NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCE FORUM 2027

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND / OR PAPERS

The Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI) and the University of Mauritius (UoM) are jointly organising the National Ocean Science Forum (NOSF) 2027 on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January 2027 at the Paul Octave Wiéhé Auditorium, Réduit.

A. Core Objectives

1. Provide a national platform for scientists and researchers to present marine research and ocean technology advances.
2. Bring together government, academia, private sector, NGOs and the public for dialogue on ocean and blue economy issues.
3. Support evidence-based policy input on ocean health, conservation and blue economy development.
4. Raise public understanding of the ocean's role in climate, livelihoods and ecosystem services.
5. Engage students and young researchers through presentations and an exhibition space.
6. Provide visibility for ongoing national marine research, reducing risk of unnecessary duplication of effort.

B. Call for abstracts and/or papers

1. The MOI and the UoM invite a CALL FOR ABSTRACTS **AND / OR** PAPERS for publications on all aspects of marine science and oceanography, as per set guidelines and instructions to authors.
2. Guidelines and Instructions to Authors are available on the MOI website on https://moi.govmu.org/nosf2027
3. All abstracts and/or papers should present the results of original research relevant to the Republic of Mauritius.
4. Potential participants to the NOSF 2027 are invited to submit an abstract of not more than 400 words on EasyChair platform which can be accessed at https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=nosf2027

C. Deadline for Submission

1. Abstracts – **Friday 20 November 2026.**
2. Papers for potential Publications **(OPTIONAL)** in regional/international journals and submission for full paper are expected **at latest Friday 26 February 2027**.
3. Submission after the closing date and time will not be entertained.
4. Notice of acceptance of abstracts – **At latest by second or third week of December 2026**.

D. Competition for best presentation

1. There will be a competition for the ORAL and POSTER presentations separately for the first, second and third best presentations in each category.
2. The jury for the best presentation competition will consist of a panel of highly qualified scientists (who are not participating in the competition) from the different organisations involved in research related to marine science and oceanography.
3. Prizes will be awarded separately for NON-STUDENTS / PROFESSIONALS and STUDENTS

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4. The following cash prizes will be awarded (ORAL and POSTERS) as per table below:

PRIZE & CATEGORY	NON-STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS		STUDENTS	
	POSTER	ORAL	POSTER	ORAL
1st	15000	15000	10000	10000
2nd	10000	10000	7500	7500
3rd	7500	7500	5000	5000

E. Instructions for authors

1. The instructions for authors can be viewed on the website of the MOI on https://moi.govmu.org/nosf2027
2. Authors are requested to download and use the template available on https://moi.govmu.org/nosf2027 for preparing their abstract and paper. This will greatly facilitate their work in terms of adhering to the instructions for the format of the paper.
3. You may contact the Public Relations Officer, by email on pro@moi.intnet.mu.

F. Registration

1. Registration is free of charge.
2. All individuals submitting an abstract, paper, or poster will be automatically registered for the Forum.
3. All persons having an interest in oceanography / marine science are invited to attend the forum.

G. Data Protection & Privacy Notice

1. **Acknowledgement & Consent:** By submitting an abstract for the NOSF 2027, you acknowledge and consent to the collection and processing of your personal information (including your full name, photo, affiliation, institutional/postal address, email and telephone number).
2. **Purpose of Collection**: Your personal data is collected strictly for administrative and organisational purposes related to the forum, including the evaluation and peer-review of submitted abstracts, author correspondence, programme scheduling and logistics coordination.
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