

High Level Investor Forum on The New Ocean Energy Economy
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
7th February 2023

MARES TA6619 HIGH LEVEL INVESTOR FORUM AGENDA

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (TA) 6619: Marine Aquaculture, Reefs, Renewable Energy, and Ecotourism for Ecosystem Services (MARES) in 2019. The TA will facilitate future investment in sustainable ocean economy development through two main activities: (i) assessment of marine resource commercialization prospects (including energy, seafood, and tourism) and identification of potential investment projects in selected developing member countries (DMCs); and (ii) stakeholder engagement and knowledge management on mechanisms to facilitate large-scale investments and to accelerate financing of selected projects.

The ADB, in partnership with Indonesia Malaysia-Thailand-Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Subregional Program, will be hosting a **High-Level Investor Forum (HLIF) on The New Ocean Energy Economy** on 7 February 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The proposed HLIF is a key milestone of the TA. Over 120 participants will convene at the Forum to discuss project opportunities, constraints, and implementation strategies. With the theme “Introducing the New Ocean Energy Economy,” the main purpose of the Forum is to support and promote substantial cooperation for innovative but scalable integrated ocean energy solutions and regenerative business activities in littoral states and communities.

The key focus of the Forum will be on policies, measures and best practice for the Blue Economy and marine renewable energy, marine renewable energy technologies, related regenerative activities, market solutions, regional cooperation and integration and future marine spatial planning

Venue	Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
Hosts	The Centre for Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (CIMT), the secretariat for IMT-GT and the Asian Development Bank
Organizer	NLA International Ltd
Format	Hybrid with 200 pax in person capacity and online conferencing function
Supporting Organizations	Green Hydrogen Organization (www.h2.org), Island Innovations (www.islandinnovation.co)
Target Participants (International)	Approximately 200 international participants are expected, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB staff, expert consultants, speakers and representatives from ADB DMCs (from MARES TA countries); • Representatives from the marine energy/regenerative development community; and • Partner organizations (to be confirmed).

FORUM AGENDA AT A GLANCE

DATE/TIME	6 Feb (Mon)	7 Feb 2023 (Tues)
8:00 - 09:00	<p>PARTICIPANTS' ARRIVAL DAY</p> <p>WORKSHOP AND FINAL JUDGING OF 9 SHORT LISTED MARES PROJECTS</p>	REGISTRATION
9:00 - 10:30		<p>OPENING PLENARY</p> <p>Welcoming address by Vice President Knowledge Management (VPKM)/Director General/Chief Sector Officer, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB outlining ADB's role as Asia's Climate Bank</p>
10:30 - 11:00		<p>- Welcome remarks by</p> <p>Senior Representative of Malaysia (Host Country) (5-10 Mins)</p> <p>Senior Representative of The Republic of the Marshall Islands (5-10 Mins)</p> <p>Senior Representative of The Republic of Palau (5-10 Mins)</p> <p>Senior Representative of Kingdom of Thailand (5-10 Mins)</p> <p>Senior Representative of Republic of Indonesia (5-10 Mins)</p> <p>- Keynote speech TBC (20 Min)</p>
11:00 - 11:15		MORNING BREAK (15 mins)
11:15 - 12:30		<p>PLENARY 1: The New Ocean Energy Economy</p> <p>Introduction to The New Ocean Energy Economy – RA (retd) Nick Lambert, Founder NLAI (30 Mins)</p>
12:30 - 12:45		<p>Panel on integrating The New Ocean Energy Economy to Global Energy Needs (45 Mins)</p> <p>Moderated by Dr Cindy Cisneros Tiangco, Principal Energy Specialist, Pacific Department with Energy Leaders and Developers</p>
12:45 - 14:00		LUNCH BREAK (75 mins)
14:00 - 15:30		<p>Plenary 2 – Using Energy from the Ocean</p> <p>Presentations on integration of the hydrogen economy and Marine Renewable Energy by Representative of GH2.org TBC (25 Mins)</p> <p>Presentation of 9 short listed MARES Projects (90 Second Elevator Pitch by video)</p> <p>Panel on integrating MSME into New Ocean Energy Economy (45 Mins)</p> <p>Moderated by James Ellsmoor of Island Innovation LLC</p> <p>By MSME and CSO representatives</p>
15:30 - 16:00		AFTERNOON BREAK (30 mins)
16:00 - 17:30		<p>Closing Plenary</p> <p>Panel on Financing the New Ocean Energy and Blue Economies</p> <p>Moderated by Ghislain Da Valon, Lead, ADB Blue SEA Finance Hub (60 Mins)</p> <p>Panelists TBC</p> <p>Announcement of Winning Project (10 Minutes)</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Vice President Knowledge Management (VPKM)/Director General/Chief Sector Officer, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB to recap HLIF outcomes with a call to action to realize a sustainable blue economy and healthy oceans whilst powering the region (20 Mins)</p>