



## 2022 UN Ocean Conference News Wave 16 June 2022

### **Logistical arrangements**

Information on logistical aspects related to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, including the [Information Note for Participants](#), [Practical Logistical Note](#) and [COVID-19 Measures Implemented in Portugal](#), are available on the [Conference website](#).

### **Political declaration**

The final draft of the intergovernmentally agreed political declaration has been published on the [Conference website](#). The declaration reaffirms strong commitment of the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources. It highlights the importance of acting decisively and urgently to improve the health, productivity, sustainable use and resilience of the ocean and its ecosystems.

### **Interactive dialogues**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/292, the Conference will feature eight interactive dialogues. Each dialogue will be presided over by two co-chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the Presidents of the Conference. The programme for each of the eight dialogues will feature a moderator, four panelists and two lead discussants. The panel discussion, facilitated by the moderator, will be followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders.

Provisional agendas for eight interactive dialogues are available on the [Conference website](#):

[1: Addressing marine pollution](#)

[2: Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems](#)

[3: Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming](#)

[4: Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets](#)

[5: Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries](#)

[6: Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology](#)

[7: Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#)

[8: Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda](#)

### **Side events**

Side events organized by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, UN entities and all other accredited stakeholders will take place inside the Conference venue daily from 10:00 to 19:00. Side events inside the Conference venue can only be attended by duly registered participants to the Conference. Several side events will also be held outside of the Altice

Arena in various locations across Lisbon, as well as virtually. Details, including location and timing of all side events, can be found in the respective [side event programmes](#).

### **Submission of written inputs by NGOs and other stakeholders**

Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and who have been accredited in accordance with General Assembly resolution [A/RES/73/292](#), can submit written statements/inputs to the Conference via a [dedicated form](#). Such statements/inputs will be published on the official website of the Conference and made publicly available. Deadline for submissions has been extended to Friday, **1 July 2022**.

### **Voluntary Commitments for Ocean Action**

In its resolution 73/292, the UN General Assembly called for new voluntary commitments to be made in support of SDG 14. The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs has created an [online searchable database](#) to collect and shine the spotlight on such commitments. More than **1,700 initiatives** covering all targets of SDG 14 have been registered since the 2017 UN Ocean Conference by a range of different actors. [Read the letter](#) from Ambassador Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, about ocean voluntary commitments and [register your commitment](#) for Ocean Action.

### **Sign up to receive periodic updates about the 2022 Ocean Conference and the Ocean Action Newsletter**

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For further information, please visit the 2022 UN Ocean Conference website at: [un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022](https://un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022)

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