

Connecting the Blue Economy Industry Drive innovation and move technology!

INDUSTRY WORKDAY:

COLLECTING & PROCESSING SARGASSUM

Welcome to the Industry Workday dedicated to exploring the opportunities and challenges within the growing sargassum industry. Learn, discuss, and explore the various aspects of this unique seaweed and its applications in various sectors. Aim is to foster collaboration, innovation, and sustainable practices within the sargassum industry.

Schedule of Day: 9:00am - 3:00pm

1. Introductions, Overview, & Keynote Address

- a. Insights into the ecological significance of sargassum and its impact on marine ecosystems.
- b. Emphasis on the challenges posed by increased sargassum blooms and potential solutions.
- 2. Collection methods & Processing from County & City Representatives
 - a. Presentation on best practices for sustainable harvesting of sargassum without causing harm to marine habitats.
 - b. Current impacts of excessive sargassum accumulation on coastal areas and CURRENT collection & processing.
 - c. NEEDS of communities and resources from county and municipalities.
 - d. Presentation of innovative technologies for sargassum collection and processing.
- 3. Research and Development:
 - a. Spotlight on ongoing studies exploring the chemical composition, bioactive compounds, and potential health benefits of sargassum.
 - b. Discussion on the role of academia, industry, and government in supporting research and development efforts.
- 4. Roundtable Discussions:
 - a. Impact of policy and regulation, technology and innovation, sustainable practices, and market development.
 - b. Encouraging participants to share insights, exchange ideas, and establish collaborations.
 - c. Identifying opportunities for cross-sector collaboration and innovation.
- 5. Closing Remarks:
 - a. Recap of key takeaways and insights from the Industry Day.
 - b. Need for continued collaboration, research, and sustainable practices within the sargassum industry.
 - c. Invitation to future events and networking opportunities.

Tentative schedule with potential modifications.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

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LIMITED PARKING IN MIASF LOT.

ADDITIONAL STREET & METERED PARKING IS AVAILABLE.

Location:

Flagship Room, Marine Industries Association of South Florida 221 SW 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312





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