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Dear Prof Smit

My name is Candice Denner and I'm the Program Coordinator for OceanHub Africa. We're currently planning the Ocean Hackathon Cape Town Edition which will be held from the **17th to the 19th of November** and we're looking for potential challenge owners.

[The Ocean Hackathon](#) is a collaborative and innovative event that brings together diverse teams of professionals, enthusiasts, and students to work on solutions addressing various challenges related to the ocean and marine resources. It provides a unique platform for participants to tackle real-world problems and develop creative solutions using their skills and expertise.

As a Challenge Owner, you would have the opportunity to contribute to this exciting event by proposing a challenge for participants to solve. Based on your expertise in marine science research, I believe you may have innovative ideas based on data integration that you would like to develop, and that this would be an excellent opportunity to pose it as a challenge.

Challenges can focus on a wide range of topics, such as environmental conservation, sustainable fisheries, ocean data analysis, or any other area related to the ocean.

By becoming a Challenge Owner, you can benefit from:

1. Access to a diverse pool of talented individuals, including students, researchers, and industry professionals, who are passionate about ocean-related issues.
2. The chance to foster innovation and collaboration while showcasing your company's expertise in the field.
3. The opportunity to network and collaborate with other organizations, experts, and stakeholders in the ocean industry.

If you are interested in becoming a Challenge Owner (and/or providing ocean-based data for solving a challenge), I would be pleased to set up a meeting where we can discuss it further.

I look forward to hearing from you, or anyone in your network that may be interested, and hopefully engaging on how we can onboard you as a challenge owner.

Best regards,

Candice

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