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UN Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition hosts Youth and Innovation Forum event at UN Ocean Conference to put youth innovation at top of ocean agenda

The Youth and Innovation Forum event, co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal, with the United Nations Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition and the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA), in cooperation with CEiiA, the Municipality of Cascais and Nova School of Business and Economics (NOVA SBE) and supported by UN DESA, is the flagship opening event of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. The Forum will be held June 24-26, 2022 and include an innovation hackathon at the beach of Cascais.

During the 24-hour Innovathon, 150 selected youth delegates from all over the world will be working together to address critical challenges founded in UN Global Compact's [5 Tipping Points](#) for a Healthy and Productive Ocean. Through this the youth will also be given the opportunity to contribute to the political process of the UN Ocean Conference by facilitating inputs to the [eight interactive dialogues](#). There will also be a live streamed SDG media zone at the beach to open up for dialogue and interviews giving youth the opportunity to present initiatives and ideas.

WHAT: United Nations Ocean Conference Youth and Innovation Forum, Innovathon

WHEN: 24-26 June 2022

WHERE: Nova SBE, Carcavelos, Cascais, Portugal (Registration and accreditation details below)

About the United Nations Youth and Innovation Forum

The aim of the Forum is to engage young leaders as a key driver for change and to inspire, amplify and accelerate youth action for our ocean to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It is to help students, young entrepreneurs, innovators, and solutionists scale up their initiatives, projects, and ideas with professional training and matchmaking with mentors, investors, the private sector and government officials to maximize their impact.



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Additional High Level Speakers including Head of State to be announced.

Confirmed Speakers:

Shannon Cosentino-Roush, Chief Strategy Officer, Finless Foods
Pauline Owiti, Youth Policy Advisor, Sustainable Ocean Alliance
Patricia Furtado de Mendonça, Founder & CEO, Acqua Mater
Tara Roberts, Storytelling Explorer, National Geographic
Diva Amon, Marine Biologist, Benioff Ocean Initiative at University of California, Santa Barbara
Hannah Brocke, Co-founder & COO, planblue GmbH
Vincent Doumeizel, Lead, Safe Seaweed Coalition

Lead Mentors overview for the five challenges:

Sustainable Seafood: Wenche Gronbrekk, Director Strategy, Partnerships and External Relations, Seafood Business for Ocean Stewardship (SeaBOS)

Set Sail for Zero: Conor Fürstenberg Stott, Partner, Fürstenberg Maritime Advisory

Ocean Renewable Energy: Sander des Tombe, Dutch Marine Energy Ambassador, Dutch Marine Energy Centre (DMEC)

End Ocean Waste: Anna Zivian, Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Conservancy

Mapping the Ocean: Nuno Vilhena Lourenço, Business development Manager, CEiiA

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Media accreditation for the UN Ocean Conference:

Please note the following deadline for media accreditation for the UN Ocean Conference:

Pre-registration online: 3 May 2022 to 12 June 2022 [here](#).

On-site registration in Lisbon: 22 June 2022 (TBC) to 1 July 2022