



Professor Albertus Smit and Akshata Mehta

University of Western Cape,

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Att:

19 April 2022

Invitation for BlueConnect Final Meeting and Workshop

Dear Dr. Smit and Ms Mehta,

We would like to invite you to attend our final BlueConnect project meeting on June 15 – 17, 2022 in Arendal, Norway. As an investigator on this SANOCCEAN funded project, this is an important component of the work for you to contribute to and there will be immense value in having you both join in person.

The meeting will consist of two components: 1) final BlueConnect project meeting, and 2) an international workshop hosted and led by the BlueConnect team that brings together 26 kelp forest experts and environmental economists from 14 countries globally to conduct a global assessment of the value of the world's kelp forests (GEAK).

Full funding for this trip will be provided through the BlueConnect project.

We hope that you can attend.

Vennlig hilsen,

Karen Filbee-Dexter

BlueConnect Leader

Floedevigen Research Station Benthic Communities Group

Jan Atle Knutsen

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