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MISSION

The mission of the International Ocean Institute is to promote education, training and research to enhance the peaceful uses of ocean space and its resources, their management and regulation as well as the protection and conservation of the marine environment, guided by the principle of the Common Heritage of Mankind.

GOALS

The goals of the IOI are to:

1. Enhance the ability of developing countries to develop and manage their own resources sustainably for their own benefit, to establish self-reliant development, and help with education and eradication of poverty from community to national level;
2. Enhance abilities for self-reliant development at community level, taking into account the diversity in developing as well as developed countries, including control and protection of natural resources for future generations; the eradication of poverty in coastal areas; and mitigation of and adaptation to natural hazards;
3. Enhance participation of people, in particular women, in development projects which take into account environmental issues;
4. Establish sustainable mechanisms able to tackle inter-related social, environmental and economical issues in an integrated fashion.

APPROACH

1. Strengthening of institutions through capacity building, sharing and dissemination of information, and generating incentives and contact between local and national authorities;
2. Establishing partnerships and networks with the IOI Operational Centres, other NGOs, donors and between authorities and communities;
3. Increasing awareness and understanding of the sensitivity and the importance of the Coastal Zone and the Marine environment for sustainable development, through demonstrations, training, provision of educational material and information to local NGOs, schools and authorities;
4. Encouraging self-reliant development of sustainable livelihoods by means of aquaculture, farming, value added processing of resources, protection of water resources and application of traditional and new technology;
5. Emphasising decentralised decision making to local authorities and communities, and implementation of agreements, regulations, and development projects with the involvement of the private sector, and
6. Increasing the abilities at local and national level to transfer and apply scientific (social and natural sciences) knowledge and information, from generators to users, through hands-on training, case studies, and demonstration sites; and providing incentives through linkages to other sites, and to international agreements and commitments.

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

The IOI's activities include training projects, information dissemination, conferences, research and publications.

- ❑ **Training** of hundreds of decision-makers and professionals, mainly from Developing Countries, through short and long duration interdisciplinary courses in ocean and coastal management;
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- ❑ **Organisation** of the annual *PACEM IN MARIBUS* (Peace in the Oceans) Conference and other Seminars and Workshops;
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- ❑ **Publication** of the *Ocean Yearbook* in collaboration with the Dalhousie University, Canada; *Across the Oceans*, the IOI's Newsletter, as well as

directories of experts, funding opportunities, and potential clients for IOI services. Regional operational centres also publish their own newsletters, research papers and reports.

- **Services** include advice, consultancy, information regarding ocean and coastal environments.

IOI OPERATIONAL CENTRES

The IOI's scope and presence is truly international with ten Operational Centres around the globe and with several new Centres or affiliates in the development stage. The current centres and their host institutions are:

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LOOKING AHEAD

The IOI network provides a flexible mechanism with a global coverage through several centres. It has a governing and coordinating structure that generates synergism and strategic planning of the network of semiautonomous nodes. This cohesive and comprehensive mechanism is capable of cooperating equally well with inter-governmental systems and the private sector.

Growing steadily and responding to global changes, the IOI network is now aiming at a multiplier effect to its spectrum of activities. It plans to move from direct training to training-the-trainers; from direct implementation of projects to offering advisory and consultative services; from a network of centres to a network of clusters and affiliates. IOI is also developing online and distance education systems. IOI is the future of the oceans.

HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES & INFORMATION

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