interest in the network and an indication of whether you would like to receive more information about the opportunities arising from WIOGEN, including attendance at the Kick-Off Conference. WIOGEN is part of MeerWissen – an initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supports African-German cooperation in marine sciences. It is being implemented by IOI-African Region and ZMT Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research.

Join & build WIOGEN with us!

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