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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## WIOGEN Ocean Governance Conference

### 27 – 29 October, 2021

The Western Indian Ocean Governance Exchange Network (WIOGEN) will be holding an online Ocean Governance Conference October 27 – 29, 2021.

[www.wiogen.org](http://www.wiogen.org)

**This is a call for abstracts for three types of submissions for the Conference: (A) scientific publications to be considered for a Special Edition of the WIO Journal of Marine Sciences, (B) conference contributions, or (C) stakeholder publications.**

The conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and policy makers to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Ocean Governance in the Western Indian Ocean. It will provide an interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in ocean governance under eight broad themes.

We will update you about the conference on the WIOGEN website: [www.wiogen.org/wiogen-activities/ocean-governance-virtual-conference](http://www.wiogen.org/wiogen-activities/ocean-governance-virtual-conference)

### Themes

The 8 themes that all fall under the umbrella theme **Ocean Governance**:

1. Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
2. Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Management
3. Biodiversity conservation, Pollution and Habitat loss
4. Oceans Accounting
5. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and Ocean Governance
6. Co-Design, transdisciplinary research, stakeholder engagement
7. Deep Sea Research
8. Legal and institutional analysis of marine governance

### Abstract Submission

WIOGEN works on enhancing the science to policy interface and this is why we encourage (A) scientific papers to be considered for publication in the WIOJMS, (B) conference contributions, and (C) stakeholder publications such as policy briefs, reviews, opinion pieces or story-driven narratives. Abstracts will be evaluated on their relevance to ocean governance, in particular, regional ocean governance. Please submit your **abstracts by June 1<sup>st</sup> to [info@wiogen.org](mailto:info@wiogen.org)**





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## (A) Abstracts for WIOJMS Special Edition on Ocean Governance and Conference

WIOGEN has teamed up with WIOMSA to develop a special edition of the WIO Journal of Marine Science based on conference submissions. All submitted papers will have the opportunity to be considered for this Special Journal Issue. The paper selection will be carried out during the peer review process as well as at the conference presentation stage. Submitted papers must not be under consideration by any other journal or publication. The final decision for paper selection will be made based on peer review reports by the Guest Editors and the Editor-in-Chief jointly. [Abstract Submission Guidelines can be found here.](#)

**Format:** An extended abstract is a longer version of abstract. Extended abstracts should be between three and five pages. The following sections may be included in the extended abstract:

- 1. Title**
- 2. Author and institution**
- 3. Introduction**

The introduction section should (1) present the scope and objective of the paper and state the problem, (2) briefly review the relevant literature, (3) describe the methods, and (4) provide an overview of the main results of the work. The author also should seek to answer the question “Why the research matters. Is this research making a contribution to ocean governance theory and/or practice?”

#### **4. Methodology**

The methodology must be clearly stated and described in sufficient detail and with sufficient references. The author should concisely summarize the research framework, and the research methods applied or will be applied in the study. The abstract should include the identification of valid data sources used in the research.

#### **5. Findings**

The author shall summarize and briefly discuss any findings in this section if study is completed. If study in progress, what would the findings look like. If study is complete, the author can use a combination of tables, figures, and text to provide the summary. If not describe the way findings will be presented. The number of tables and figures are limited to no more than two each for the entire extended abstract.

#### **6. Conclusion**

Conclusions should include (1) the principles and generalizations inferred from the results, (2) any exceptions, problems or limitations of the work, and (3) theoretical and/or practical implications of the work. All conclusions offered should be supported by the information provided in the “Findings” section

#### **7. References** (Not counted in the word limit of the extended abstract)

This is any relevant information cited with the body of the extended abstract.

**When submitting, please indicate the theme (see above) under which you want to present your work.**



## (B) Abstracts for Conference Contributions

For oral presentations we invite you to submit abstracts on the topics mentioned above. Abstracts should be no more than one page and concisely describe the topic discussed, the methodology you applied, your main research findings and the most important discussion points. Please include at least the following sections: **Title, Author(s) and institution(s), and the theme (see above) under which you want to present your work.**

## (C) Abstracts for Stakeholder (Non-Academic) Publications

WIOGEN supports knowledge exchange with stakeholders from outside academia. Abstracts for stakeholder publications (Policy Briefs, reviews, manuals, training content, fact sheets, etc.) are highly encouraged. Publications directed to decision-makers are prioritized. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present at the conference. There are limited funds available to support the layout, translation and printing of stakeholder publications. There is room for creativity here.

**Format:** Abstracts should be between 1000 and 2000 words. Please include at least the following sections **Title, Author(s) and institution(s), Publication Type and Target Group, Summary, References.** When submitting, please indicate the theme (see above) under which you want to present your work.

