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### Call for Stakeholder Inputs to Concept Notes of the Interactive Dialogues

Taking into account the evolving landscape and new challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, stakeholders will be invited to contribute another round of inputs to update the concept papers with latest COVID-related data and analysis in the status and trends, challenges and opportunities, possible areas for new partnerships as well as recommendations on advancing implementation of SDG 14.

In this regard, a global online stakeholder consultation is being set up to request inputs from non-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors.

The [online consultation](#) will cover the themes of the eight interactive dialogues of the [2022 UN Ocean Conference](#):

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

Deadline for submission is **21 February 2022**.

### Consultations by the Co-facilitators on the Draft Outcome

Denmark and Grenada, the co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to oversee the intergovernmental consultations on the outcome document of the UN Ocean Conference, will be convening a full day introductory meeting on 1 February 2022

in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UNHQ, to kick off the negotiations. Given the current situation, the meeting will possibly have a virtual format.

### Special Accreditation Process for Non-governmental Organizations and Other Stakeholders

Organizations that fall under the following categories will be able to request registration to attend the UN Ocean Conference:

- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC (Special, General or Roster consultative status). You can check if your organization has consultative status by going [here](#).
- Organizations that have received special accreditation by the General Assembly to the UN Ocean Conference (please, read more about Special Accreditation for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference below):
  1. Outcomes of the first round of Special Accreditation to the UN Ocean Conference (December 2019) can be found [here](#).
  2. Outcomes of the second round of special accreditation to the UN Ocean Conference (April 2020) can be found [here](#).
- Organizations that were accredited to any of the following past Conferences (please click on the links for details):
  1. The World Summit on Sustainable Development;
  2. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
  3. The 2017 high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
  4. The intergovernmental conference on an internationally legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction;
  5. Previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa.

Only organizations that fall within the above categories will be able to request registration of participants for the UN Ocean Conference.

ECOSOC accredited organizations whose statuses have been suspended by the UN NGO Committee will not be allowed to request registration to the UN Ocean Conference, irrespective of previous accreditation to past UN Conferences.

Relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations whose work is relevant to the Conference that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC, or that have not been accredited to any of the Conferences listed above must apply for special accreditation [here](#) by **28 February 2022**.

- Accreditation applications can only be submitted on behalf of relevant organizations or entities. Applications by individuals are not accepted.

- Applications can only be done through the dedicate online form available [here](#).
- All applications for special accreditation will be reviewed by the Secretariat before they are presented to the General Assembly for decision. Please note that important supporting documentation will be required, such as an annual report, proof of legal status and motivation letter – please allow enough time to provide all these.
- Special accreditation is granted to organizations or entities by the General Assembly on a non-objection basis. Following the Assembly’s approval, the Secretariat will notify all organizations that have received special accreditation. Once an organization or entity has received special accreditation, it will need to register to attend the Ocean Conference.
- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the ECOSOC or other entities listed above do not need to apply for special accreditation.

### **[New Website for Voluntary Commitments](#)**

Check out the new website for Voluntary Commitments and register your commitment in support of the Sustainable Development Goals [here](#).

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