

SOME DATES AND IDEAS FOR ACTION IN 2009

MARCH (tentative dates: 25-26-27)

Aquaring project meeting on marine information for the public, Acquario di Genova, Genoa, Italy

World Ocean Network will help to convene the meeting.

MAY 11-15

World Ocean Conference, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia
<http://www.woc2009.org/home.php>

WON plans to convene a workshop on ocean education to promote youth parliaments and debates for the ocean and public education and information as part of international ocean governance, decision making and implementation processes.

JUNE 4-6

ECSITE annual conference, Milan, Italy

WON plans to a pre-conference training session on tools and activities developed to raise public awareness of the need to protect our oceans and environment.

JUNE 8

World Ocean Day

Theme 2009: "**one ocean, one climate, one future**" - an umbrella theme of the ocean as the life support system on Earth and especially of ocean and climate change
7IAC proposal for a large term theme rather than annual theme change
Introduction of sub themes
Adaptability of a generic theme to regional needs

Take inspiration from 2008 activities at www.worldoceannetwork.org and **send us your World Ocean Day 2009 information to post on our website.**

JUNE (to be confirmed)

World Ocean Network Regional Youth Forum for the Ocean Ocean Public Debate, Reunion Island

June 10-12

World Ocean Network regional meeting in the framework of the Regional Forum of the English Channel and the North Sea, Boulogne sur Mer, France

JUNE 17-19

UNICPOLOS, United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, New York, USA
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/consultative_process/consultative_process.htm

OCTOBER 26-30

13th Latin American Congress on Marine Sciences, Havana, Cuba
<http://www.colacmarcuba2009.com/>

WON has been invited to convene sessions.

END OCTOBER

36th Festival of Underwater Pictures, Antibes, France <http://underwater-festival.com>

The World Festival of Underwater Pictures (FMISM) promotes the wealth of the underwater world whilst at the same time creating public awareness about marine environment and cultivating public wish to live in harmony with the sea.

WON will co-organise an Ocean International Public Debate.

NOVEMBER 23-27

East Asian Seas Congress and 2nd EAS Youth Forum, Manila, Philippines
www.pemsea.org/eascongress

WON has been invited to help to convene the 2nd EAS Youth Forum.

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 11

The Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP15), Copenhagen, Denmark

WON will support the action plan of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands.

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