

## COURSE CONTENT

The course curriculum is divided into **four** main modules giving altogether a broad approach to the theme of the course.

**Module 1 - Global Ocean Governance Framework** sets out the objectives of ocean governance and the linkages to socio-economic issues, integrated and ecosystem ocean management and resources exploitation. The focus is on understanding the effective governance frameworks to put maritime policy into practice, and on the MDGs with a regional perspective to the benefit of sustained development, eradication of poverty, enhancement of partnerships and promotion of the concept of the Common Heritage of Mankind.

**Module 2 - Managing our relations with the oceans** covers the traditional policy, legal and institutional tools, focusing on the science management interface, and bringing to light new perspectives, practices, methodologies and the use of technology for the effective and sound operationalisation of ocean governance. This module covers methods on national marine coastal zone policies development, the use of marine data for informed decisions and products and services, spatial planning for a growing maritime economy, integrated coastal zone management, the role of coastal communities, vulnerability assessment, environmental risk evaluation and mitigation of marine-related natural hazards.

**Module 3 - Conflict Management, Consensus Building** addresses those conflicting interests that can be a barrier to effective ocean governance and management. This module covers the mechanisms available for conflict prevention, conflict management through peaceful resolution and consensus-building techniques. It introduces participants to foresight study methods and tools for future-oriented assessments and planning.

**Module 4 - Regional Ocean Governance Frameworks for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas** targets the governance frameworks for these regional seas on the basis of current realities, future needs and an in-depth study of their geophysical, socio-economic and political contexts. The module includes inter-comparisons between the regions, and the reality of the European Union, targeting their ideal governance frameworks within the perspective of a broad and coherent EU maritime policy shared by the regions.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

The training programme is specifically designed to benefit policy-makers, civil servants, mid-career professionals, educators, researchers and civil society members having coastal/marine related responsibilities, functions or interests. While the course is open to participants from all Europe and the regional seas, preference will be given to candidates from developing countries of the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe. Applicants from developed countries or countries outside the region can be considered only if they have full funding or are registered at the University of Malta as graduate students.

Participants should preferably be between 20 and 40 years of age, and possess an undergraduate degree in a field relevant to marine affairs and science. The course will require a full time commitment by participants on the basis of six hours of classwork daily over a five-day week. The course programme involves lecturing and classroom sessions, as well as hands-on sessions and extra-classroom activities during some evenings and weekends. Many of the exercises and presentations involve group work, and each participant is expected to provide input in shared activities.

The course will be conducted in English. Participants must be able to understand and speak English fluently..

All applicants must seek funding for the training programme, and as part of the application process candidates should submit proof of their attempts to find at least partial support. A limited number of scholarships for the course are available covering airfare, board and lodging for the course, teaching material, tuition, a small allowance to cover miscellaneous expenses and field trip expenses. It does not include a salary, and participants are expected to continue receiving a salary from their employer during the course.

Successful applicants must be willing to complete some specified reading and preparatory work prior to the course.

The relevant application form must be downloaded from the course website (<http://capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2007>) and completed in full, with the endorsement of the appropriate Government ministry, agency or department, university or equivalent educational institution, or by a national or regional organisation.

## COURSE DATE AND VENUE

The course will be held at the University of Malta and shall extend over a period of 5 weeks from the 12th November to 14th December 2007. Applicants are expected to take personal responsibility in acquiring entry and transit visas in connection with the training course; guidance will be provided by the course secretariat. Visa information and requirements for Malta can be obtained from <http://www2.mfa.gov.mt/pages/main.asp?sec=83>. Participants are responsible for making Visa Entry arrangements for Malta in good time.

## ACCREDITATION

Completion of the full course and fulfilment of the course work to the required standards will lead to a Certificate in Ocean Governance accredited by the University of Malta.

## REGIONAL SEAS CONCERNED

The Mediterranean, Black and Baltic and Caspian Seas have differences, but also important similarities. A major similarity is that they are geographically enclosed or semi-enclosed and potentially subject to national maritime zones in their entirety. These seas have fragile ecosystems and biodiversity that are put under individual and cumulative pressure by their coastal states. As a result the activities and maritime policies of one state are bound to affect the quality of the marine environment and use enjoyed by neighbouring states. In this relationship, the EU maritime policy and the coherence of policies of neighbouring states with it, are investigated in depth as basis for regional cooperation. Regional cooperation is imperative and in the interests of all states. These seas have different levels of experience in regional environmental cooperation and maritime use and the diversity of experience provides an opportunity for comparative learning.





## COURSE PRESENTATION

The international course on the 'Ocean Governance for Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries' builds upon the 30 years experience of the International Ocean Institute in conducting training and capacity building programmes in ocean governance.

The theme of the course draws upon the conduct of maritime affairs in line with the Lisbon Strategy, targeting the Millennium Development Goals and building upon a holistic and integrated maritime policy following the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It focuses on the linkages between the natural, social and economic sciences to the development of sustainable ocean governance, and on the research-management interface that can render governance operable. The Course stresses the inter-linkages of multi-disciplinary inputs, and on the support of technology to enable the effective achievement of ocean management and sustainable development.

The emphasis of the course will be on the implications of the EU maritime policy for the European regional seas and the practical implementation that takes into account the particularities of seas as different and sensitive as the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas. It aims to build stronger coherence between the EU and its acceding countries and their neighbours in their engagement in the governance of the regional seas, promoting inter-regional comparisons, shared experiences and exchange of best practice scenarios, and fostering interaction between participants from European, Eastern European, North African and Middle East countries bordering the Mediterranean.

In the course the practice of ocean governance is expressed within the perspective of an evolving and changing global environments, and advances in science and technology. The course draws upon the bridging of ocean science and engineering to adaptive management and policy, including the use and support of real-time routine observations and nowcasting/forecasting methods toward improved rapid assessments, and sound decision-making. In this sense, the IOI course is a reference point for the governability of the oceans, and a resource for innovative teaching appealing to a wide range of participants and practitioners in marine-related science, management and policy undertakings.

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regional ocean policies  
sustainable development  
mitigation of marine hazards  
common heritage of mankind  
environmental risk management  
operationalisation of ocean governance

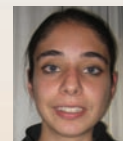
## THE VOICE OF THE ALUMNI



(Vahdet Unal, Turkey)

"The subject of the oceans requires an approach that draws upon a broad consensus and cooperation. The Course has opened my mind to the need to involve different communities and stakeholders to understand common problems related to the sea and to address issues in a holistic manner."

(Debora Bellafiore, Italy)



(Andra Oros, Romania)

"The multidisciplinary approach of the Course has helped me to achieve a broader perspective on the different aspects involved in the understanding and protection of the seas and oceans, and to fully realize the importance of preserving the health of marine ecosystems for the benefit of humanity."

"After participating in the course in Malta, I felt a big gap between what I used to do in my job and what I am trying to do now. The knowledge I gained affected me a lot in my professional career and they also changed my vision towards coastal management."

(Tiili Iskander, Tunisia)



## COURSE MANAGEMENT

- **Awni Behnam** *Course Director* (PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE)
- **Aldo Drago** *Course Manager* (DIRECTOR, IOI-MALTA OPERATIONAL CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA)
- **Antonella Vassallo** *Course Coordinator* (INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE, HEADQUARTERS)

Application forms can be obtained directly from the:

**IOI-Malta Operational Centre**  
**University of Malta**  
**c/o 43/1, Valley Road, Birkirkara BKR 10, Malta**  
**Tel/Fax: +356 2144 0972**  
**Email: ioimaltacourse@capemalta.net**

or from the **course website**: <http://www.capemalta.net/ioimoc/course2007> where provisional registration can be made.

Completed application forms in original must be sent to the attention of the Course Coordinator, Ms Antonella Vassallo at the above address by not later than 15th September 2007.

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