

Call for Applications, Training of Trainers, April 2017

Invitation Letter

The Blue Solutions Initiative and the Mami Wata Project are delighted to invite you to apply for a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop from 20-28 of April 2017 (venue tbc).

Your applications will be accepted until the 27th of January 2017.

Background

Capacity development activities are at the core of both the Blue Solutions and Mami Wata Projects. Blue Solutions has developed a Blue Training series for practitioners, technical staff and decision makers, focusing on marine and coastal planning and management, with particular emphasis on the following topics :

- **Integration of ecosystem services into marine and coastal planning (Blue IES);**
- **Climate change adaptation in marine and coastal areas (Blue CCA); and**
- **Ecosystem-based marine and coastal spatial planning (Blue Planning in Practice).**

We are organizing a 'Training of Trainers' in order to capacitate trainers with a professional background in ocean related topics to lead and facilitate future Blue Trainings.

Objective

This program aims to develop training and facilitation skills needed to run the Blue Trainings.

- You will become familiar with the **basic concepts, methodologies and contents** of the Blue Training courses.
- Your **moderation and facilitation abilities** will be strengthened.
- Blue Solutions and Mami Wata support the **institutional integration of Blue Trainings** into training portfolios.

ToT outline

The Blue Trainings Series applies an interactive **case method approach**, stimulating effective learning.

- You will get the opportunity to acquire knowledge of a **range of participatory training tools** as well as **feedback and visualisation** techniques.
- Your own **preparation and implementation of a training session** as well as **methodical lectures** will enhance your learning process.
- **Learning partnerships** and daily **co-management** tasks will provide chances to take part in the process of training design.
- Experienced trainers will be involved in the ToT, to enable a direct **exchange of know-how** and hands-on experience.

- **Collaborations within our network** of trainers will help to improve your abilities as a blue trainer and support the facilitation of future Blue Trainings.

Participant profile

We invite applications for participants with the following profile:

- Professional in **marine and coastal planning and management, or related sectors**.
- **Solid knowledge** of at least one **of the Blue Training** topics (ecosystem services, ecosystem-based adaptation and marine spatial planning).
- **Initial experience** in working with groups, and a strong motivation to become a Blue Training provider and to **develop training and facilitation skills**.
- **English language proficiency** to conduct trainings.
- An **organisational or institutional mandate to conduct Blue Trainings** (availability to facilitate at least one blue training in 2017).
- An **interest in a long-term cooperation** with Blue Solutions/Mami Wata.

This Training of Trainers is free of charge. Please contact us if you require support for your travel and accommodation costs.

In case you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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We look forward to receiving your application! Therefore, we kindly ask you to **fill out the application form and send it by the 27th of January 2017** to jan-christopher.fischer@giz.de.

With best regards, the Blue Solutions and Mami Wata teams.

For more information, please visit our websites:

www.bluesolutions.info

www.mamiwataproject.org