

# Call for Applications



For the workshop

## ***“Crisis of the Ocean - Threats to our Marine Ecosystems and Ways to Protect the Ocean”***

**19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 in Aqaba, Jordan**

The Heinrich Böll Foundation (hbs) welcomes young professionals from Palestine & Jordan to apply for participating in the workshop ***“Crisis of the Ocean - Threats to our Marine Ecosystems and Ways to Protect the Ocean”*** that will take place from **October 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2017** in Aqaba, Jordan.

While threats to seas and oceans are increasing and Earth's marine ecosystems are approaching crisis, there is little awareness of issues such as pollution, the exploitation of the marine ecosystems and the fundamental role of the oceans for our ecosystem.

Marine conservation is one of the least supported fields of environmental protection. In order to raise awareness of the pressing issues, hbs recently published the ocean atlas - a collection of articles, data and graphics on the threats to our marine ecosystems.

Based on the Ocean Atlas, the workshop will focus on the current risks facing the seas and oceans, and possible solutions. Four main topics will be addressed:

- 1) *Sustainable Development in Coastal Areas*
- 2) *Ocean Governance*
- 3) *Pollution of the Sea and*
- 4) *The role of the oceans in slowing down climate change*

The workshop will include lectures, group work, discussions, as well as a field visit.

### **Participants:**

This workshop inter alia targets junior professionals, graduates in fields relevant to environmental conservation, biologists, activists, and researchers working at government institutions, NGOs, civil society organizations, think tanks or other institutions from Palestine and Jordan. The age range is between 23 and 40 years.

### **Application Process:**

To be considered for the workshop, please attach Curriculum Vitae and fill out the application form (available at [www.ps.boell.org](http://www.ps.boell.org)) as well as a short paper (600 words maximum). The paper should 1) focus on topics related to threats to the marine ecosystems and 2) potential means of conservation. The paper should demonstrate the applicant's knowledge as well as their ability to work independently and creatively. To this end, the applicant should choose a topic from within marine protection and point out its relevance to their local or national context, e.g. by introducing an exemplary project implemented in Jordan, Palestine or the region, a current debate etc. This could be written in a form of an essay or a short academic paper.

The workshop will be conducted in both Arabic and English. Therefore, a good command of written and spoken English is required, as a considerable portion of the readings that will be circulated before the workshop, will be in English. Thus, the applicants are requested to indicate their level of English language proficiency in the application form.

**Lodging, food and transportation will be provided by the Heinrich Böll Foundation.**

Please submit your application documents via email to [Faris.Arouri@ps.boell.org](mailto:Faris.Arouri@ps.boell.org)

**Deadline for applications is September 8, 2017. Late applications will not be considered.**