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UNIDO-WTCA Global Call 2026 Award Ceremony

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	30 September 2026
Time	17:45-18:00
Room	Main Plenary Hall
Format	Presentation
Language(s)	English

SUMMARY

UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026: 300 applications from 85 countries, the Award Ceremony for the 6 winning innovative blue solutions.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
17:45	Video Global call – Annoucemnnet	UNIDO / WTCA	
17:47	Diana Battaggia, Head and Cristina Sbiazero, CEO	UNIDO / WTCA	
17:48	Shana Fatina, Founder & CEO	Komodo Water	Winner
17:50	Luis Alberto Moreno Meléndez, CEO	Suplitutto Agrocomodities	Winner
17:52	Fabio Bignolini, Co-Founder & CEO	Northern Light srl	Winner
17:54	Nermin Sena Özger, Founder & CEO	Nesea Bio-Material and Marine Technologies	Winner
17:56	Yanik Nyberg, Co-Founder & CEO	NARA Climate Ltd	Winner
17:58	Na Yung Roh, Co-Founder & COO	Marine Innovation Co., Ltd	Winner
18:00	Closing and family photo	All	

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy in partnership with the World Trade Centers Association, the UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026 is a global initiative aimed at identifying, supporting, and scaling innovative solutions and companies across six key sectors: Blue Renewable Energy, Sustainable Blue Food, Green Maritime Transport and Smart Ports, Coastal and Marine Tourism & Recreation, Sea, Lakes and River Health & Restoration, and Blue Tech & Biotechnology. The Award Ceremony marks the culmination of a truly global competition that attracted 300 innovative applications from 85 countries worldwide. Following a rigorous evaluation process, 33 finalists were selected to showcase their breakthrough ideas. This special ceremony celebrates six outstanding solutions, with one winner recognized in each category for their innovation, impact, and potential to shape a better future.

OBJECTIVES

The session aims to formally recognize and celebrate the winners of the UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026, highlighting innovative solutions that contribute to a sustainable and inclusive Blue Economy.

Objective 1- Recognize and award the winners of the UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026.

Objective 2 – Showcase the winners to an international audience of stakeholders from the public and private sectors.

Objective 3 - Enhance the visibility and impact of both the winners and the UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026, fostering opportunities for partnerships, investment, and international collaboration.

TARGET AUDIENCE

To maximize the visibility and impact of the Global Call, the event welcomes media representatives, journalists, and delegates from the public and private sectors. The Award Ceremony, however, is open to all attendees, fostering broad engagement with the competition's innovative solutions and winners.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The Award Ceremony is expected to provide international recognition to six outstanding innovators whose solutions demonstrate significant potential to advance a sustainable and inclusive Blue Economy. By showcasing the winners to a global audience of public and private sector stakeholders, investors, development partners, and media representatives, the event will increase the visibility of their innovations and foster new opportunities for partnerships, investment, technology transfer, and market expansion. The session will also strengthen awareness of the UNIDO–WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026 as a platform for identifying and supporting high-impact solutions, while inspiring broader engagement within the global Blue Economy ecosystem. Ultimately, the ceremony will highlight the transformative role of innovation and entrepreneurship in addressing environmental and development challenges and accelerating sustainable industrial development worldwide.