Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional Day – V.ECOP Day

Organized by the German Marine Research Consortium and the ECOP Program as an officially endorsed UN Ocean Decade Activity

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Call for Program Contributors

The Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional Day (V.ECOP Day) will take place on 1 June 2021 as a 24h livestream event following the sun around the world. It aims to engage ECOPs from all around the world and from a variety of professional disciplines to showcase their ocean related work, activities and contributions to the UN Ocean Decade.

The UN Ocean Decade is a once in a generation opportunity and the first global campaign to catalyze transformative ocean science solutions for sustainable development. The 1st International Conference to the UN Ocean Decade for Sustainable Development on 1 June 2021 will kick start a Decade full of new innovations, opportunities and partnerships. The V.ECOP Day will be directly linked to the kick-off conference to be held on 1 June.

In order to engage ECOPs from all around the world, the V.ECOP Day will be a 24h livestream event, broadly divided into 6 time slots of 4 hours each:

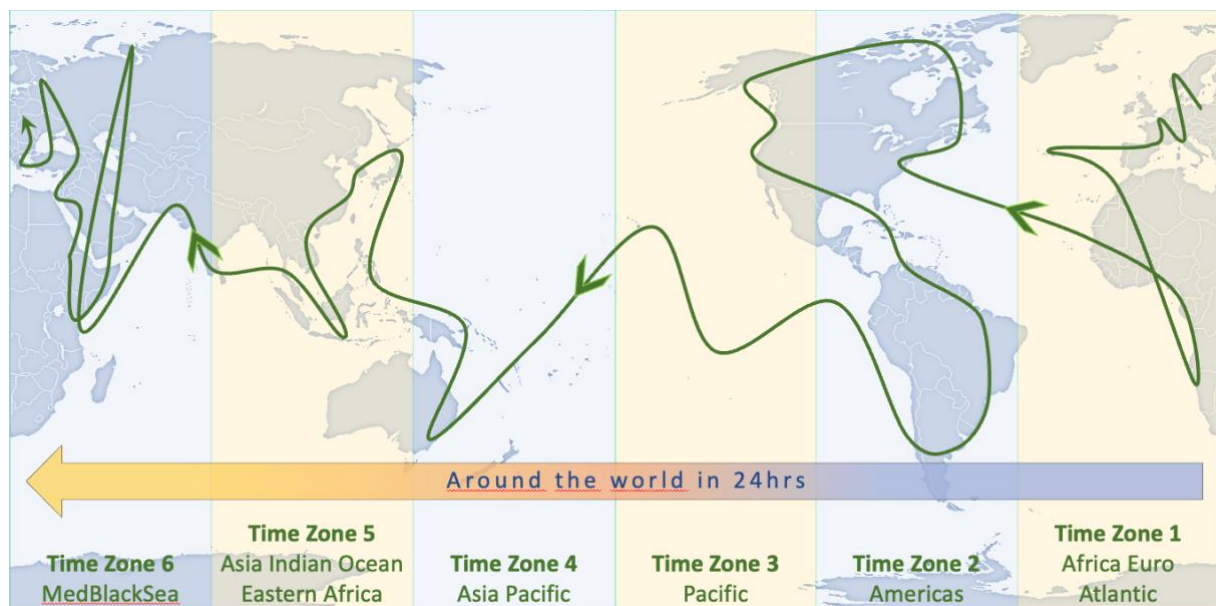Time slot 1 Africa, Europe, Atlantic Area, (UTC +1:00 to UTC -2:00)
Time slot 2 Atlantic, Americas (UTC -2:00 to UTC -6:00)
Time slot 3 Americas, Pacific (UTC -7:00 to UTC -10:00)
Time slot 4 Pacific, Australia, Asia (UTC -11:00 to UTC +10:00)
Time slot 5 Central Asia, Indian Ocean (UTC +9:00 to UTC +6:00)
Time slot 6 Middle East, East Africa, Europe (UTC +5:00 to UTC +2:00)

Chronological structure of the V.ECOP Day (Credit: KDM) – for illustrative purposes only!

Organized by ECOPs for ECOPs, the V.ECOP Day Organization Team invites ECOPs to shape the V.ECOP Day by becoming:

a) a Livestream Moderator of one time slot (Application slot closed!)
b) a Program Contributor

The V.ECOP Day Organizing Team are the German Marine Research Consortium (KDM) and members of the ECOP Program.

For latest news and updates follow us at @V_ECOPs (Twitter) and @v_ecops (Instagram).

How to become a Program Contributor?

Deadline 23 April 2021
Apply [here](#)!

The V.ECOP Day is an event organized by ECOPs for ECOPs. We therefore invite ECOPs (as individuals, groups, as employees of NGOs, companies, etc.) to submit proposals that will be considered for the V.ECOP Day Program. Your ideas should showcase your work, activities and contributions to the UN Ocean Decade through entertaining, informative, creative and enjoyable formats. The contributions by ECOPs to the program should be short, but may be up to max. 60 min long in exceptional cases (e.g. for training sessions or larger group discussions). This is an opportunity to present your ideas to promote a sustainable ocean with thousands of people around the world and initiate an exchange of views and ideas.

Examples of formats we are looking for:
- Short inspirational and informative talks,
- TV show style interviews (e.g. to share an activity or success story related to the ocean),
- Live contributions from the ocean,
- Live experiments or a training relevant to Decade,
- Larger group discussions
- Captivating project pitches,
- Inspiring Q&A between ECOP(s) and senior ocean professional(s),
- Presentation of art or fashion: songs, paintings, poems, slam, fashion show, or other formats (i.e. related to an ocean literacy campaign),
- Recording of a science podcast during V.ECOP Day,
- Sports (Yoga Session or Workout close to the Ocean, etc.)

These are just examples of formats and any other creative ideas and formats are welcome. We consider live as well as prerecorded contributions. In any case, you need to secure your live-participation during the time slot.

Important!
The primary selection criterion is that the contribution must be directly relevant and useful to the implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The organizers reserve the right to decide on each contribution.

How to apply

- Any ECOP – that is, with ≤ 10 years of professional experience – working in any field related to the ocean can apply.
- You can apply as an individual or as a group.
- Align your contribution to at least one UN Ocean Decade challenge (see www.oceandecade.org and the outcomes of the Regional Planning Workshops[1]).
- Please note that your contribution is not limited to include only ECOPs. Civil society and senior professionals from all fields related to the ocean are more than welcome in your contributions.
- Complete the **Application Form "Program Contributor"** under this [link](#).
- Read the Data Protection Notice and Consent Form at the end of this document and agree to it in the Application Form.
- Application Deadline is **23 April 2021**.

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[1] Official documents from the IOC-UNESCO's preparatory phase for the Ocean Decade can be found [here](#).

Tasks and Responsibilities of a Program Contributor

<u>Before</u> the V.ECOP Day:
- Design, plan and submit your contribution through the application form.
- If successful, be in close contact with the Livestream Moderators of the respective time slot and the Program Coordinator who will, together with all Program Contributors of the respective time slot, ensure a creative narrative related to the priorities, objectives, and challenges of the UN Ocean Decade (see www.oceandecade.org and the outcomes of the Regional Planning Workshops[2]).
- Be responsible for the preparation and take all necessary steps to ensure a successful execution of the contribution. This includes e.g. ensuring stable and reliable internet connection during your contribution at the V.ECOP Day (if no stable internet connection can be secured a prerecorded video can be submitted).
- Regularly exchange with the Livestream Moderators and other contributors of the time slot on the planning process.
- Participate in a test run to ensure a smooth functioning of their contribution.

<u>During</u> the Program Contribution:
- Be online and in touch with the Program Coordinator at least 20 min prior to the live contribution.
- Conduct your contribution as planned.
- React to questions and comments from the audience and possibly build up new partnerships and improvements of your work.

Please note:
The Program Coordinator and Livestream Moderators will work closely with each Program Contributor in order to ensure high-quality content. However, we cannot cover any costs related to the content. We understand that this might pose a challenge, but our aim is to mobilize the most interesting and diverse content from around the world, based on work that is already being done or planned.

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General Information

Selection Process

- For Livestream Moderators: All applications will be shared with the V.ECOP Day Organization Team consisting of KDM, the Program Coordinator and members of the ECOP Program. The Organization Team will decide on the **Livestream Moderator**s for the V.ECOP Day by **March 2021**.
- For Program Contributors: All applications will be shared with the V.ECOP Day Organization Team as well as the selected Livestream Moderators. The Program Coordinator and the Livestream Moderators will review and select the **Program Contributors**. Successful applicants will be informed by **April 2021**.

Approximate Timeline

Mid-February 2021: Launch Call for Moderators and Program Contributors
3 March 2021: Application deadline for Livestream Moderator(s)
Mid-March 2021: Selection of Livestream Moderator(s)
23 April 2021: Application deadline for Program Contributor(s)
End of April 2021: Selection of Program Contributors and publication of final program
April/May 2021: Moderator skill training session
May 2021: Test Meetings and preparation for time slots with Livestream Moderators, Contributors and Program Coordinator.
1 June 2021: Start of V.ECOP Day

Contact

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Social Media and Website

Our website is currently being developed and should be online by late February/early March. In the meantime, please check our social media sites under @V_ECOPs (Twitter) and @v_ecops (Instagram).

Data Protection Notice and Consent Form

Please read and agree to in the Application Form

In accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, and on the free movement of such data (Regulation), the German Marine Research Consortium (KDM), collects your personal information only to the extent necessary to fulfil a precise purpose related to our tasks.

1. Why do we collect your personal data?
The **collection of the applicants' personal data** is mandatory in the Virtual Early Career Ocean Professional Day (V.ECOP Day) – Livestream Moderator and the V.ECOP Day Program Contributor application form. The purpose of this processing operation is to collect information about the applicant for the purposes of the selection process and for the list of selected Livestream Moderators and Program Contributors contacts.

2. Who is responsible for this process?
The German Marine Research Consortium (KDM) is responsible for the initiative and is represented in this case by the V.ECOP Day Coordinator Leonie Buschbeck, buschbeck@deutsche-meeresforschung.de.

3. Which personal data are collected?
The personal data collected through the application form include the following fields:
First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Nationality, Place of Residence, Gender, languages in which the applicant is comfortable to speak and write, professional background, agreement to be matched with another individual applicant if applicant applies individually, time slot that applicant(s) would like to moderate or contribute to, other information regarding the moderation and the program contribution of a time slot, the applicant(s) motivation, agreement to commit to the task and responsibilities of being a Livestream Moderator and a Program Contributor, agreement to confirm that alle submitted information is correct, agreement to be recorded and to the use of video and sound material for a summary video and for promotional purposes.

Other personal data may be collected in the future for the selected candidates:
Bank details and IBAN (for the purpose of payment of expenses), other relevant information in the scope of V.ECOP Day, including photographs or videos. Participants that do not wish to be part of the above recording/publishing activities are given the possibility to opt-out.
If you do not agree with the publication of your personal data and/or presentation, please contact the V.ECOP Day Coordinator using the following email address: buschbeck@deutsche-meeresforschung.de.

4. Who will have access to your personal data?
The data and information gathered through this Application form is accessible to authorised staff of the selecting partner that will conduct the selection process of all candidates.
The personal data of the selected Livestream Moderator and Program Contributors will be kept by the organizing partners of the V.ECOP Day. It may be shared with the ECOP Program and cooperating partners solely for the purpose of sharing information about Ocean Decade activities. The processing of your data will not include automated decision-making (such as profiling).

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The V.ECOP Day coordinator and other entities that have accessed your personal data, only keep the data for as long as follow-up actions produced by the V.ECOP Day activities are necessary, considering i.e. the production of a summary video. When that period is over, we will either delete your data or ask your permission to keep it in our database for future roles.

6. What are your rights?

You have the right to access your personal data and to request your personal data to be rectified, if the data is inaccurate or incomplete; where applicable, you have the right to request restriction or to object to processing, to request a copy or erasure of your personal data held by all the entities that have dealt with the data. If you are a candidate, you should address the selecting entity. If you are a selected Livestream Moderator or Program Contributor you should address the V.ECOP Day Coordinator Leonie Buschbeck (buschbeck@deutsche-meeresforschung.de), that will convey your request to the other entities that have access to your data. If processing is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing based on your consent before its withdrawal. You may also exercise your rights of data portability. For more information consult the following articles of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): the right of Access: Article 15; the right of rectification: Article 16; the right to erasure Article 17; the right to restriction: Article 18; the right to data portability: Article 20; the right for objection: Article 21. You may exercise your rights by sending an e-mail to: buschbeck@deutsche-meeresforschung.de.

7. Contact Information

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