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Concept notes for the interactive dialogues are now available

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution on the modalities for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference ([A/RES/73/292](#)), the Conference will feature eight interactive dialogues that will be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and that will focus on recommendations to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, including through strengthened cooperation, existing successful partnerships and stimulating innovative and concrete new ones, taking into account the theme of the Conference “Scaling up Ocean Action Based on Science and Innovation for the Implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions”.

Concept notes for the 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](#)

Pre-registration for eligible stakeholder organizations to participate in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference to close on Friday, 3 June

The deadline for eligible stakeholder organizations to register participants for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference will be **on Friday, 3 June 2022**. Relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in [Annex II of A/RES/73/292](#) can pre-register up to **five representatives** to participate as observers in the Conference. No registrations will be accepted via email and there will be **NO on-site registration for stakeholders**. For more information and to access the pre-registration portal, please check [here](#).

Pre-registration for other categories of participants, including representatives of governments, intergovernmental organizations, associate members of the regional commissions, the UN system and media, is also open. More information is available on the [Conference website](#).

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 now submit written statements/inputs to the Conference via a [dedicated form](#) by Monday, **20 June**. Such statements/inputs will be published on the official website of the Conference and made publicly available.

Additionally, registered representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, who have been accredited in accordance with General Assembly resolution [A/RES/73/292](#) and whose work is relevant to the Conference, are being contacted by the Conference secretariat to indicate their interest to make short interventions during the plenary meetings and interactive dialogues. For questions, please email at unoc2022@un.org.

2022 UN Ocean Conference Special Events

In connection with the 2022 UN Ocean conference, the co-hosts Portugal and Kenya, supported by numerous partners, are spearheading a number of informal [Special Events](#) to help rally further engagement and more Ocean Action by stakeholders. These Special Events include:

Youth and Innovation Forum

The Youth and Innovation Forum, to be held from Friday, **24 June** to Sunday, **26 June**, in **Cascais**, will be a platform for advancing ocean action and implementing youth-led solutions based on SDG 14 targets. It will seek to help young entrepreneurs and innovators scale up their initiatives, projects and ideas through professional training and matchmaking with mentors, investors, the private sector and government officials. More information is available [here](#).

Localizing Action for the Ocean: Local and Regional Governments

Registration is now open for the “Local and Regional Governments Special Event – Localizing Action for the Ocean”, which will be held on Saturday, **25 June**, in the City of **Matosinhos**, Portugal. This in-person Special Event will create an opportunity for local and regional governments and their networks, national governments and other stakeholders to exchange experiences and good practices of SDG 14 implementation at the local level. For more information, including registration information for this Special Event, please click [here](#). The deadline to register is Friday, **10 June**.

Sustainable Blue Economy Investment Forum

The Sustainable Blue Economy Investment Forum (SBEIF), to be held on Tuesday, **28 June**, in **Cascais**, will launch a process for designing sustainable blue economies global standard, to be used in financial instruments, investment decisions and business. In addition, the SBEIF will be an opportunity to establish a common language for a sustainable ocean economy and to explore how to build synergies between integrated Ocean Management Plans, trade finance, marketing and distribution value chains and the private sector. For more details and to register, please see [here](#).

High-Level Symposium on Water – Bridging SDG 6 and SDG 14

The High-Level Symposium on Water, to be held on Monday, **27 June**, in **Lisbon**, is one of the preparatory meetings for the UN 2023 Water Conference that will explore the interlinkages between SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 14 (Life below Water). This event will provide an opportunity to strengthen the role of water and ocean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement and will offer a platform for presenting successful best practices and partnerships. More information is available [here](#).

Ocean Voluntary Commitments

In its resolution 73/292, the UN General Assembly called for new voluntary commitments to be made in support of SDG 14, in connection with the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. 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.

Five actions you can take to #SaveOurOcean

Everyone can do their part to reverse the decline of the Ocean by following these five steps:

- [Use the Lazy Person's Guide to Save the Ocean](#)
- [Take the Kahoot quiz to test your ocean knowledge!](#)
- [Organize your own beach cleanup](#)
- [Join the SDG Book Club and read a book about ocean](#)
- [Act now and take ocean action](#)

Share your ocean actions with us by using **#SaveOurOcean** and tagging [@GlobalGoalsUN](#) on Twitter and [@Global Goals for Sustainable Development](#) on Facebook.

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

Sign up [here](#) to receive periodic email updates about the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. Click [here](#) to receive the quarterly Ocean Action newsletter prepared by UN DESA. For the latest issue, please click [here](#).

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

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