

WIOMSA 2017 Special Sessions

The Western Indian Ocean Early Career Scientist Network: Achieving Regional representation for international Collaboration

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Short Description.

The workshop is intending to introduce the Western Indian Ocean Early Career Scientist Network (WIO-ECSN) which is an initiative to promote scientific research through fostering strong regional ties among early career scientists and representing their collective scientific interests at regional and international levels. The network comprises the early career scientist scholars coming from different scientific disciplines such as marine biology, ecology, fisheries biology, physical oceanography, marine spatial planning, governance and socio-economic development.

Workshop objective.

The main objective of the workshop is to introduce the establishment of the Western Indian Ocean Early Career Scientist Network (WIO-ECSN) to the early career scientists and other participants coming from different disciplinary fields who came to attend the 10th WIOMSA Symposium. The workshop will discuss research priorities from early career scientists to the scientific leadership of the Western Indian Ocean region, as well as providing explanations for facilitating interdisciplinary and regional research collaborations. Also the early career researchers will be provided with a platform to present and demonstrate their work during the workshop

Workshop outcomes.

The expected outcomes from the workshop are:

- Create a scientific discussion for the establishment of the Western Indian Ocean Early Career Scientist Network (WIO-ECSN).
- Promote the participation of early career researchers in the upcoming International Indian Ocean Expeditions-2 (IIOE-2) 2017-2020 which will collectively contribute to a better understanding of oceanic processes in the WIO such as the West Indian Ocean Upwelling Initiative (WIOURI) theme.
- Future collaboration between the WIO-ECSN and WIOMSA in their projects.
- promote research collaborations between early career scientists from WIO region and researchers from different nationalities who are interested to work with the network
- Grow in number of early career scientists who will join the network by the end of the workshop

Targeted audience

The workshop is open to all participants but basically targeted to the early career researchers and scientists from different disciplines such as marine biology, ecology, fisheries biology, physical oceanography, marine spatial planning, governance and socio-economic development. The workshop also expect to have participants who are graduate, post-graduate and scientists from research and academic institutes as well as from NGOs.

Workshop schedule.

Time	Activity	Participant
11:00	Introduction to the workshop and participants.	Chairman
11:15	Introduction of the WIO-ECSN	Chairman
11:30	Presentation of research priorities of the WIO-ECSN.	(To be announced)
11:45	Demonstration of the early career scientist research works.	WIO-ECSN representatives
12:00	Presentation of the WIO-ECSN future researches collaboration.	WIO-ECSN representatives
12:15	Discussion on capacity building and support mobilization.	WIO-ECSN participants
12:45	Summary of the outcome.	Chairman
13:00	Workshop close.	Chairman

The Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee is composed of young researchers and Ph.D students from different disciplinary backgrounds such as marine biology, ecology, fisheries biology, physical oceanography, marine spatial planning, governance and socio-economic development.

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