

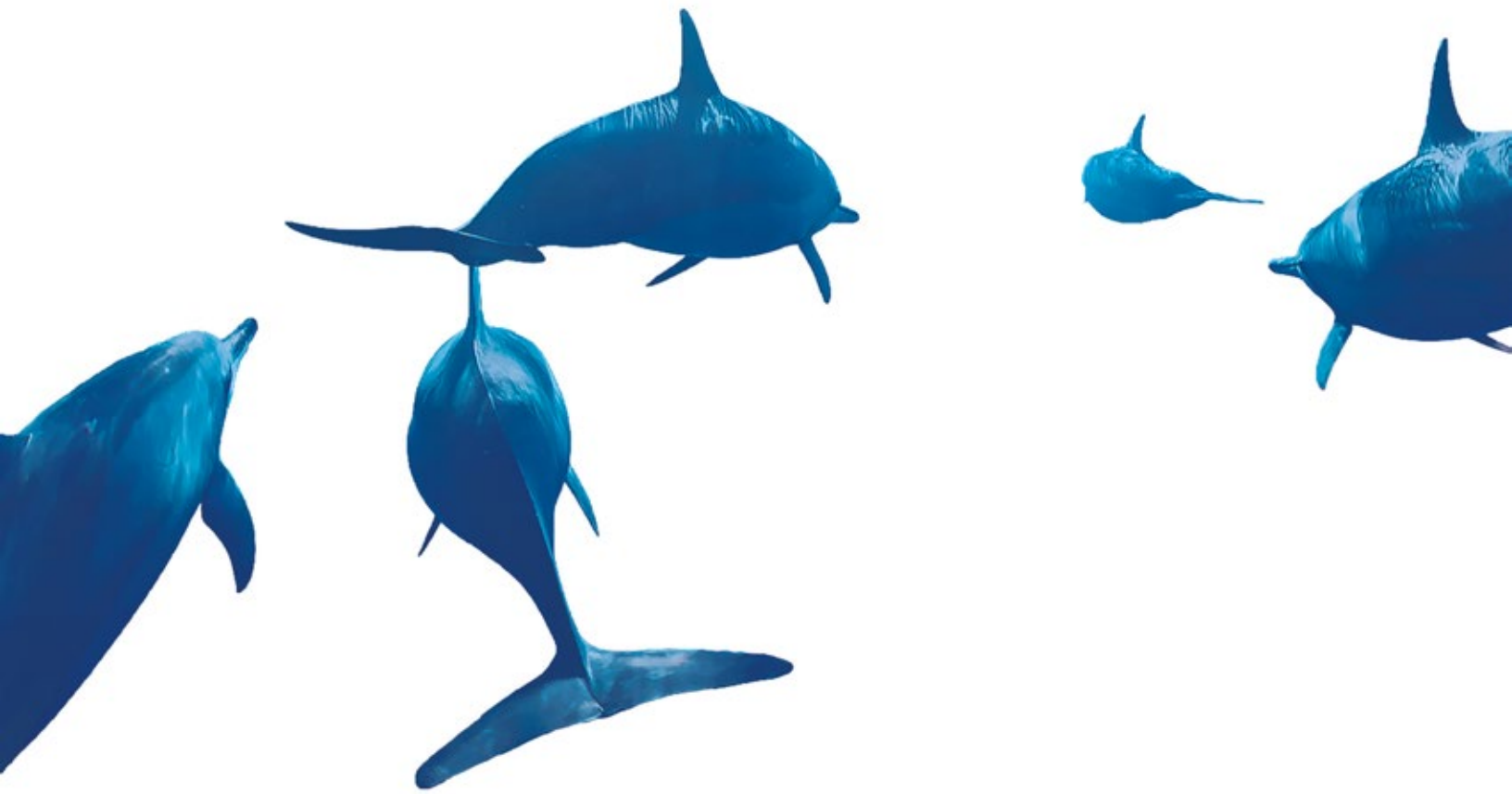


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Guidelines for Organizers of Side Events

Introduction

The Ocean Impact Summit (OIS) 2026 brings together world leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to drive action under the theme: **“Unlocking the Potential of the Blue Economy”**.

Side events are a key part of OIS 2026. It is designed to be more than just discussions, but as dedicated platforms to find solutions for stakeholders to deepen thematic dialogues, driving concrete action and impactful collaboration, as well as to build partnerships across sectors.

By organizing a side event, organizer(s) have the unique opportunity to align their initiatives with the global ocean agenda, ensuring that the Summit delivers tangible impacts for the ocean, the climate, and coastal communities.

01 | Objectives

The OIS Side Events aim to:

1. Support the achievement of the Ocean Impact Summit’s theme and outcomes;
2. Serve as a space for thematic discussions that are more in-depth, interactive, and applicable;
3. Generate tangible outputs, such as policy recommendations, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), action plans, declarations, or partnership commitments; and
4. Strengthen networking and collaboration across sectors and countries.

02 | Expected Outcomes and Deliverables

Side events at OIS 2026 are required to be result-oriented. Organizer(s) should aim to produce at least one of the following outcomes to be included in the official Summit Report:

1. Practical recommendations to address specific regulatory or economic challenges in unlocking the potential of the blue economy.
2. Announcements of new funding or investments supporting blue economy
3. The launch of new partnerships, technologies, or strategic projects.
4. The signing of MoUs or Joint Declarations between key stakeholders.

03 | Themes and Priority Streams

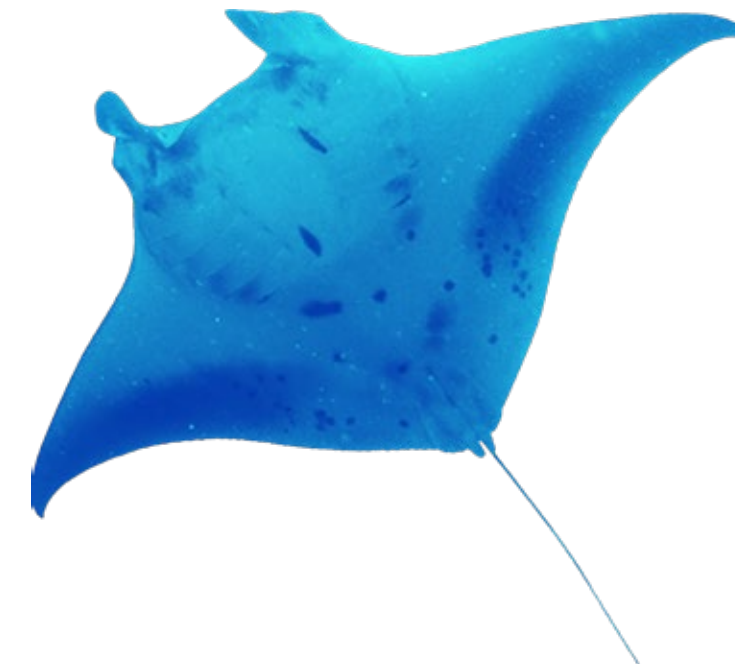
The proposed side event should be closely related to the goals and objectives of OIS 2026 and should reflect an approach to the overarching theme **“Unlocking the Potential of the Blue Economy”**. The side events should constitute a potential contribution to the outcome of OIS 2026. Proposals must align with one of the following priority Streams:

1. **STREAM A** — Ocean as an Economic System (Food, fisheries, aquaculture, bioproducts, equity).
1. **STREAM B** — Ocean as an Energy and Infrastructure System (Renewables, ports, shipping, coastal infrastructure).
1. **STREAM C** — Ocean as a Natural and Climate System (Biodiversity, MPAs, blue carbon, resilience).
1. **STREAM D** — Ocean as a Governance and Innovation System (Technology, data, AI, diplomacy, institutions, people).

04 | Organizers of Side Events

In order to ensure that as many organizers can be involved as possible, side event proposals should be based on collaborative partnering and involving several co-organizers (minimum two).

1. One of the co-organizers of the proposed side event should be designated as the lead organizer.
2. A co-organizer cannot be designated as a lead organizer of more than one side event.



05 | Selection Criteria

Due to the limited availability of slots and the anticipated high volume of requests, the Secretariat OIS 2026 will carefully evaluate all submitted proposals. Priority will be given to side events that fulfill the following criteria:

1. Direct relevance to the OIS 2026 overarching theme, **“Unlocking the Potential of the Blue Economy,”** and clear alignment with one of the four official streams.
2. A strong demonstration of how the event will produce concrete, high-impact deliverables (e.g., policy frameworks, financial pledges, or partnership agreements) rather than just general discussions.
3. Panel that reflects a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral, multi-country, inclusive, gender-balanced approach among the speakers.
4. Proposals jointly organized by multiple partners, institutions, or cross-sectoral entities are highly preferred to avoid duplication of similar topics and to maximize audience engagement.

06 | Venue Allocation

The Secretariat OIS 2026 will make every effort to accommodate all eligible requests for side events. However, due to the high level of demand expected during the Summit, it might not be possible to accommodate all requests within the main venue. Side events held outside the main venue, in preferred locations in Bali, are invited to coordinate with the Secretariat OIS 2026 to ensure alignment with the official program. Please note that all costs associated with the hosting of the event outside the main venue are the sole responsibility of the organizers.

07 | Venue Setup

1. The Secretariat OIS 2026 will provide a room with a standard setup for side events (LED, sound system, microphones).
2. Standard rooms accommodate approximately [50-100] participants in a theater-style setting.

08 | Hybrid Capability

1. The standard setup does not include hybrid meeting equipment (e.g., cameras for streaming, Zoom integration, or dedicated high-bandwidth internet for broadcasting).
2. Organizers wishing to hold hybrid events must request this service via the form. Additional costs for technical support and equipment will be charged to the organizer(s).



09 | Publicity and Branding

1. Publicizing a side event is the responsibility of its organizers.
2. The Secretariat OIS 2026 will not produce fliers, distribute notices, or engage in other publicity efforts for specific side events.
3. Organizer(s) are encouraged to refrain from or limit the amount of physical information materials including flyers, brochures, and publications, in line with the Summit’s sustainability goals.
4. Organizers are permitted to display one (1) standing banner (Roll-up) inside the event room.
5. Branding outside the designated room or in the main corridors is not permitted to maintain the official Summit aesthetics.
6. All communication materials must come from a sustainable source.
7. The official OIS 2026 website will only publish the titles, organizing partners, a brief description, and the webpage link for each selected event. It is strongly recommended that organizers create a dedicated webpage for their side event to upload concept notes, agendas, speaker profiles, and other relevant resources.

10 | Services (Interpretation and Catering)

- 1. Interpretation:** The Secretariat OIS 2026 does not provide interpretation services for side events. Organizer(s) wishing to provide interpretation must make their own arrangements and cover the associated costs.
- 2. Catering:** Organizer(s) wishing to provide catering services (lunch or coffee breaks) must utilize The Westin Resort Nusa Dua catering services. External catering is not permitted. For further questions and arrangements regarding catering services at the venue, kindly contact The Westin Resort Nusa Dua, email: Dyah.Kartikasari@westin.com.
- 3. Food and drinks are strictly prohibited inside the side event meeting rooms.** All catering consumption must take place in the designated catering areas.



11 | Access and Badges

- 1. The side event organizers are responsible** for arrangements regarding ground passes (badges) for speakers or guests.
- 2. Full Access:** For high-level participants/delegates.
- 3. Limited Access:** The side event organizers are solely responsible for the invitation and travel arrangements of their speakers, including flights, accommodation, visa applications, and security clearances, as needed. The Secretariat OIS 2026 will not provide assistance or issue personalized letters for visa purposes.

12 | Submission and Coordination

Organizer(s) are encouraged to coordinate with the Secretariat OIS 2026 prior to the start of the side event, otherwise relevant services cannot be provided at the venue.

Submission of Requests:

Registered organization(s) interested in organizing a side event must submit a request using the Side Event Request Form. Early applications are encouraged. No proposals will be accepted after the deadline.

Contact Information:

For additional information, reservation, and technical coordination, kindly contact:
Anita [Phone/Whatsapp: +62 813 834 3460]
/ email: ois2026.sideevent@kkp.go.id

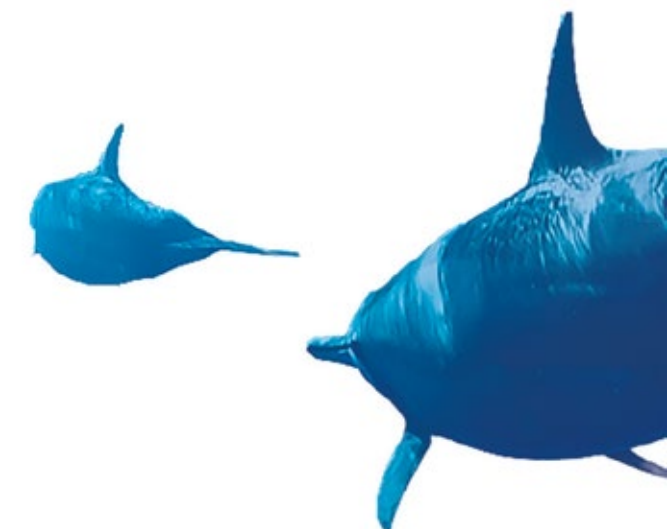
Timeline:

1. Submission Deadline: **16th April 2026.**
2. Final decision and announcement: **30th April 2026.**
3. Publication of final program: **15th May 2026.**

13 | Reporting and Legacy

To ensure the side event contributes to the OIS 2026 legacy, lead organizers are required to submit a 1-page summary of the event, including key recommendations or commitments, within 24 hours after the event concludes. The Secretariat OIS 2026 will compile these summaries to be considered for the final Summit Report.

Organizer(s) must submit the report via the official online submission portal, accessible through the **QR Code** provided in the event room or the link sent to the lead organizer's email.





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