

Side Events

Criteria and guidelines for organizers of side events during the Global Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi, 26th to 28th November 2018.

Side events will be held throughout the conference period at the conference venue, KICC. This will be on the margins of the main conference official meetings.

Organizers of side events are advised to generate proposal/concept papers which are aligned to the main theme or sub-thematic areas of the Conference. In addition, concepts should be reflecting an approach to sustainable development that integrates economic, social and environmental dimensions of the blue economy. The side events should also constitute a potential contribution to the outcome of the main Conference.

Conference Overarching Theme:

Blue Economy & 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development



Sub-thematic areas:

- 1) Smart Shipping, Ports, Transportation and Global Connectivity
- 2) Employment, Job Creation, Poverty Eradication and the Blue Economy
- 3) Cities, Tourism, Resilient Coasts and Infrastructure
- 4) Sustainable Energy and Mineral Resources, and innovative Industries
- 5) Ending Hunger, Securing Food Supplies and Promoting Good Health and Sustainable Fisheries.
- 6) Management and Sustaining of Marine Life, Conservation and Sustainable Economic Activities
- 7) Climate Action, Agriculture, Waste Management, and Pollution-free Oceans
- 8) Maritime, Safety, Security and Regulatory Enforcement.
- 9) People, Culture, Communities and Societies: The Inclusive Blue Economy

Cross-cutting issues:

- New technologies and innovations
- Priorities and partnerships
- Financing the blue economy
- Women, youth and the blue economy

Conference events

Side events are open to government institutions, Non-governmental Organizations, private sector, development partners, UN agencies, international organizations, Major Groups (women, youth etc.) as well as all accredited and registered participants. (Note that agencies or organizations will be expected to cater for their own expenses for their side events).

Request to host side event should be addressed to the Chairperson, Technical, Documentation and Side event sub-committee and submitted through the focal point on this email:

blueeconomykenya@mfa.go.ke or
sideevents@blueeconomyconference.go.ke

The request to host side event should be submitted in the form of a concept note giving the following details:

- The name of the side event organizer (institution/individual), contact and the sub theme
- Date and time when the side event will take place
- Aim of the side event
- Relevant participants and expected number of attendants for the side event
- The expected outcome of the side event

The Secretariat will make every effort to accommodate all eligible requests for side events. However, due to the high level of demand expected for side events during the Conference, it might not be possible to accommodate all requests at KICC. Similar side events may be merged.

The Secretariat will prepare a comprehensive programme of side events and daily updates to be posted on this website.
<http://www.blueeconomyconference.go.ke/>

Publicizing a side event is the responsibility of its organizers. The Secretariat will not produce fliers, distribute notices, or run other publicity efforts for side events. Organizers are encouraged to refrain or extremely limit the amount of information materials including flyers, brochures and publications.

All entities proposing a side event must be accredited and registered to the Conference. For more information please click <http://www.blueeconomyconference.go.ke/book-side-event/>

Side event organizers can request equipment and services needed for their event, specified in the request letter. There might be charges for the related services which the event organizers will be required to cover. In an event where side event is held in language other than English, the organizers are requested to make arrangements for interpretations at their cost as interpretation services will not be available for side events.

Side event organizers are requested to make own arrangements regarding ground passes, including for individuals, invited as speakers or guests.

Organizers of closed events or invitation only events aiming for an exclusive audience are advised to obtain alternative locations.

