



2022 UN Ocean Conference News Wave 27 April 2022

Pre-registration for eligible stakeholder organizations to participate in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference is now open (Deadline: Monday, 16 May)

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 now pre-register to participate as observers in the Conference. Eligible organizations should pre-register their representatives (up to three) to participate in the Conference by Monday, **16 May 2022**. 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 online 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, will be open from **3 May to 14 June 2022**. More information will be made available on the [Conference website](#).

Online stakeholder briefing on the 2022 UN Ocean Conference updates and preparations (Tuesday, 3 May)

All interested stakeholders are invited to participate in an online briefing organized by the 2022 UN Ocean Conference Secretariat in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs on Tuesday, **3 May 2022, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. (EDT)**. The briefing will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn the latest updates about the Conference, including expected outcomes and opportunities to participate. Interested stakeholders should register [here](#) by Monday, **2 May 2022**. More information about the briefing is available on the [website](#).

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

Localizing Action for the Ocean: Local and Regional Governments Special Event, to be held on Saturday, **25 June**, in the City of **Matosinhos**, will create an opportunity for local and regional governments and their networks, national governments and other stakeholders to exchange good practices of SDG 14 implementation at the local level. It will also be a space for local and regional governments and other stakeholders to announce new [voluntary commitments](#) in support of Ocean Action. The event will also seek to facilitate a discussion on opportunities and initiatives that can support sustainable adaptation for coastal cities and regions, including financing innovation and scaling up ocean protection. For more information, please check [here](#).

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 sustainable framework 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.

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 Water Conference 2023. Trying to bridge and explore the interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goals 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and 14 (Life below Water), this Symposium represents a unique opportunity to bring together political leaders and high-level decision-makers dealing both with “fresh” and “salt” water, reflecting on how to better connect these two communities to guarantee an integrated vision of the water cycle. By doing so, this event provides 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 offers a platform for presenting successful best practices and partnerships. More information is available [here](#).

Call for side events at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (Deadline: Sunday, 8 May)

All interested Member States, intergovernmental organizations, UN entities and other duly accredited and registered entities are invited to apply for side events in connection with the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. Side events can be hosted (a) in-person inside the Conference venue, the Altice Arena; (b) in-person in other locations in Lisbon; or (c) virtually. The deadline for applications is Sunday, **8 May 2022**. Priority will be given to events organized by the Member States and those organized in partnership by multiple entities. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to partner with others to organize a side event. For additional information, please check [here](#).

#SaveOurOcean! Join the conversation

The 2022 UN Ocean Conference is a call for ocean action: urging global leaders and all relevant sectors to boost ambition, mobilize partnerships and increase investment in science-driven and innovative approaches to reverse the decline in ocean health. **YOUR voices** are needed to generate momentum, amplify reach and share experiences to **#SaveOurOcean**. Follow and interact with the latest ocean content shared on the following UN social media channels:

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Also, check out the 2022 [UN Ocean Conference social media toolkit](#) and help spread the word about the Conference. Share your stories and initiatives by using **#SaveOurOcean** and tagging [@GlobalGoalsUN](#) on Twitter and [@Global Goals for Sustainable Development](#) on Facebook.

2022 ECOSOC Youth Forum – SDG 14 Thematic Breakout Session

On Tuesday, 19 April 2022, the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Oceans Youth Constituency of the Major Group of Children and Youth, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN Global Compact jointly organized a special Thematic Breakout Session on Youth Action for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, as part of the annual Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) [Youth Forum](#). The session served as a platform for youth to showcase ideas, recommendations, innovations, youth-led solutions and actions to “Save our ocean, Protect our future”. It also helped to raise awareness among youth of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, the upcoming review of SDG 14 at the [2022 UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#) in July, the implementation of the [Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) as well as other related processes. The recording of the session is available on the [DSDG website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [UN Web TV](#).

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