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2025 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

Nice, France, 9–13 June 2025

Information note for participants

I. Background

1. By its resolution [78/128](#), the General Assembly decided to convene the high-level 2025 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 in Nice, France, from 9 to 13 June 2025.
2. The General Assembly also decided that the overarching theme of the Conference shall be “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean” and that the Conference should:
 - (a) Support further and urgent action to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, giving due consideration to the call made in the declarations entitled “Our ocean, our future: call for action” and “Our ocean, our future, our responsibility”;
 - (b) Identify further ways and means to support the implementation of Goal 14;
 - (c) Build on existing instruments to form successful partnerships towards the swift conclusion and effective implementation of ongoing processes that contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean;
 - (d) Involve all relevant stakeholders, bringing together Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities and other actors to assess challenges and opportunities relating to, as well as actions taken towards, the implementation of Goal 14;
 - (e) Share the experiences gained at the national, regional and international levels in the implementation of Goal 14;

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(f) Identify possible challenges and obstacles relating to the achievement of all the targets under Goal 14, as well as opportunities and innovative ways and means to support their implementation;

(g) Invite Member States and other relevant stakeholders to provide an update on the implementation of the voluntary commitments made in the context of the 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, and invite new voluntary commitments in support of Goal 14, as well as support the sharing of experiences and lessons learned on their implementation;

(h) Share ongoing efforts, successes and challenges between relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes with a view to promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination, as well as preventing the unnecessary duplication of efforts, to ensure further efficiency and effectiveness in support of Goal 14;

(i) Contribute to the follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by providing an input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, in accordance with resolutions 67/290 of 9 July 2013, 70/1, 70/299 of 29 July 2016 and 75/290 B of 25 June 2021, unless otherwise agreed in line with the aforementioned resolutions, on the implementation of Goal 14, including on opportunities to strengthen progress in the future;

(j) Contribute to the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the work to conserve and sustainably use the ocean and its resources, including through the empowerment of women and girls, as their full, equal and meaningful participation is key in progressing towards a sustainable ocean-based economy and to achieving Goal 14.

3. The General Assembly further decided that the Conference should adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on areas of accelerated and collective action to support the implementation of Goal 14 and a report containing the Co-Chairs' summaries of the Ocean Action panels, as well as a list of voluntary commitments for the implementation of Goal 14 registered after 1 July 2022 and announced at the Conference; and decided that the intergovernmentally agreed declaration and the list of voluntary commitments would be referred to as the "Nice Ocean Action Plan";

4. The venue of the Conference is the Nice Congress Centre, located at Quai Amiral Infernet, 06300 Nice, France.

5. Additional information on the Conference is available on the Conference website (<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025>).

II. Secretariat of the Conference

6. In its resolution 78/128, the General Assembly decided that the Secretary-General of the Conference would serve as focal point within the Secretariat for providing support for the organization of the Conference, in cooperation and coordination with the Presidents of the Conference. In February 2024, the Secretary-General of the United Nations appointed the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Li Junhua, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

7. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Elinor Hammarskjöld was appointed as Special Adviser to the Presidents of the Conference on oceans and legal matters.

8. The Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Cherith Norman Chalet, will serve as the Secretary of the Conference.

III. Organization of work of the Conference and seating arrangements

9. The proposed organization of work of the Conference is available in document [A/CONF.230/2025/3](#).

10. The opening plenary meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, 9 June, in the plenary hall, to consider procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the rules of procedure and the agenda, the election of the two Presidents of the Conference, the election of officers, the establishment of subsidiary organs, as appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Conference and other matters.

11. Statements will be made by the Presidents of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General of the Conference and elected representatives of the host region and city.

12. At the opening of the Conference and at subsequent plenary meetings, the delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Union will be assigned four seats: two seats at the table and two advisory seats behind. Delegations will be seated in French alphabetical order. Seating will also be available for the representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities (including specialized agencies, funds and programmes), accredited NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders, who will each be assigned two seats: one seat at the table and one advisory seat behind. A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the Conference venue (Blue Zone) on 9 June 2025 by all participants. A different secondary access card, in addition to the Conference badge, is required by all participants to access the plenary hall to attend the plenary meetings on 9 June. Representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs), major groups and other stakeholders registered for the Conference will require secondary access cards for all plenary meetings from 9 to 13 June. Information about the distribution of secondary access cards for plenary meetings to representatives of NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders will be shared by the secretariat with registered participants.

13. The Ocean Action panels will be held in the Ocean Action Panel Room. The delegation of each participating State, the European Union and accredited observers, including intergovernmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system and stakeholders, will be assigned two seats: one seat at the table and one advisory seat behind. A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the Ocean Action Panel Room by all participants. Representatives of accredited NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders registered for the Conference will require secondary access cards for all Ocean Action panels. Information about the distribution of secondary access cards for the panels to representatives of NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders will be shared by the secretariat with registered participants.

Accessible seating

14. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/341](#), upon request by a delegation for accessible seating, adjustments can be made to the seating order in the Plenary Hall and the Ocean Action Panel Room to accommodate the requesting delegation at the designated accessible seat.

15. Requests for accessible seating need to be addressed by Wednesday, 28 May 2025, to oksana.orlova@un.org, with copy to max@un.org and tongx@un.org.

IV. Agenda, programme of work and list of speakers

16. The provisional agenda, the provisional rules of procedure and the provisional organization of work of the Conference are contained in documents [A/CONF.230/2025/1](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/2](#) and [A/CONF.230/2025/3](#), respectively.

17. The programme of meetings, including the live list of speakers for the general debate, will be made available daily in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”, and will include such details as daily activities, titles, times and locations of meetings, agenda items to be considered and relevant documentation.

18. There will be 10 plenary meetings, including the opening and closing meetings. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol whereby, among representatives of States and the European Union, Heads of State, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, Heads of Government, deputy prime ministers, ministers and vice-ministers (or their equivalents in the case of the European Union) are given priority (regardless of the areas of responsibilities of the ministers and vice-ministers), in that order. Each delegation is to make no more than one statement in the general debate, delivered by no more than one accredited representative physically present in the Plenary Hall. It is proposed that a time limit of five minutes be established for each oral statement. Requests for inscription from States participating in the Conference and the European Union should be made through the e-deleGATE portal, from 10 a.m. (New York time) on Monday, 21 April, until 5 p.m. (New York time) on Tuesday, 27 May 2025. The list of speakers will be announced on the e-deleGATE platform, as well as in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”, prior to the Conference.

19. In addition, representatives of the following may, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [78/128](#), and time permitting, make a statement in the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure); (b) associate members of regional commissions (rule 61); (c) specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 62); (d) other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies (rule 63); and (e) interested United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat (duap@un.org) to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

20. Representatives of accredited NGOs and other stakeholders, including major groups (rule 65), civil society and youth organizations, Indigenous Peoples’ organizations, local and regional authorities, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations may also, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [78/128](#), and time permitting, be added to the list of speakers for the general debate. Representatives of eligible organizations will be invited to indicate their interest in speaking during the plenary meeting through a dedicated form that will be communicated to registered participants by the Conference secretariat.

21. In addition to the discussions in the plenary and the Ocean Action panels of the Conference, side events will be held in parallel, including onsite, offsite and virtual side events. Three special events focused on thematic issues of ocean science, coastal resilience and blue economy and finance, organized by the host country, will be held prior to the Conference. Information about those events will be posted on the Conference website. A link to the official side events of the Conference will also be provided in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

V. Ocean Action panels

22. The 10 Ocean Action panels will be held in Ocean Action Panel Room, in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

- Monday, 9 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 1, on the theme “Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems, including deep-sea ecosystems”
- Monday, 9 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 2, on the theme “Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity-building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health”
- Tuesday, 10 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 3, on the theme “Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in support of Sustainable Development Goal 14”
- Tuesday, 10 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 4, on the theme “Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities”
- Wednesday, 11 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 5, on the theme “Fostering sustainable fisheries management, including supporting small-scale fishers”
- Wednesday, 11 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 6, on the theme “Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience, leaving no one behind”
- Thursday, 12 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 7, on the theme “Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages”
- Thursday, 12 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 8, on the theme “Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional levels”
- Friday, 13 June, from 9 a.m. to noon: Ocean Action panel 9, on the theme “Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security”
- Friday, 13 June, from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.: Ocean Action panel 10, on the theme “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”

23. The background note and concept papers for the Ocean Action panels are contained in the following documents: [A/78/880](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/4](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/5](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/6](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/7](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/8](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/9](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/10](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/11](#), [A/CONF.230/2025/12](#) and [A/CONF.230/2025/13](#).

24. Each Ocean Action panel 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, and will be facilitated by a moderator. The dialogues will be open to all conference participants.

25. The Ocean Action panels will be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and will be focused on commitments and actions to support the implementation of Goal 14, including through strengthened cooperation, building on existing successful partnerships and stimulating innovative and concrete new ones, taking into account

the theme of the Conference. The Ocean Action panels will begin with introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs and a panel discussion, followed by an interactive debate among participants. Participants are encouraged to focus on concrete solutions to addressing challenges and gaps in conserving and sustainably using the ocean, especially by presenting voluntary commitments and partnerships, as well as policy recommendations to support the implementation of Goal 14.

26. There will be no pre-established lists of speakers for the interactive debates during the 10 Ocean Action panels. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions. The order of speakers will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to States according to the level of representation, followed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, NGOs, major groups and other relevant actors. It is envisaged that up to 22 States (3 minutes each), four intergovernmental organizations and associate members of the regional commissions (3 minutes each), three United Nations system entities (3 minutes each) and three NGOs, including major groups and other stakeholders (2 minutes each), will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each panel.

27. Representatives of NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders will be requested to indicate their interest in having a speaking slot through a dedicated form to be shared with all registered participants.

28. Summaries of the Ocean Action panels will be presented by the respective Co-Chairs to the Conference at its closing plenary meeting and included in the final report of the Conference.

VI. Bilateral meetings

29. For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, 10 small meeting rooms, each with the capacity to hold up to 12 participants, will be available in Building B of the Conference venue from 9 to 13 June 2025.

30. An electronic reservation system for the bilateral meetings will be activated through gMeets (<https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>) on 27 May 2025, in order to ensure the equitable and efficient use of the facilities. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through gMeets by logging in with their username and password and selecting the “Bilateral” tab. If an account is required, please contact sfernandes@un.org, with copy to tongx@un.org, and gmeets-helpdesk@un.org.

31. Information about room assignments will be provided one day prior to the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to submit their requests as early as possible. The accommodation of late requests will be subject to the availability of space. Delegations requiring further information should send their questions or inquiries to gmeets@un.org, with copy to sfernandes@un.org, max@un.org and tongx@un.org. When sending an email, the wording “Ocean Conference-bilats” must be included in the subject line.

VII. Interpretation

32. The official languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Statements made in any of the languages of the Conference will be interpreted into the other languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a

time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) in order to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

33. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. However, there will be limited facilities to accommodate non-official language interpreters on site. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the meetings management staff well in advance by email at max@un.org and tongx@un.org, with copy to estatements-ocean@un.org and monica.varela-garcia@un.org.

34. In order to facilitate the provision of interpretation and other services, delegations are requested to submit their statements (in PDF) by email to estatements-ocean@un.org. The number or name of the meeting and of the speaker should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and subsequently posted on the webpage of the *Journal of the United Nations* (<https://journal.un.org>), under “Conferences and Summits”.

VIII. Documentation

35. The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Distribution of official documents

36. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website. The official documents, which will be produced in all six official languages, will also be available in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”.

IX. Registration of participants and credentials

37. As specified in General Assembly resolution [78/128](#), the Conference will be open to the delegations and representatives of the following:

- (a) States;
- (b) The European Union;
- (c) Associate members of the regional commissions;¹

(d) Entities that have received a standing invitation from the Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on

¹ American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Curaçao, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Guam, Martinique, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.

Sustainable Development, the intergovernmental conference on an international 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, the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, the 2017 and 2022 United Nations Conferences to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and to previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius, Samoa and Antigua and Barbuda, and those that have received ad hoc accreditation to the 2025 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 in accordance with resolution [78/128](#);

- (e) Specialized agencies and related organizations;
- (f) Other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies;
- (g) Interested United Nations organs;

(h) NGOs and major groups as identified in Agenda 21, those in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in point (d) above.

38. Registration of the official delegations of participating States and the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and other international bodies accredited to the Conference in accordance with Assembly resolution [78/128](#), associate members of the regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the Protocol and Liaison Service through the online eRegistration system, which is available through the e-deleGATE portal at <https://edelegate.un.int>. A note verbale dated 6 May 2025 highlighting the registration procedure has been sent by the Protocol Office to all permanent and observer missions and offices in New York and is also available on the Protocol Office website, at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol.

39. To register for the Conference, official delegations must go through the designated eRegistration focal points of their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York, who have access to the eRegistration system. Delegations are advised to do so as early as possible to ensure timely registration. It is possible to request registration on-site in Nice, but the request will need to be submitted through the respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York through the online eRegistration system and will take two days for review and processing.

40. Representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations and entities, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations without an office in New York that wish to participate in the Conference must request temporary access to the eRegistration system in advance in order to register for the Conference. To request temporary access to the eRegistration system, a letter (stamped and signed by the head of the organization) must be sent to the Chief of Protocol (Beatrix Kania) at protocolconference@un.org, providing a designated focal point for the organization (with name, functional title, contact number (work

and mobile) and an official email address) to receive temporary access to the eRegistration system. For detailed instructions, please refer to the guidelines for applying for an eRegistration account under temporary access only, posted on the website of the Protocol and Liaison Service, available at www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/guidelines_to_apply_for_eregistration_temporary_access_english_16feb2024.pdf.

41. New focal points and delegations wishing to obtain information on the eRegistration system may refer to the updated guidelines on eRegistration and frequently asked questions available on the Protocol Office website, at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings.

42. Pre-registration in New York for the Conference is now open until Monday, 19 May 2025, for designated eRegistration users of the missions or offices through the online eRegistration system on the e-deleGATE portal.

43. Online on-site registration will begin on Wednesday, 4 June 2025, and continue until 1 p.m. local time on Thursday, 12 June 2025, at the United Nations registration centre at the Conference venue in Nice.

44. Following past practice, Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be provided with a VIP pass without a photograph. Delegates at the level of Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Minister or Speaker of Parliament and their spouses will be issued a VIP pass with a photograph.

45. Missions and offices are kindly reminded that, as part of the registration process, copies of credentials and delegation lists must be uploaded with the registration form at the time of online submission. Please also note that passport-size colour photographs (with a white background) of all listed members of delegations, including the VIPs specified in the paragraph above (except Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses), are a mandatory requirement and must be uploaded to the registration form for each member of the delegation. All photographs must be recent and have been taken no more than six months prior to registration. Please note that the review and verification process for the online registrations may take four to five days.

46. Members of the national security details accompanying the VIP groups participating in the Conference must be registered and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Security and Safety Service. For additional information, please send an email to yves.nabet@un.org.

47. Delegations are kindly reminded that the Protocol Office will not register representatives of NGOs who do not form part of the official delegations of participating States, accredited intergovernmental organizations, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations. Participants attending side events in the margins of the Conference should not be included in the official credentials or official delegation lists. For details about NGO participation and side events, please refer to paragraphs 73–78 and 90.

48. Delegates seeking on-site registration must coordinate with their respective permanent mission, office or organization well in advance by providing the designated eRegistration focal points with their passport details, .jpeg-format colour photographs and letters of credentials to complete the online registration forms. Walk-in delegates who are not already registered in the system but wish to register for the conference on-site will be directed to contact their respective mission, office or organization in New York or at their headquarters for proper online registration. On-site registrations for walk-in delegates cannot be processed until the online registration has been completed

by their permanent mission, office or organization and received by the Protocol Registration Office in Nice through the eRegistration system.

49. Permanent or observer missions are kindly reminded that they are responsible for registering all members of their delegations (pre-registration and online on-site registration) attending the Conference and are strongly advised to coordinate as early as possible with their Governments and embassies or consulates-general in France or in the region on the proper online registration procedure and to make use of the pre-registration option in New York to avoid long queues at the registration centre.

50. From 4 June 2025, all official communications for the Protocol Registration Office in Nice, including credentials, lists of delegations and Conference-related materials, should be sent by email to protocolconference@un.org.

51. Collection of Conference badges and secondary access cards for pre-registered participants will begin on Wednesday, 4 June, and continue until 1 p.m. local time on Friday, 13 June 2025, at the registration centre (Quai des Deux Emmanuels, 06300 Nice).

52. Each delegation should send a representative to collect all Conference badges for their delegation. The representative must be a member (approved participant) of the delegation and will be required to present his/her passport at the registration centre in order to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards.

53. Alternatively, Conference badges for approved State participants may also be collected by representatives of the embassies and consulates of the delegations in France or in the region. For this purpose, in addition to copies of the registration approval emails and copies of the passports of the members of the delegation, an authorization letter (with a proper letterhead, stamped and signed by the Permanent Representative or Ambassador) from the Permanent Mission of the delegation to the United Nations in New York or from the embassy or consulate in France or in the region, indicating the name (in English) and contact details (mobile telephone number) of the representative authorized to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards for the delegation, must be presented at the registration centre, along with a passport or a government- or embassy-issued photo identification document of the representative, in order to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards.

54. Delegates and representatives collecting Conference badges and secondary access cards must be mindful that it is their responsibility to ensure the safe delivery of the badges and access cards to the members of their delegations. The registration centre will not reissue duplicate passes or secondary access cards.

55. For the working hours of the registration centre, please refer to paragraph 105.

Location of the registration centre

56. The registration centre will be located at Quai des Deux Emmanuels, 06300 Nice, near the Port Lympia tram stop.

Host country security regulations for access to the perimeter around the Conference venue

57. Please be advised that in order to access the perimeter around the Conference venue, participants will be required to complete: (a) the official United Nations registration process; and (b) the host country registration form, accessible through the following external link: www.unoc-registration.fr.

58. By registering for the Conference, participants acknowledge and accept that compliance with both those requirements is mandatory.

59. In order to access the premises of the Conference and the perimeter around the Conference venue, all participants must successfully complete both the official United Nations registration process and the host country registration form. A positive response from both the United Nations (email confirmation of registration) and from the host country (email confirmation of registration) shall constitute successful completion of the process.

60. The host country reserves the right to verify the host country registration forms and to refuse access to the perimeter around the Conference venue to any individual who has not fulfilled the above-mentioned requirements, without liability for any inconvenience caused.

Credentials

61. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission. The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

62. The original hard copies of the credentials should be delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat building, by 2 June 2025. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the Conference (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent missions), should also be submitted through the online e-Credentials module, under the tab entitled “2025 UN Ocean Conference”, which is accessible through the e-deleGATE platform (<https://edelegate.un.int>).

63. In addition, during the Conference, the credentials may be submitted to a representative of the Office of Legal Affairs on site at the Conference venue. Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted. For enquiries, please email credentials@un.org.

List of participants

64. To facilitate the compilation of the list of participants, delegations of States, the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies and related organizations are requested to submit a comprehensive list of the members of their respective delegations to the Secretariat, with the functional titles and designations of the delegates, using the e-List of participants module under the “2025 UN Ocean Conference” tab on the e-deleGATE portal, with a copy to mcdonaldy@un.org.

Funding for participating States

65. To facilitate the participation of States in the Conference, limited funding will be available from the voluntary contributions made by Member States and other donors to support the participation of representatives of developing countries, with priority being given to representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States in the meetings of the Conference, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 78/128, on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to the conditions outlined by the donors. The funding will cover economy-class round-trip air tickets, as well as daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations, for one delegate per participating State.

66. Limited funding will also be available from the voluntary contributions made by Member States to support the participation of representatives of stakeholder participants from developing countries to the Conference. The funding will cover

economy-class round-trip air tickets, as well as daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations.

X. Participation of non-government actors

Participation of United Nations system entities

67. Representatives of the Secretariat, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, regional commissions and other entities who wish to attend the Conference in person must register using the online registration system Indico. For enquiries, please email unoc2025@un.org with “UNOC3 UN Registration” in the subject line for funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities, and “UNOC3 UN Secretariat” for Secretariat staff.

Registration for the Conference

68. Secretariat staff members who have been designated to support the Conference on site and those representatives of the Secretariat who wish to attend the Conference in person should register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1017219/>.

69. Representatives of United Nations funds, programmes, regional commissions and other entities should register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1016904/>.

70. Online pre-registration is open from 2 May 2025 at midnight Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) to 19 May 2025 at 23.59 p.m. EDT. Please note that an official United Nations email address must be used, and each participant or staff member must be registered individually. On-site registration is not available for representatives of United Nations system entities.

71. The collection of Conference badges and secondary access cards for pre-registered participants will begin on Friday, 6 June 2025, and continue until 1 p.m. on 13 June 2025, at the United Nations registration centre at the Conference venue in Nice.

72. When pre-registering, participants will need to provide a copy of the letter of representation or a delegation list from the head of entity or the liaison office in New York. Please allow up to 10 days for the review and verification process of the online registration. Upon approval, an approval letter will be sent by email.

Participation of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders

73. NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities and other actors accredited to the Conference are invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 78/128. Requests and questions from civil society participants and other stakeholders should be directed to unoc2025@un.org.

Registration for the Conference

74. NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council should register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1016491/>.

75. Organizations that have been specially accredited or that were accredited to previous related United Nations conferences should register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1016610/>.

76. For details and information about the registration of NGOs and other stakeholders, please see https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/stakeholders#stakeholders_participation. The deadline for registration is 19 May 2025.

77. There will be no on-site registration for representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities and other actors.

78. Conference badges for approved in-person stakeholder participants, as well as secondary access cards, will be issued and distributed starting from 4 June 2025 and continue until 1 p.m. on 13 June 2025, at the registration centre.

XI. Media arrangements and services

Live coverage

79. The Department of Global Communications will provide live-streaming coverage of the Conference through the United Nations Web TV website at <http://webtv.un.org>. Press releases, official documents, the *Journal of the United Nations*, statements and other information materials will be made available on the Conference website. The Conference will also be covered on social media using the hashtag #SaveOurOcean. Participants are encouraged to share content on their own social media platforms using this hashtag.

Media accreditation

80. The accreditation of media representatives, including official photographers and videographers of delegations, is handled by the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit.

81. Delegations must register accompanying media through the designated eRegistration users in their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York. The deadline for early accreditation is 19 May 2025.

82. Media representatives applying independently are required to submit an application by 16 May 2025 by completing the form at <https://indico.un.org/UNHQ/#media>. Media accreditation is not issued to information outlets or advocacy publications of NGOs.

83. The collection of Conference badges for pre-registered media and on-site registration for delegation media only will begin from 4 June 2025 and continue until 1 p.m. on 13 June 2025 at the registration centre in Nice. Delegation media personnel requesting on-site accreditation will be instructed to submit the request through their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York via the online e-Registration system. A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the Conference venue (Blue Zone) on 9 June 2025 by all participants. Media access may be restricted based on venue capacity.

Press briefings

84. Daily press briefings by the spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the press briefing room in Building 3 at times to be announced. The room will also be available for press briefings organized by delegations and United Nations organizations. Requests for press briefings should be sent by email to samaanm@un.org and alexandra.delcastello@un.org, with “Ocean Conference press briefings” in the subject line. Such requests must be made in writing by a senior official of the delegation wishing to hold the press briefing and should include the

names of the speakers, their titles, the subjects to be discussed, relevant time preferences or constraints, and the communications focal point.

85. Press briefings may run no longer than 30 minutes. Attendance will be limited to accredited journalists. Exceptions will be made only for the press attaché and a limited number of other officials of the same delegation directly concerned with the press briefing, as well as United Nations officials covering the press briefing.

86. A daily schedule of press briefings will be posted in the media centre and in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”. A schedule will also be sent to registered media organizations by email.

Media facilities

87. A media centre for use by journalists accredited to cover the Conference will be available at the venue in Building 3. The plenary meetings and other activities will be broadcast live at the media centre, and audiovisual feeds will be provided to broadcasters live upon request. Journalists are advised to bring their own laptops and headphones.

88. A press kit containing background information relevant to the Conference will be made available in the media centre and posted on the Conference website. The spokesperson for the Conference will be available in Nice to provide information to journalists on background and on the record.

Access to the media by government delegations

89. To facilitate media contact, delegations are invited to provide the spokesperson with the name and telephone number in Nice of the person in the delegation whom journalists may contact to request interviews or other information. That information may be sent by email to the public information officers in the Conference secretariat, at samaanm@un.org and alexandra.delcastello@un.org.

XII. Side events and associated events

90. A diverse programme of side events on issues related to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 will be held during the Conference, organized by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and other duly accredited organizations. The events will be under the full responsibility of the organizers.

91. A full list of official side events will be available on the Conference website, including the programme, location and other details. Side events will be held in person at the Conference venue in Nice, in person outside the Conference venue in Nice, and virtually. Side events held at the Conference venue are restricted to approved participants only.

Special events

92. In connection with the Conference, the co-hosts, Costa Rica and France, supported by numerous partners, are spearheading a number of informal special events aimed at rallying further engagement and additional ocean action by stakeholders. Information on these special events is set out below. Additional information is available on the Conference website at: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/special-events>.

One Ocean Science Congress (3–6 June, Nice)

93. The One Ocean Science Congress will bring together 2,000 international scientists to deliver a comprehensive analysis of ocean health and provide recommendations for action to Heads of State and Government.

Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience Summit (7 June, Nice)

94. The Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience Summit will invite elected and appointed officials from major cities, coastal regions and island States threatened by sea level rise. It will focus on accelerating collaboration, access to knowledge and funding to adapt to ocean and climate change.

Blue Economy and Finance Forum (7 and 8 June, Monaco)

95. The Blue Economy and Finance Forum will mobilize Heads of State, businesses, financiers and civil society to invest significantly in the blue economy and sustainable maritime transport, and to propose innovative blue financial tools.

XIII. Security

96. From 8 June 2025, access to the venue premises and the surrounding area will be strictly limited to persons properly accredited to the Conference by the United Nations.

97. Badges for all government delegations and other participants from intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, the media and representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector and youth organizations will be issued at the registration centre until 1 p.m. on 13 June 2025. For additional information, please contact ashkenazi@un.org with copy to hateganl@un.org. The security arrangements for the Conference are set out below.

98. For all types of emergencies within the Conference venue, and in order to coordinate the appropriate response, please contact United Nations security staff (wearing the United Nations uniform) located within the Conference venue.

99. Members of the national security details accompanying the VIP groups participating in the Conference must be registered and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Security and Safety Service of the United Nations. The national security officer accompanying the VIP inside the Blue Zone should not be armed. For additional information, please contact yves.nabet@un.org.

100. VIPs will be escorted to the venue by French police. Vehicles not escorted by French police will be directed to a designated area. For additional information, please contact yves.nabet@un.org.

Access to the venue during the Conference

101. Admission to the Conference venue will require the presentation of a valid Conference badge at all times. Pre-registered participants can collect their pre-printed badges at the registration centre.

102. Depending on the safety rules imposed by the emergency services, and to ensure that the maximum capacity of the venue is not exceeded, a secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required to access the Blue Zone.

103. Participants who do not complete the pre-registration procedure must follow the normal procedure of having a photograph taken and a badge issued upon arrival at the registration area of the Conference venue.

104. As part of the security arrangements and in order to register and collect their Conference badges, all participants will be required to present their invitations together with a valid Government-issued photo identification document or passport at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the venue. Conference badges must be worn visibly at all times in the venue. All persons and the items in their possession will be screened at the entrance to the venue.

105. The registration centre for delegations will be located at Quai des Deux Emmanuels, 06300 Nice, near the Port Lympia tram stop, close to the entrance of the Conference venue, and will be open for badge collection from Wednesday, 4 June, to Friday, 13 June 2025. The working hours of the registration centre will be as follows:

4 and 5 June 2025: 9.30 a.m.–5 p.m.

6 and 7 June 2025: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

8 June 2025: 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

9 and 10 June 2025: 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

11 and 12 June 2025: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

13 June 2025: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Loss of Conference badge or personal items

106. The loss of a Conference badge or any personal item in the Conference venue must be reported to the registration centre and/or the Security and Safety Service of the United Nations.

XIV. Health services

Medical services

107. The local emergency telephone number is 112.

108. The Service d'aide médicale urgente (SAMU) and the Service départemental d'incendie et de secours (SDIS) (same 112 telephone number) are both part of the government health agency in France responsible for all medical emergency issues in the country.

109. During the Conference, medical emergency teams will be present throughout the day. SAMU coordinates with local hospitals and, if necessary, will activate appropriate protocols.

XV. Entry requirements

110. It is the responsibility of participants to check whether they need a visa to enter France. Registering for the Ocean Conference does not exempt participants from obtaining an entry visa to French national territory. Kindly note that visas cannot be issued on arrival.

111. To inquire about the need for a visa, and for all visa-related matters, participants are invited to visit a French consular office or the French visa portal at <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/>. Participants in need of a visa are advised to submit their applications well in advance of departure from the country of origin. The minimum visa processing time is 3 weeks. Late submission may make it impossible to process the application in time. The status of a conference guest or participant does not exempt them from completing the visa application form and providing the

required supporting documents. The approval letter sent by email by the United Nations may be used as one of the supporting documents for the visa application but does not guarantee entry to France. Visa approval is subject to further review and process by the French authorities.

112. The visa is free for participants registered by the United Nations for the Conference from 9 to 13 June 2025. However, fees may apply for the intervention of authorized local operators to support the logistical management of the submission of visa applications.

113. The visa application for entering France, registration with the United Nations to attend the Conference, and registration with the French authorities to access the area of the Conference are three separate procedures. Delegates are strongly encouraged to obtain information on each procedure and follow the respective requirements and timelines.

XVI. Arrival in Nice and local transportation

Airport information

114. An information help desk for the Conference will be set up at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport.

115. Up to two separate fast lines for Conference participants may be made available at the airport for passport verification, depending on the number of participants arriving. Participants are required to have their electronic registration confirmation issued by the United Nations to be able to use the fast lines.

State and private flights

116. Owing to the heavy air traffic expected at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport and other national airports, prior notice is required regarding the arrival of the aircraft of Heads of State and Government. Delegations are therefore requested to communicate three weeks in advance, even if only indicatively, the type of aircraft and the expected arrival and departure dates and times, to bsen.dgp-dcsd@diplomatie.gouv.fr, with copy to notesverbales-visites.protocol@diplomatie.gouv.fr. State flights with diplomatic status must follow the usual diplomatic overflight request process by transmitting the diplomatic clearance form (DIC) and note verbale to bsen.dgp-dcsd@diplomatie.gouv.fr in due time. The authorization will be confirmed by the latter.

117. Arrival and departure times may be suggested by the French authorities in order to minimize the impact on commercial aviation.

118. Aircraft parking at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport is limited. Aircraft may therefore have to be parked at other airports. A mandatory one-hour delay between landing at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport and take off must be indicated in the DIC form.

Immigration and customs

119. Upon arrival at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, Heads of State and Government, heads of delegation and other delegation members and participants in the Conference will receive preferential treatment for the purposes of clearing immigration, customs and other procedures, in accordance with applicable French law for all passengers entering France. Baggage trolleys will be available for passengers free of charge in the baggage claim area. Information on lost and found baggage will also be made available in the same area.

120. Conference participants can exchange currency near the arrival terminal.

Passport control, immigration, baggage and customs desks

121. It is the responsibility of diplomatic missions accredited in France to take care of all formalities regarding passport control, immigration, customs and baggage claim for their delegations. For diplomatic missions accredited in France to be able to assist their delegations upon arrival at the airport, namely in the restricted areas of Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, the identities of the employees must be indicated in a note verbale and sent to notesverbales-visites.protocol@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

Departure

122. Passengers must arrive at the airport no later than two hours prior to the scheduled time of departure of their flight. Queues at check-in counters, security checks, baggage screening and passport control can lead to delays in accessing the departure terminal. Please bear in mind that no assistance will be provided for departing members of delegations.

Private charter flights

123. Conference participants who arrive or depart on private or charter flights may use ground assistance services offered by charter companies at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport. The services offered may vary from company to company, and all details should be confirmed with the relevant charter company prior to departure. There are three handlers at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, listed below:

SFS Signature (nce@signatureflight.fr, 0493218218)

DCG G-OPS (nice.ops@dca-gops.com, 0493215812)

AVP Aviapartner (nce.executive@aviapartner.aero, 0493213737)

124. Delegations arriving in Nice by State, military or private aircraft must send a request for landing clearance by means of a note verbale, up to three days in advance, to bsen.dgp-dcsd@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

VIP lounge

125. Heads of State and Government and ministerial representatives may use a VIP lounge upon arrival or departure from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport. The cost of using the VIP lounge must be covered in advance. A note verbale requesting use of the VIP lounge must be sent to notesverbales-visites.protocol@diplomatie.gouv.fr at least three working days in advance and include the following information:

- Name and rank of every member of the delegation, including the head of the delegation
- Details of the flight (number, name of airline, departure and arrival place)
- Arrival date and time
- Security requests
- Protocol arrangements required (tarmac access for vehicles, list of employees welcoming the delegation at the gate of the aircraft)

Public transport and taxi services to and from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport

126. Conference participants may avail themselves of the following modes of transport to and from the airport:

Tram

- Tram route 2 connects the airport (terminals 1 and 2), the city centre (Jean Médecin stop) and the port (Port Lympia stop), a journey of less than 30 minutes. It runs to and from the airport every 7–8 minutes on weekdays.
- Tram line B connects the airport (terminals 1 and 2) to the Administrative Centre (CADAM) and runs approximately every 10 minutes on weekdays.
- The fare to/from the airport is €10 (round trip). Special airport tickets (AERO) are available for purchase from ticket machines in tram stations (coins and credit cards accepted).

Bus

The 12+ bus (Hôpital Pasteur) stops 150 m from terminal 1, opposite the Sheraton Hotel, and makes stops at the Promenade des Anglais, Place Masséna, the old town, Place Garibaldi, Palais des Expositions and more.

Taxis

Taxis circulate 24 hours a day throughout the city and are always available at taxi ranks. For more information, see the airport website (<https://www.nice.aeroport.fr/en/directions/public-transport>).

XVII. Hotel accommodation

127. Incoming delegations are responsible for their own accommodation. Please note that the agency B-Network has been appointed by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France to facilitate hotel reservations for participants at every level. We recommend that you reserve your accommodation by contacting the agency at: unoc@bnetwork.com.

XVIII. Climate

128. The first month of summer, June, is a moderately hot month, with an average temperature of between 18.1°C (64.4°F) and 24.7°C (75.2°F).

129. In June, rain falls for three days on average and regularly results in accumulated precipitation of up to 35.7 mm (1.38 inches).

XIX. Internet services

130. Wi-Fi is available throughout the Conference venue and will be open and free.

XX. General information

131. Tap water: tap water is safe to drink in France. The following applications can be used to check the quality of Nice water daily:

- Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tandeminnovation.epalwq>
- iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/pt/app/h2o-quality/id1436294477?ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

132. Time zone: Coordinated Universal Time + 2 hours (UTC+2).

133. Currency and credit cards: euro (€); major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.
134. Emergency telephone number: 112
135. Telephone country code: +33
136. Electricity: 230 V, 50 Hz; plug types C and F (standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs).
137. Smoking: smoking is prohibited in all indoor public areas and on public transportation.
138. Business hours: most shops in Nice are open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Shops are generally closed on Sundays, but basic goods can be found in supermarkets.
139. For information on Nice and the Côte d’Azur, please visit <https://www.explorenicecotedazur.com/en/>; for information on the Biennale des arts et de l’océan, visit <https://anneedelamer.nice.fr/biennale-des-arts-et-de-locean/>; and for general information on France, visit <https://www.france.fr>.
140. Contact information:
- For general information (France), please contact: unoc-frenchprotocol.procer@diplomatie.gouv.fr
 - For general information (United Nations), please contact: UNOC2025@un.org, indicating the issue in the subject line
 - For airport arrangements, please contact: notesverbales-visites.protocol@diplomatie.gouv.fr and bsen.dgp-dcsd@diplomatie.gouv.fr
 - For security weapons clearance, please contact: kenza.saibi@diplomatie.gouv.fr
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