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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** All Bureau Directors

**FROM :** The Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION TO UN WORLD OCEANS DAY 2023 (UN WOD 2023)

**DATE :** APR 26 2023

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May we refer the herein letter dated 14 April 2023 from Assistant Secretary Maria Angela A. Ponce relative to the celebration of the UN World Oceans Day (WON) 2023 with the theme "Planet Ocean, Tides are Changing" on 08 June 2023. In line with the event, series of talks, shows, and performances, including the annual photo competition will be conducted.

In this regard, we encourage your Office to participate in the UN WOD 2023 events and activities. More information on UN WOD 2023 may be viewed at <https://unworldoceansday.org/un-world-oceans-day-2023/>. You may also wish to disseminate the information to other relevant offices and stakeholders.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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MOAO/DIV2/MAP/2023/04/17-3

MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS OFFICE

**URGENT**

14 April 2023

Dear **Colleagues**,

The UN Office of Legal Affairs - Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), in partnership with Oceanic Global, will hold the UN World Oceans Day (WOD) 2023 with the theme *"Planet Ocean, Tides Are Changing"* on 08 June 2023, 10:00am -1:30pm (EST). In commemoration of the day, a series of talks, shows, and performances, including the annual photo competition, will be held to highlight how connected we are to the water and show how it can be used in a variety of different fields. More information on UN WOD 2023 may be viewed at: <https://unworldoceansday.org/un-world-oceans-day-2023/>.

The Tenth Anniversary Photo Competition, presided over by the UN and curated by underwater photographer Ellen Cuylaerts, is open to the public and has six thematic categories open for submissions:

- 1. No Time to Waste
- 2. Putting the Ocean First
- 3. The Wonderful World of Tides
- 4. Ocean is Life
- 5. Big and Small Underwater Faces
- 6. Underwater Seascapes

Deadline for submission of entries is on **23 April 2023 at 12 midnight (EST)**. More information about the competition, its rules and other details may be viewed at: <https://unworldoceansday.org/photo-competition/>.

Agencies are encouraged to participate in the UN WOD 2023 events, including the competition. MOAO would appreciate receiving information of submissions, through [moao@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:moao@dfa.gov.ph) and [moao.div2@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:moao.div2@dfa.gov.ph).

Please accept our appreciation for your continued support. Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

  
**MARIA ANGELA A. PONCE**  
 Assistant Secretary

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Sir/Madam:

Good day. Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2023-002469.

Thank you.

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Good day!

Kindly acknowledge DFA-MOAO's letter on the above-mentioned subject.

Thank you and best regards,  
*Ruost Ann Arallas*



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