

**Press meets at NIOT for International Workshop on UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**

The United Nations General Assembly in December 2017, proclaimed the upcoming decade 2021-2030 as the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. As a follow up of the first Global Meeting held at Copenhagen from 13-15 May 2019, the Regional Planning Workshop for the Northern/Central Indian Ocean countries as well as ROPME (Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment) would be held from January 8 to 10, 2020 to identify region specific priorities, requirement and contribution to the objectives. Prior to this a two day workshop on Regional Framework for Coastal Vulnerability towards the safety, security and sustainable development of member states in the Indian Ocean is also held at NIOT on January 6&7, 2020 to decide on a common framework for coastal vulnerability for the countries in this regions which are prone to impacts due to natural hazards and climate change. Both the workshops are being organized under the patronage of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.



Press Meet at NIOT, Chennai

A press meet for a forthcoming International Workshop on United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) is also conducted at the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Dr. M. A. Atmanand, Director of National Institute of Ocean Technology informed the media that about 100 delegates from various countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Congo, France, Kuwait, Maldives, Russia, Tunisia, Tanzania Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, UK, USA, and India will be participating in the event.

The key principle is that the decade will address a deep disciplinary understanding of ocean processes and solution-oriented research to generate new knowledge. This knowledge will support social actors in reducing pressure on the ocean, preserving and restoring ocean ecosystems, and protecting ocean-related prosperity for the coming generation.

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