



## 2022 UN Ocean Conference Side Event Programme

Inside the Conference venue (Blue Zone)

Altice Arena: Parque das Nações, Rossio dos Olivais, Lote 2.13.01A, 1990-231 Lisboa, Portugal

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### Monday 27 June

#### ***Scaling up Ocean Action with Empowerment of SIDS Youth, Awareness Raising and Citizenship Engagement***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Permanent Mission of Kiribati to the United Nations, The Government of the Republic of Palau, Peace Boat, Oceanic Global, One Ocean Hub, Ciencia Viva, Sustainable Ocean Alliance, Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center, United by the Sea, Blue Planet Alliance

**Description:** This event will showcase the important role of youth from Small Island Developing States in scaling up ocean action, taking stock of successes and challenges for engagement with the UN Ocean Decade.

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**Webpage:** <https://bit.ly/UNOcean-June27-Event>

#### ***Aquaculture for sustainable aquatic food: The role of partnerships***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (CAFS); Korea Maritime Institute (KMI); WorldFish

**Description:** Science-based solutions to foster sustainable aquaculture development. Good practices such as the Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture or the Global Sustainable Aquaculture Advancement Partnership.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.fao.org/in-action/gsa/events/detail/en/c/1539262/>

#### ***Small in scale, big in value: Stocktaking, partnerships and solutions in support of small-scale fisheries [A IYAF 2022 event]***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Peru, FAO, Sweden, Norway. Members of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAF 2022) International Steering Committee (ISC): Indonesia – Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Senegal – Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Tanzania – Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), IPC Fisheries Working Group. Official IYAF 2022 supporters: Abalobi, African Confederation of Artisanal Fisheries Professional Organisations (CAOPA), Blue Ventures, Canari, China Blue, Comunidad y Biodiversidad (COBI), Community Conservation Research Network (Canada), Global Action Network-Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition (GAN), General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Gulf Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), International Pole and Line Foundation, Ocean Outcomes, One Ocean Hub, Sustainable Fisheries Initiative (SFI), University of the West Indies - Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES), Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Enaleia, Mundus Maris, United Nationals Association of Germany, WorldFish

**Description:** An inspiring journey across regions to inform deliberations on SDG 14.b on the occasion of the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022 as a major milestone to achieving this SDG

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Webpage: <https://www.fao.org/voluntary-guidelines-small-scale-fisheries/news-and-events/detail/en/c/1529971/>

### ***Leading by doing: latest large-scale actions and new announcements on ocean conservation to achieve 2030 goals***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Republic of Portugal, Ministry of Environment of the Dominican Republic, Ministry of Environment of Uruguay National Administration of Conservation Areas under the auspices of the Mozambique Ministry of Land and Environment, Provincial Government of Cabo Delgado, Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, International Union for Conservation Nature, Conservation International, Rare, WWF, TNC, Wetlands International, Global Mangrove Alliance, Mission Blue, Oceano Azul Foundation, Blue Forest

**Description:** Laying the foundation for future success, by showcasing ocean conservation solutions and impacts in Portugal, The Dominican Republic, Mozambique and elsewhere.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.oceanoazulfoundation.org/leading-by-doing/>

### ***Ocean-based climate solutions in action – from offshore renewable energy to a clean, resilient maritime sector***

11:30-12:45 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** Governments of Denmark, Germany, Kenya, Morocco, Panama, Singapore, and the United States and UN Global Compact, United Nations Foundation, High Level Climate Champions, Aspen Institute, Getting to Zero Coalition, Ocean Conservancy

**Description:** This event highlights how ocean-based climate solutions like sustainable offshore energy and green shipping corridors can be combined to accomplish the goals of the Paris Agreement and SDGs.

**Contact:** [selwyn@unglobalcompact.org](mailto:selwyn@unglobalcompact.org)

**Webpage:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-unoc-side-event-ocean-based-climate-solutions-in-action-tickets-355149801617>

### ***Future of Food is Blue: Coalition Acts to Support Responsible Development of Aquatic Foods and Thriving Communities.***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Government of Iceland, Government of Canada, Germany - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Center (BMZ), Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Ocean Solutions at Stanford, EAT, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Global Action Network Sustainable Food from the Oceans and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition (GAN) World Economic Forum (WEF), World Resources Institute (WRI), WWF, Friends of Ocean Action, RiseUp, Environmental Law Institute, the Pacific Community (SPC), Oceana, Worldfish, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Safe Seaweed Coalition, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Global Salmon Initiative (GSI), FUTUREFISH

**Description:** Leaders will elevate the importance of climate smart blue foods in global food systems and in progressing the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Contact:** [kkelso@edf.org](mailto:kkelso@edf.org)

**Webpage:** [https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/documents/Infographic\\_World%20Oceans%20Day\\_1.pdf](https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/documents/Infographic_World%20Oceans%20Day_1.pdf)

### ***From Science to Action: Blueing the Paris Agreement***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** France, UNFCCC, Ocean & Climate Platform

**Description:** The event will present opportunities for strengthening ocean-based action, based on the best available science, to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Contact:** [secretariat@ocean-climate.org](mailto:secretariat@ocean-climate.org)

**Webpage:** <https://unfccc.int/event/from-science-to-action-blueing-the-paris-agreement>

### ***A New Frontier in Marine Science and Innovation for Small Island Developing States***

13:00-14:15 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** AOSIS, UN DESA, University of West Indies, University of Edinburgh; University of Wollongong, University of Washington, SPC

**Description:** Event to launch the Declaration for the enhancement of scientific knowledge, research capacity and transfer marine technology in Small Island Developing States, with announcements of new commitments.

**Contact:** [ismail@aosis.org](mailto:ismail@aosis.org)

**Webpage:** <https://www.aosis.org/events/marine-science-declaration/>



### ***All hands on deck: Accelerating Solutions to End Plastic Pollution***

13:30-14:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Government of the United Kingdom, UNEP, OECD, The World Bank, Global Plastic Action Partnership (World Economic Forum), Ocean Plastics Leadership Network, Plastic Oceans International, Searious Business.  
**Description:** This session will bring together governments, private sector and civil society involved in developing tools and strategies needed to implement a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution.  
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**Webpage:** <https://plasticoceans.org/unoc-2022/>

### ***Blue economy for the Pacific island countries – Leadership, capacity development and blue economy index***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Government of Palau, PICRC, OPRI-SPF, SPC, FFA  
**Description:** Promoting a blue economy is an increasingly important policy goal to pursue sustainable development while harnessing marine and coastal ecosystems. Leaders will present their perspectives.  
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### ***Science towards a sustainable ocean by 2030: International accountability, best practices and success stories***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** MEXICO: The National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), the World Resources Institute (WRI), and The Ocean Foundation (TOF). SPAIN: Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food (MAPA). Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (MITERD). Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda (MITMA), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) belonging to the Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN) through: Institute of Marine Sciences of Barcelona (ICM-CSIC) and Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO-CSIC). Ocean Cities Network consortium (<https://ocean-cities.org>) by means of the Institute of Marine Sciences of Barcelona (ICM-CSIC) and the Marine Technology Unit (UTM-CSIC). General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean of the Food and Agriculture Organization (GFCM-FAO). Portuguese Institute of the Sea and the Atmosphere (IPMA).  
**Description:** The role of science to innovate and overcome challenges within the context of ocean data in Mexico. Science towards healthy ecosystems and sustainable use of marine resources; the Spanish experiences  
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**Webpage:**

### ***High-Level Meeting of the Ocean Decade Alliance***

15:00-16:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO; Portugal; Kenya  
**Description:** Unlocking investment in ocean science via the Ocean Decade Alliance.  
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**Webpage:** <https://www.oceandecade.org/un-ocean-conference/>

### ***Addressing water quality, models of good governance, and the climate crisis to enhance the resilience of coastal communities***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Ocean Sewage Alliance, Regions4 Sustainable Development, Fair Oceans  
**Description:** Climate Change and nutrient pollution are the two largest threats to the viability and resilience of our oceans. Addressing these issues requires strong partnerships and good governance structures.  
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**Webpage:** <https://fair-oceans.info/unoc-2022-the-resilience-of-coastal-communities/>

### ***Scaling up action and building effective partnerships for SDG14: the essential roles of higher education and business***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 2



**Organizers:** Government of Ireland; UN DESA; UN OHRLLS; The International Association of Universities; The Partnering Initiative; University of Bergen, Norway  
**Description:** How do we systematically engage higher education, increasing knowledge on sustainable oceans, and industry, bringing innovative and sustainable business, and drive partnership action towards SDG14?  
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**Webpage:** <http://tiny.cc/oceans22>

### ***Ocean-based Carbon Dioxide Removal: Code of Conduct***

16:30-17:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), ClimateWorks Foundation, Ocean Visions  
**Description:** Achieving "net negative" carbon emissions demands bold science-based action that is held to the highest ethical standards.  
**Contact:** [kramakrishna@whoi.edu](mailto:kramakrishna@whoi.edu)  
**Webpage:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ocean-based-carbon-dioxide-removal-code-of-conduct-tickets-367162582167>

### ***Launch of the Alliance of Countries for a Deep-Sea Mining Moratorium***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Republic of Palau, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition, WWF  
**Description:** If permitted, deep-sea mining could irreversibly impact the ocean's role in climate stability, biodiversity and economies. A new Global Alliance of states calls for a moratorium on deep-sea mining.  
**Contact:** [sian@savethehighseas.org](mailto:sian@savethehighseas.org)  
**Webpage:** [www.savethehighseas.org](http://www.savethehighseas.org)

### ***Coastal alert - tackling tsunami risks together: partnerships and solutions for a safe ocean resilient to tsunamis***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and UNESCO IOC, with Portugal, Japan, USA, Mozambique and Vanuatu  
**Description:** This side event will showcase leading efforts on reducing tsunami risk as a key contribution to UN Ocean Decade and scaling up action on ocean science and innovation.  
**Contact:** [undrrcomms@un.org](mailto:undrrcomms@un.org)  
**Webpage:** <https://www.undrr.org/event/coastal-alert-tackling-tsunami-risks-together-partnerships-and-solutions-safe-ocean-resilient>

## Tuesday 28 June

### ***Joining the dots between sustainable maritime logistics and planetary boundaries***

10:00-11:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Government offices of Sweden, Finnish Government, VTT, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB and Seas at risk  
**Description:** This event endeavours to join the dots between sustainable maritime logistics and planetary boundaries, with practical solutions and increased ambitions.  
**Contact:** [linnea.hemmaro@ri.se](mailto:linnea.hemmaro@ri.se)  
**Webpage:** <https://www.ri.se/en/event/rise-at-un-ocean-conference-in-lisbon-portugal>

### ***Empowering Women: An Ocean of Opportunities in Science, Policy and Blue Economy***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** World Maritime University, Sweden; International Maritime Organization; International Seabed Authority; Government of Antigua and Barbuda; Sailors for the Sea Japan, Japan; Leading Women for the Ocean  
**Description:** The side event will advocate increasing women's representation and participation in ocean science, policy-making, and blue economy for the sustainable development of the ocean.  
**Contact:** [goisecretariat@wmu.se](mailto:goisecretariat@wmu.se)



Webpage: <https://www.wmu.se/events/side-event-for-the-2022-un-oceans-conference> ; <https://isa.org/im/event/isa-at-unoc-2022>

### ***Planning and Sustainability in Adaptation to Climate Change***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Minister of Environment, Urbanism and Climate Change (TÜRKİYE)

**Description:** The unplanned use of marine and ocean resources and climate change negatively affects the marine ecosystem.

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### ***Financial Mechanisms and scientific knowledge for the transboundary marine conservation corridor of the Eastern Tropical Pacific and the key role of developing research capacities towards the designation and management of marine protected areas***

11:30-12:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** INVEMAR – Colombia’s Marine and Coastal Research Institute; Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia; CAF – Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina; CI - Conservation International

**Description:** Science-based & financial supports focus to strengthening operational capabilities and sustainability of the protected areas, CAF financial contribution is a step forward towards ocean conservation.

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### ***Addressing marine plastic pollution: How international cooperation and partnerships across science & technology can build capacities and lead to systems innovation***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Centre Scientifique de Monaco; Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco; Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS); International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); International Maritime Organization (IMO)/Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP); Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML); Red de Investigación de Estresores Marinos – Costeros en Latinoamérica y el Caribe (REMARCO); The Circulate Initiative; The Incubation Network; The Ocean Foundation; UN Environment Programme (UNEP)/ Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML); World Economic Forum.

**Description:** A discussion between different stakeholders to promote science, innovation, circularity, capacity building efforts and partnerships to adequately tackle the global issue of marine plastic pollution.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.iaea.org/topics/coastal-and-marine/plastics/ocean2022-side-event>

### ***Seabed mapping & marine data supporting multifunctional spatial planning***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** SEI, International Hydrographic Organization, Sweden, United Kingdom, IOC UNESCO, African Union Commission

**Description:** This event will explore how seabed mapping and marine data - including real world cases, challenges and innovations - can contribute to a multifunctional use of the ocean.

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**Webpage:** <https://iho.int/en/un-ocean-conference>

### ***The Road to Sustainable Aquaculture***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** The Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), WEF Friends of Ocean Action; Certification and Ratings Collaboration

**Description:** This panel brings together experts to discuss data tools and the development of a roadmap that will help guide the sustainable growth of aquaculture

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**Webpage:** <https://certificationandratings.org/2022-un-ocean-conference>

### ***The Blue Amazon: protection and green opportunities***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Ministry of the Environment - Brazil; Brazil's Navy

**Description:** The event aims to share experiences based on concrete results achieved by Brazil to prevent and reduce marine pollution since the launch of the National Plan to Combat Marine Litter, in 2019.

**Contact:** [andre.franca@mma.gov.br](mailto:andre.franca@mma.gov.br)

**Webpage:** <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/assuntos/agendaambientalurbana/combate-ao-lixo-no-mar>

### ***Racing for Clean Seas: Sport as a game changer in promoting ocean health and accelerating the implementation of SDG 14***

13:00-14:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** UN Environment Programme - Clean Seas Campaign; International Olympic Committee; Fundacion Ecomar; Arabian Ocean Rowing Team; Mirupir Foundation and the Ocean Race; Kuwait Diving Team

**Description:** This panel serves as an opportunity to highlight the unique platform sport and sport organizations have to amplify the message on the need for collective environmental action.

**Contact:** [stephanie.gerretsen@un.org](mailto:stephanie.gerretsen@un.org)

**Webpage:** <http://www.cleanseas.org>

### ***Leveraging the SIDS Partnerships Framework in Innovative Approaches to Achieve Action for SDG14***

13:15-14:30 | Plenary Room

**Organizers:** Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS), Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), The Pacific Community (SPC)

**Description:** PSIDS will highlight the importance of genuine and durable partnerships for achieving action under SDG14 including expired targets which are priorities for PSIDS and integral to the 2030 Agenda.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Transparency, Technology, and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing***

13:15-14:30 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** Benin, Canada, Ecuador, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea, Global Fishing Watch, the International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network, TM-Tracking, MDA Ltd., Bloomberg Philanthropies

**Description:** The Transparency, Technology and IUU Fishing side event will focus on concrete actions, based on science, and implemented via partnerships, innovative tools, and technologies, to combat IUU Fishing.

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### ***Global partnerships: Strengthening SDG 14 efforts in the shipping and fisheries sectors through a science-based, multi-tiered approach***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** International Maritime Organization (IMO), Maritime and Port Division of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPT) of Costa Rica, Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) United National Development Program (UNDP)

**Description:** The event will focus on how international organizations has successfully partnered with governments, private sector, and academia to address marine pollution and sea-based sources of plastic litter

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### ***Accelerating ocean conservation and development of a regenerative Blue Economy in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region***

14:30-15:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** UNECA and IUCN

**Description:** The Great Blue Wall aims to expand ocean conservation in the WIO region, achieve the 30x30 biodiversity target and increase the resilience of coastal and marine ecosystems for both nature and people.



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Webpage: <https://www.greatbluewall.org/news/gbwatunoc-pt1/>

### ***Sustainable Ocean Economies that can drive a Blue Recovery and Sustainable Development - Launch of Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** OECD, UNEP, Friends of Ocean Action, World Economic Forum

**Description:** This event will highlight new initiatives to foster a blue recovery and sustainable development through a more sustainable use of the ocean, and will launch the Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.oecd.org/ocean/oecd-at-2022-UN-ocean-conference.htm>

### ***Depolluting oceans through controlling trade in plastic wastes and combatting illegal traffic under the Basel Convention***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** UNEP/BRS Secretariat, UNODC

**Description:** Combatting illegal traffic in plastic wastes helps managing them in the environmentally sound manner and preventing them from leaking into seas and oceans.

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**Webpage:** <http://www.basel.int/>

### ***Ocean Action in Support of SDG 14 - The AIS SIDS Perspective***

16:00-17:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Republic of Cabo Verde / Republic of Maldives / Republic of Seychelles / Republic of Singapore / Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) / UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) / Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing countries and Small Islands Developing States (OHRLLS)

**Description:** The Governments of Cabo Verde, Maldives, Seychelles, and Singapore are organizing a Ministerial side-event aiming at sharing ocean action-based best practices and identifying partnership opportunities

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### ***Ocean Science and Its Policy Interface: from Knowledge to Sustainable Ocean Solutions***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** IOC-UNESCO, UN Secretariat Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

**Description:** This side event will provide a platform for world experts to showcase ambitious science-based initiatives that are accessible, reliable, scalable and sustainable.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.unesco.org/en/un-ocean-conference-2022> ; <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/>

### ***Building Resilience in Mangrove and Seagrass Ecosystems and Coastal Communities***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Secretariat

**Description:** This event will provide an overview of the science and policy adopted by Commonwealth nations to build resilience in mangrove and seagrass ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities.

**Contact:** [s.sitsabeshan@commonwealth.int](mailto:s.sitsabeshan@commonwealth.int)

**Webpage:** <https://thecommonwealth.org/events/blue-charter-united-nations-ocean-conference-2022>

### ***Ocean partnerships and science-based solutions for strengthening sustainable ocean economies in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs***

17:30-18:45 | Committee Room



**Organizers:** Permanent Missions of Portugal, Samoa, Malawi, Antigua and Barbuda and Botswana to the United Nations, UN-OHRLS and UNDESA

**Description:** This side event will explore challenges, opportunities and best practices in ocean science and the role of partnerships to build resilience in the ocean economy in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.un.org/ohrls/events/partnerships-and-innovative-finance-solutions-strengthening-sustainable-ocean-based-economies>

## Wednesday 29 June

### ***Bridge the Blue Finance Gap: Financing sustainable ocean-based economies for LDCs and SIDS – solutions across the investment continuum***

10:00-11:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Government of Papua New Guinea, Green Climate Fund (GCF)

**Description:** This event will discuss the different types of finance needed to grow sustainable ocean-based economies in LDCs and SIDS and how various public and private capital providers in the development finance architecture can work together across the blue finance “investment continuum”

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**Webpage:** <https://uncdf.live/bluefinancegap>

### ***Public-private partnerships to share knowledge and resources for impactful solutions to address marine pollution***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** The Global Ghost Gear Initiative, The Ocean Cleanup, Fondation de la Mer, UN Global Compact Brazil, The Government of the United Kingdom, The Kingdom of the Netherlands (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management), UN Global Compact, MedSea Foundation (Italy), UN Global Compact Norway, UN Global Compact Portugal

**Description:** Governments, science-driven organizations and corporates highlight policy, technology, CSR and on-the-ground solutions to address all sources of marine pollution in aquatic systems and on land.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Partnerships for innovative financial instruments to support marine protected areas, coastal communities, and elimination of plastic pollution***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Ocean Conservancy; Blue Action Fund; World Economic Forum (Global Plastic Action Partnership); The Circulate Initiative; German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Agence Française de Développement (AFD); Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

**Description:** A discussion about the finance and partnerships needed to eliminate plastic pollution and advance the circular economy, and to support marine protected areas and coastal communities.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Driving Positive Ocean Action: The Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainable Finance for 30by30 and Blue Economies***

11:30-12:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Defra, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Government of Fiji, The Waitt Institute, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA), Fisheries and Oceans Canada, The Global Ocean Alliance (GOA), The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC for N&P), UNEP ED, Oceano Azul Foundation, Oceans 5, Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía Costa Rica, Ministry of Environment and Energy Maldives, Government of Tonga, Bloomberg Philanthropies

**Description:** Convening ocean leaders to demonstrate progress and ambition towards achieving a healthy ocean and blue economies underpinned by good management, quality marine protection and sustainable financing

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## ***Accelerating innovation, Science and Technology, and promoting the involvement of Women and youth in Africa's Oceans and Seas in the context of the Ocean Decade***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** African Union Commission, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO - IOC

**Description:** This side event will discuss concrete pathways and identify partnerships to unlock the contribution of Africa's women and youth towards innovation, science and technology for ocean development.

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## ***Promoting Blue Partnership for a Shared Sustainable Future***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Ministry of Natural Resources of China; World Economic Forum; SEE Foundation; Eco Foundation Global & Birdlife International (International Coordinators of the World Coastal Forum Establishment Group); China Oceanic Development Foundation.

**Description:** This event aims to introduce the concept and principles of Blue Partnership and relevant practices, to explore a new model of ocean cooperation featuring inclusiveness and flexibility.

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**Webpage:** <http://www.cfocean.org/un.html>

## ***SDG 14 and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Carrying the Torch from Lisbon to Kunming (CBD COP 15) and Beyond***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Description:** Exploring the linkages between SDG 14 and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to catalyze enhanced ambition and improved implementation for a healthy and productive blue planet.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.cbd.int/marine/UNOC-side-event-programme-20220629-en.pdf>

## ***Trade facilitation for a sustainable blue economy***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** WTO, Commonwealth Secretariat, FAO, UNCTAD

**Description:** Multi-stakeholder panel discussing trade facilitation opportunities for sustainable fish trade and promoting the sustainable development of the blue economy

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## ***Tourism Ocean Action - Towards a circular and regenerative blue economy***

13:00-14:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Portugal (Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs), Kenya (Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife), Colombia (Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development -tbc), France (Ministry of Ecological Transition), Fiji (Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport), One Planet Network, UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Description:** The event will explore innovative solutions from policy makers and businesses to accelerate ocean action in tourism and support the transition towards a more circular and regenerative blue economy

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**Webpage:** <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/tourism-ocean-action>

## ***Launch of the 2022 FAO State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture Report – Towards Blue Transformation***

13:15-14:30 | Plenary Room

**Organizers:** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



**Description:** Current state, global trends and outlook of fisheries and aquaculture. The FAO Blue Transformation vision will be presented as a pathway towards sustainable aquatic food systems.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.fao.org/publications/sofia/en/>

### ***Ensuring the stewardship of seabed mineral resources and the protection of the marine environment of the Area for the benefit of humankind***

13:15-14:30 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** Government of Singapore; Government of France; Government of Senegal; International Seabed Authority; Government of the Cook Islands; Government of India; Government of Canada; Kingdom of Tonga; UN Global Compact; Organization of Economic and Cooperation Development ; IFREMER (France)

**Description:** Discuss how the international community, through ISA, cooperates for the stewardship of seabed mineral resources and the protection of the marine environment of the Area for the benefit of humankind

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**Webpage:** <https://isa.org.im/event/isa-at-unoc-2022>

### ***Fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships and regional cooperation for SDG14***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Ministry of Environment, Government of Sweden; Italy - Ministry for Ecological Transition; Government of Mauritius; Slovenia – Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning; Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (IASS, IDDRI, TMG)

**Description:** Multi-stakeholder partnerships and regional cooperation are cornerstones for achieving SDG 14. The event highlights successful examples e.g. collaborative MPAs and identifies opportunities for action

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### ***Global launch of the Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative (SSKI): Advancing scientific understanding of deep-sea ecosystems in the international seabed area for the benefit of all humanity***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Government of the Argentine Republic, European Commission, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea, Government of the Republic of South Africa, International Seabed Authority (ISA) Secretariat, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer), National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea (MABIK), Ocean Biodiversity Information System (OBIS) – IOC/UNESCO, World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)/ The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ).

**Description:** The Sustainable Seabed Knowledge Initiative (SSKI), led by the International Seabed Authority (ISA), will increase the availability and accessibility of scientific information on deep-sea ecosystems.

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### ***Taking Action to Address Ocean Acidification and Implement SDG 14.3***

14:30-15:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification; Commonwealth Blue Charter; Plymouth Marine Laboratory; IOC-UNESCO; IAEA Ocean Acidification -International Coordination Centre; Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network; University of Washington

**Description:** This event will highlight Voluntary Commitments made across governments and civil society to advance OA policy, financing, literacy, science and innovation for management.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.oalliance.org/events/taking-action-to-address-ocean-acidification-and-implement-sdg-143>

### ***Scaling up ocean action through inter-agency cooperation coordination: Case studies, challenges and opportunities***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 1



**Organizers:** DESA; ESCAP; OLA/DOALOS; FAO; IAEA; IOC-UNESCO; ILO; IMO; ISA; UNDP; WMO

**Description:** UN-Oceans, the inter-agency mechanism for cooperation and coordination in ocean affairs will discuss partnerships and how enhanced inter-agency cooperation can contribute to scaling-up ocean action.

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**Webpage:** [www.unoceans.org](http://www.unoceans.org)

### ***RISE UP – from a Blue Call to Action to a Blue Plan of Action***

**16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 2**

**Organizers:** Government of Tuvalu, Oceano Azul Foundation, Oak Foundation, Seas At Risk, Packard Foundation, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Waitt Foundation, Ocean Conservancy, Fauna and Flora International

**Description:** RISE UP is a joint call from +550 ocean conservation organisations which highlights common priorities and solutions needed to tackle the ocean crisis and raise the level of ambition for ocean action.

**Contact:** [scollins@oceanozulfoundation.org](mailto:scollins@oceanozulfoundation.org)

**Webpage:** <https://riseupfortheocean.org/>

### ***Plastics and marine pollution: Innovations for SDG 14.1***

**16:00-17:15 | Committee Room**

**Organizers:** Republic of Korea Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, UNDP, UNOSD

**Description:** This event will highlight actions and progress made by the Republic of Korea and the UNDP Ocean Innovation Challenge in catalysing technology, policy and other innovations to reduce marine pollution.

**Contact:** [ojc.info@undp.org](mailto:ojc.info@undp.org)

**Webpage:** <https://www.oceaninnovationchallenge.org/2022OceanConference>

### ***Islands of the Future: Blue Solutions and Highest Ambition on Climate Change***

**17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 1**

**Organizers:** Republic of Vanuatu, Tuvalu Government, Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, The Stimson Center, The Commonwealth Secretariat

**Description:** Vanuatu, Tuvalu, St Kitts & Nevis with Stimson, ComSec will share innovative research, tools, legal and diplomatic approaches for SIDS to take action to build coastal climate resilience.

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### ***Our Changing Ocean: Navigating Observations and Building Research-Driven Solutions***

**17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 2**

**Organizers:** Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL), Observing Air Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS), Embassy of Portugal in Singapore

**Description:** Unifying observational partners and strategies to develop an integrated global research network creating ocean and climate solutions critical to our survival - keynote by Dr Sylvia Earle.

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### ***Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean based economies through regional cooperation on maritime decarbonization (focus: Africa)***

**17:30-18:45 | Committee Room**

**Organizers:** International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for Africa (MTCC Africa), State Department for Shipping and Maritime Kenya,

**Description:** This forum aims to promote the necessity to strengthen efforts globally to exchange knowledge about existing new green technologies and support their deployment through MTCC Africa and IMO CARES.

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## Thursday 30 June

### ***Chile: a multi-sectoral innovation hub for effective ocean conservation***

10:00-11:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Fundación Meri; The Pew Charitable Trusts; Environmental Defense Fund; Blue Nature Alliance; Coral Reefs of the High Seas Coalition

**Description:** Highlight the efforts made in the field of ocean protection through the establishment of marine protected areas and the implementation of new technologies.

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### ***The Regional response for the protection of the marine environment and its marine living resources from plastic pollution – A concrete case from the Mediterranean***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Ministry of the Environment and Energy of Greece (Lead Organizer); United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) (Co-organizer); Regional Activity Centre for Information and Communication (INFO/RAC) of UNEP/MAP; Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC) of UNEP/MAP; Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre of UNEP/MAP

**Description:** Advancing global efforts to address plastic pollution by showcasing progress and lessons from the Mediterranean through national & regional activities supported by UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention system

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**Webpage:** <https://www.unep.org/unepmap/greece-and-unepmap-side-event-2022-un-ocean-conference>

### ***Creating a Blue Society: Innovative solutions for sustainable ocean and coastal management action***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Global Ocean Forum; Nausicaa National Sea Center, France; World Ocean Network; One Ocean Hub; Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States; African Union Development Agency; Global Fund for Coral Reefs; United Nations Development Programme; Acadia University; Envirostrat; Coastal Policy and Humanities Research; Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University

**Description:** Features scientific and innovative approaches to ocean-based socio-economic development that integrate enduring coastal and ocean management concepts based on the idea of a Blue Society

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### ***Seaweed: A Revolution to Achieve Goal 14 and More***

11:30-12:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Safe Seaweed Coalition; Lloyd's Register Foundation; UN Global Compact

**Description:** The proposed event aims to highlight seaweed's revolutionary role in addressing world's most pressing challenges and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably SDG 14.

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### ***From Ocean Knowledge to Action: Developing Capacity to Create a Sustainable Ocean Economy***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** International Ocean Institute (IOI); United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); One Ocean Hub (as part of UNITAR); GOAL Global

**Description:** Multi-level knowledge sharing and synergising networks thematically unite the initiatives of IOI, UNCTAD, UNITAR/OOH and GOAL Global, focusing on developing capacity for a Sustainable Ocean Economy.

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**Webpage:** <https://unctad.org/meeting/unoc-side-event-ocean-knowledge-action-developing-capacity-create-sustainable-ocean-economy>

### ***Delivering global commitments in the Baltic Sea region***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Ministry of the Environment, Estonia; Ministry of the Environment, Germany; Ministry of Environment, Finland; Ministry of Environment, Latvia; Ministry of Environment, Sweden; Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS); World Commission on Protected Area (WCPA); Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB); Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR); Commission for the Protection of the Baltic Sea Marine Environment (HELCOM).

**Description:** The side event will highlight the role of effective regional marine governance and showcase the work of the Helsinki Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea.

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### ***Sustainable Ocean Development “Beyond GDP”***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Global Ocean Accounts Partnership, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, Government of Canada, Government of Indonesia, Government of the United Kingdom, Government of the United States, other partners pending

**Description:** Scaling global efforts to make nature and people count through ocean accounts, as a foundation of measurement and management of progress towards sustainable ocean development

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**Webpage:** [www.oceanaccounts.org](http://www.oceanaccounts.org)

### ***Marine Plastic Debris: Global Commitments and Actions for a Clean Ocean***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Secretariat of National Coordination Team for Marine Debris Handling, Indonesia and Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment, Indonesia

**Description:** Marine plastic litter has detrimental impacts on life’s various aspects. This event will cover multi stakeholders’ approach, success story, and collaboration in combatting marine plastic litter.

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**Webpage:** <https://bit.ly/marineplasticdebrisUNOC2022>

### ***Blue Carbon: Charting the Path for Governance and Partnerships***

13:00-14:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Lead Organizations and Partners: 1. Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: The International Partnership for Blue Carbon, including partners: UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Blue Carbon Forum, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), Rare, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Blue Ventures, CATIE 2. Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment of The Republic of Indonesia and Indonesia Ocean Justice Initiative (IOJI) 3. World Economic Forum (Friends of Ocean Action): Karen Demavivas, Lead, Friends of Ocean Action, World Economic Forum, Whitney Johnston, Director of Ocean Sustainability, Salesforce; Jennifer Howard, Senior Director, Blue Carbon Programme, Conservation International; Karen Sack, Executive Director & Co-Chair, ORRAA; Emily Landis, Climate and Ocean Lead, TNC; John Ehrmann, Senior Partner, The Meridian Institute; Douglas McCauley, Benioff Ocean Initiative 4. Government of Commonwealth of The Bahamas: Beneath The Waves, Oceans2050, Sea Legacy and International Monetary Fund

**Description:** As solution to climate change while also generating co-benefits, blue carbon requires governance and partnerships to ensure credible projects with sustainable and equitable best practice principles.

**Contact:** [gracegb@oceanjusticeinitiative.org](mailto:gracegb@oceanjusticeinitiative.org)

**Webpage:** <https://bluecarbonpartnership.org/the-united-nations-ocean-conference-unoc/>

### ***Ocean Governance - From scientific information through political commitments to effective management and action***

13:15-14:30 | Plenary Room

**Organizers:** European Commission, Federal Government of Germany and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Description:** The event will present a stocktake of knowledge, solutions and actions for effective ocean governance to achieve conservation and sustainable use, encompassing climate and biodiversity.

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## ***Enhancing Support for the Sustainable Blue Economy: Scaling Innovative, Transformative and Durable Investments in SIDS***

13:15-14:30 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** Alliance of Small Island States | Global Environment Facility

**Description:** Featuring blue bonds, this session will explore ways to make ocean-focused investments in SIDS more integrated, transformative and durable to achieve a sustainable blue economy that works for everyone.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.aosis.org/enhancing-support-for-the-sustainable-blue-economy-scaling-innovative-transformative-and-durable-investments-in-sids/>

## ***Safety, equity and sustainability from source to sea — collaborative science-based and data-driven approaches***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Accenture Development Partnerships, Stockholm Resilience Center, Stockholm International Water Institute, Lloyd's Register Foundation, UN Global Compact, HUB Ocean, Baltic Health Index, Ocean 100 Dialogues, Seafood Business for Ocean Stewardship, SwedBio, Government of the Netherlands, Government of Sweden, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization International Hydrological Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Environment Programme, Global Environment Facility, Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Race for the Baltic, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Stockholm Environment Institute, Ocean Sewage Alliance and Global Water Partnership

**Description:** Science-based, data-fuelled collaborations are critical to restoring ocean health and ensuring a safe, just blue economy. Barriers, opportunities and innovative approaches will be shared and discussed

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**Webpage:** <https://siwi.org/event/safety-equity-and-sustainability-from-source-to-sea-collaborative-science-based-and-data-driven-approaches>

## ***Increasing transparency to eradicate IUU fishing and deliver SDG 14***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Oceana, Seafood Legacy, WWF (European Policy Office, office in United States of America and Japan), The Nature Conservancy, Environmental Justice Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trusts. Fisheries Transparency Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Sailors for the Sea Japan, Sciaena, Citizens Institute for Environmental Studies (CIES) South Korea, Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone (PRCM)

**Description:** A high level panel discussion, including US Assistant Secretary of State Monica Medina and Director General of the European Commission DG Mare Charlina Vitcheva, setting out how a fundamental shift toward transparency can be achieved to combat illegal fishing and related abuses..

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**Webpage:** <http://www.iuuwatch.eu/2022/06/save-the-date-thursday-june-30-increasing-transparency-to-eradicate-iuu-fishing-and-deliver-sdg-14/>

## ***Shaping Africa's Sustainable Blue Economy***

14:30-15:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** African Union Commission - AUDA-NEPAD

**Description:** This side event provides a convening space for African stakeholders to amplify partnerships, actions and commitments for the sustainable development of Africa's oceans.

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**Webpage:**

## ***Blue economy and decarbonization to meet the climate crisis: an international agenda***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Portuguese Association for Business Ethics (Portugal), Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal), Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera – IPMA (Portugal).

**Description:** Fostering transatlantic cooperation for the blue economy and building an innovation ecosystem for the blue bioeconomy to promote decarbonization and sustainable growth.

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**Webpage:**

## ***Towards a Universal Declaration of Ocean Rights***



### 16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Cabo Verde Government, Earth Law Centre, Mirpuri Foundation, The Danny Faure Foundation, The Ocean Race, The Seychelles Government

**Description:** This event focuses on the need to recognise the ocean's rights to help accelerate the SDG targets and examines how a Universal Declaration of Ocean Rights could influence this.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.theoceanrace.com/en/ocean-rights.html>

### ***The Commonwealth Blue Charter: an emerging success story for troubled waters***

#### 16:00-17:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Commonwealth Secretariat

**Description:** This high-level panel, open to all, will feature some of actions being taken by 47 countries under the Blue Charter, discuss the unique Action Group model, new announcements, and lessons learned.

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**Webpage:** <https://thecommonwealth.org/events>

### ***High level policy dialogues on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for blue economies in Africa- Regional cooperation and international partnerships***

#### 17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and others (tbc)

**Description:** The side event highlights the achievements and challenges in pursuing sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in African and articulate priority for regional cooperation and international partnership.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.spf.org/en/opri/>

### ***Crime, corruption, and environment: a criminal justice approach for ocean action and achieving SDG 14***

#### 17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Wildlife Justice Commission (WJC)

**Description:** The event will outline the links between crimes, incl. crimes in the fisheries sector, corruption, and the ocean economy, and discuss the role of enforcement institutions in the global ocean action.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Protecting the ocean: Action time for the High Ambition Coalition on BBNJ***

#### 17:30-18:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** The Republic of Portugal, The Republic of France, The European Commission, The High Seas Alliance

**Description:** The UN Ocean Conference, the last major ocean related event before IGCS, presents a unique opportunity to reaffirm the political support for the conclusion of the BBNJ Treaty in 2022.

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**Webpage:** <https://onu.missaoportugal.mne.gov.pt/en/portugal-in-the-un/other>

## Friday 1 July

### ***Weathering Political Uncertainty of Large-Scale Conservation Projects – A Leader's Perspective to the Dialogue***

#### 10:00-11:15 | Committee Room



**Organizers:** GLISPA, Blue Nature Alliance, UNDP GEF-SGP, Micronesia Conservation Trust, Big Ocean.

**Description:** High level representatives of islands and organisations working with islands discuss how to sustain Large-Scale Conservation Projects through successive election cycles or changes in leadership.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Transforming Ocean Economies: Building Sustainable and Resilient Ocean Tourism and Coastal Cities***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Government of Jamaica, World Resources Institute and the Stimson Center

**Description:** Launch of a new body of knowledge from the Ocean Panel to accelerate progress on sustainable and resilient coastal and marine tourism and highlight CORVI as a key tool to improve coastal resilience

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**Webpage:** <https://www.wri.org/events/2022/7/united-nations-ocean-conference-transforming-ocean-economies-building-sustainable-and>

### ***Effective Maritime Security for Ocean Governance - Resilient Oceans and Maritime Security: Innovation and Partnerships***

10:00-11:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Portugal and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global Maritime Crime Programme

**Description:** Interactive panel on the use of innovation in preventing maritime environmental crimes and fighting transnational organised maritime crime: the link maritime security-sustainable ocean governance.

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**Webpage:**

### ***Protecting the Chagos Archipelago: Towards SDG-14, Sustainability and Self-Determination Through a New Marine Protected Area***

11:30-12:45 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Government of Mauritius

**Description:** Committed to protecting the marine environment and implementing SDG 14, Mauritius will present its proposed MPA in the Chagos Archipelago and will invite partnerships for its management.

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**Webpage:** [chagosarchipelago.govmu.org](http://chagosarchipelago.govmu.org)

### ***Quality Matters: Enhancing Governance, Effective Management and Resilience of Marine Protected Areas for Multiple Co-benefits***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Ecuador Government, Charles Darwin Foundation, ReWild, Jocotoco Foundation, Marine Conservation Institute, The Nature Conservancy (moderator), UNEP (moderator)

**Description:** Dive into effective MPA implementation globally (e.g., Galápagos and Eastern Tropical Pacific), explore innovative planning and finance tools and strategies, and celebrate the 2022 Blue Park Awards.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.darwinfoundation.org/en/>; <https://marine-conservation.org/2022-unoc-Quality-Matters/>; <https://www.nature.org/en-us/>

### ***Cultural and sustainable management of Islands blue economies and oceans ecosystems***

11:30-12:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Government of French Polynesia, Government of Fiji, Government of Seychelles, Government of Saint Lucia, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Asian Development Bank, World Bank, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Small Islands Organisation

**Description:** Side event focus on Islands. This event will enable SIDS to share innovative solutions, success stories, sustainable financing mechanisms and how to overcome hurdles to allow partnerships towards a sustainable blue economy.

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## ***African Member States, Governments and Civil Society Organizations to Prioritize 30% of African Ocean and Local Coastal Communities that Fully Respects and Integrates Indigenous Rights and Indigenous Leadership.***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** The government of Cameroon through the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature, and Sustainable Development, Global Aid for Africa (GAA), and 30x30 Network Campaign for Africa (NECA)

**Description:** Prioritizing 30% of African Ocean and Local Coastal Communities that Fully Respects and Integrates Indigenous Rights and Indigenous Leadership. "

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**Webpage:** <https://30x30campaign4africa.org/gaa-un-ocean-conference-2022/>

## ***It's all about people: Building inclusive leadership and cross-sectoral collaboration for a thriving ocean***

13:00-14:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** UNESCO, Edinburgh University – Edinburgh Ocean Leaders, Planeta Océano, Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE), Biosfera 1, Blue Ventures CoopeSoliDar R.L, Early Career Ocean Professional Programme (ECOP), International Pacific Marine Educators Network (IPMEN), GRID-Arendal, I AM WATER, IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature, Locally Managed Marine Area Network International, Marine Conservation Action Fund (MCAF) of the New England Aquarium, Maritime Archaeology Trust, MigraMar, Misión Tiburón, Mission Blue, National Museum of Kenya, Nausicaá - National Sea Center, Ocean Decade Heritage Network, Ocean Knowledge Action Network (KAN), Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (OPRI-SPF), Panama – Ministry of the Environment, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Qingdao Marine Conservation Society, SciDipGLOBAL, SpeSeas, Surfers Against Sewage, The Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic at UIT The Arctic University of Norway, The Ocean Foundation, The Pacific Community (SPC), Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Universidade Nuova de Lisboa, University of South Florida - College of Marine Science, Upwell

**Description:** A sustainable ocean demands new thinking, learning from the past, promoting leaders and unprecedented collaboration. Explore best practices worldwide, help us shift mindsets and amplify impact.

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## ***Policy Pathways for a Sustainable Future for Small Scale Fisheries: securing viable livelihoods, economies, and resilience of people and places***

13:00-14:15 | Committee Room

**Organizers:** Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Government of Ghana, European Commission- Directorate General of International Partnerships (DG-INTPA)

**Description:** .The side event aims to raise awareness of policy actions drawing from practice to promote a productive, resilient, and sustainable small-scale fisheries sector

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## ***One Blue Ocean for One Blue Planet: Actions to Combat Climate Change and Sea-level Rise for our Collective Future***

13:15-14:30 | Plenary Room

**Organizers:** Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Organisation of African, Pacific and Caribbean States (OACPS), Pacific Community (SPC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF)

**Description:** An action focused high-level event on combatting climate change and rising sea-levels to secure the future of our One Blue Ocean, including the Pacific declaration to preserve maritime boundaries

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## ***Leveraging Human Rights and Gender Equity to Achieve SDG 14***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC); Women in Ocean Science C.I.C.; Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR)

**Description:** The roundtable will discuss human rights and gender equity as a prerequisite to achieve sustainable fisheries, with special attention to women as key actors for change.

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### ***Keeping fishers safe at sea: Film premier & panel debate***

14:30-15:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Lloyd's Register Foundation, WEF (Friends of Ocean Action), United Nations Global Compact

**Description:** How do we keep fishers safe at sea? Join us for a premier viewing of a documentary featuring a husband and wife fighting to stay afloat in one of Africa's most vulnerable fishing communities.

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### ***A Sustainable Blue Pacific Continent : Scaling up action through Ocean Science and Traditional knowledge for informed governance***

14:30-15:45 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), The Pacific Community (SPC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

**Description:** Integrated ocean management for a sustainable and Resilient Blue Pacific Continent. Scaling up innovative action for a healthy ocean, people and islands informed by science and traditional knowledge

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### ***Addressing key challenges in fisheries, aquaculture, and seafood trade policy for sustainable development***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** UNCTAD, DOALOS, IISD, GSSI, and Monterey Bay Aquarium.

**Description:** Well-designed trade policies can provide positive incentives for fish stocks conservation & sustainable aquaculture & at the same time address negative ones.

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**Webpage:** <https://unctad.org/meeting/unoc-side-event-addressing-key-challenges-fisheries-aquaculture-and-seafood-trade-policy>

### ***Ocean and Coastal Observation and Monitoring at scale: Co-Designing the value chain from data to impact through a partnership approach***

16:00-17:15 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** UN Environment Programme (UNEP) - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) - Mercator Ocean International (MOI) – Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) – G7 Future of the Seas and Ocean Initiative (FSOI)

**Description:** The event emphasizes the importance of partnerships and easily accessible and relevant data for coastal and marine resource management, policy setting and decision-making.

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### ***The Overseas Countries and Territories – partnerships for conservation and sustainable use of our oceans***

16:00-17:15 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** OCTA – Overseas Countries and Territories Association; Expertise France; Pacific Islands Forum; GLISPA – Global Island Partnership

**Description:** This ambitious mixed format event features keynote speeches by members of OCT Governments, followed by a discussion panel of senior experts managing cross-OCT partnerships.

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**Webpage:** <https://www.overseas-association.eu/event/the-overseas-countries-and-territories-partnerships-for-conservation-and-sustainable-use-of-our-oceans-un-oceans-conference-side-event/>



## ***Delivering Ocean Solutions for the SDGs: The role of Africa in the Alliance of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and in Developing a Sustainable Blue Economy***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 1

**Organizers:** Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO; Representative of the Ocean decade Alliance, Hassan II International Center for Environmental training, Directorate General of territorial Authorities of Morocco, National Institute for Fisheries Research (INRH), Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP).

**Description:** Foundations and philanthropies strengthening the Alliance to meet the challenges of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: what role for Africa?

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## ***Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Blue Carbon Markets***

17:30-18:45 | Side Event Room 2

**Organizers:** Belize Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, SIDS DOCK, GRID-Arendal

**Description:** A panel discussion on blue carbon experiences, challenges, and needs in SIDS with a focus on creating opportunities for a SIDS blue carbon community based on science, equity, and partnerships.

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## ***Promoting implementation of CITES towards sustainable and traceable ocean trade: spotlight on the UNCTAD-OECS Blue BioTrade project***

17:30-18:45 | Interactive Dialogue Room

**Organizers:** CITES, UNCTAD, OECS

**Description:** Implementation of CITES marine species listings makes an important contribution towards SDG14. This session discusses the key challenges and highlights the UNCTAD-OECS-CITES Blue BioTrade Project.

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