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Welcome to the UNOC3 Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures Pavilion

Dear all,

Welcome to the **UN Ocean Conference 2025** in Nice – and thank you for stepping up to be part of something truly meaningful! By joining us you're becoming part of a movement to protect one of our planet's most vital and beautiful resources: the ocean.

This conference brings together voices from around the world to take real action for ocean health — and you're at the heart of it all. Your energy, passion, and commitment will help create a positive and inspiring experience for thousands of participants, and your presence will make a difference.

We encourage you to dive in, stay curious, and make the most of this experience.

Let's make waves — together!

Green Zone, *Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures Pavilion*

As a pavilion of the Green Zone “La Baleine” – Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures offers visitors an immersive experience, highlighting how our collective choices impact the ocean and how the ocean impacts us.

The space showcases a diverse range of pioneering projects, including IOC initiatives to demonstrate the powerful role ocean literacy plays for a sustainable ocean future. OFB highlights France’s commitment, illustrating active and participatory biodiversity protection. The Biodiversity Gateway coordinated by CNR-ISMAR presents cutting-edge science and community engagement aimed at ecosystem resilience across Italy and Europe.

Pavilion organisers: UNESCO-IOC, the French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), and the Italian National Research Council (CNR-ISMAR)
With the support of: Government of Angola, Fondation ENGIE

FIVE THEMATIC AREAS

- 1 OCEAN LITERACY**
Promotion of ocean literacy by engaging diverse audiences and stakeholders to build an informed generation. Special emphasis will be placed on the theme of Blue Schools.
- 2 ENGAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS, COMMUNICATION, AND CHANGING THE NARRATIVE**
Strategic commitment and communication necessary to transform the public perception of the ocean and shift the narrative towards a more conscious global society.
- 3 BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND HIGH SEAS**
Strategies to protect marine biodiversity in all ocean areas, from coastal waters to the high seas. The role of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), governance frameworks, and scientific research in ensuring sustainable ocean management will be highlighted.
- 4 POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**
International laws and policies, the law of the sea, and the role of ocean literacy at the intersection of science, policy, and society.
- 5 OCEAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE**
How the ocean shapes the identity, history, and sustainability of communities, highlighting the connection between conservation and cultural heritage in preserving coastal ecosystems and livelihoods.

Green Zone, *Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures Pavilion*



Official agenda – Beyond Borders Pavilion

2–13 June 2025

Opening and closure time of the exhibition: 10.00–18.45

Launching webinar on May 28th from 3.30–4.30 PM CEST: https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PmYbZmkPTdC_pZqVOStCig

Link to the programme:
[CLICK HERE](#)

Free visits and side events:

All days from 10.00 to 18.45

Close to the public on June 8th

MEDIA KIT

The pavilion partners have prepared a Media Kit to be used to promote the pavilion, the side-events, and your presence within the UNOC3 Beyond Borders activities and initiatives. We hope you'll like it and look forward to seeing you tag us on social media.

Feel free to share the link to the media kit with your community as well.

- Link to access the Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures Media Kit:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1I9uGGeIKNno1rV7hoFZx_DX1ID482xYB?usp=sharing
- Hashtag: #BeyondBorders #UNOC3

AGENDA Monday, June 2

The pavilion will be open to the public from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

AGENDA Tuesday, June 3

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 12:00	Mobilizing Youth to Advance Ocean Literacy and Protection	<p>French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD); Peace Boat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emilie McGlone,• Laura Elsler,• Daniel Caceres,• Jeremy Raguain,• Sophia Laarissa,• Marilou,• Callie,• Ulsia• Evgeniia Kostianaia,• Caroline Vilatte,• Stefania Rosolene.
16:30–17:00	Insights into the Museum's expertise	Musee National d'Histoire Naturelle

EXHIBITION SPACE		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00–17:00	Trophic Web Games	National Research Council of Italy

AGENDA Wednesday, June 4

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 - 11:00	Dialogues: Unveiling the Interconnected Worlds through Art and Science - TARA, artistic and scientific communities in same boat	Tara Ocean Foundation
11:00-13:00	Insights into the Museum's expertise	Musee National de Historie Naturelle
14:00-16:00	Measuring the success of interdisciplinary Ocean Literacy projects: WE ARE OCEAN Nice project ("Raconte moi la mer")	ARTPORT_making waves
16:00-19:00	Community Engagement and Ocean Species Discovery in Africa	Rema Agritech Limited; Nature Cares Resources Centre; Ocean Rock Base; Associacao Mar Mozambique; Environment and Food Foundation; Centre for Blue Economy Research and Development Ltd/Gte; Mar y Comercio; Canoe and Fishing Gear Owners Association; Ocean Science Center Mindelo; Satlink; German Ocean Foundation; Ocean Census; Captain Fanplastic Speakers TBC

EXHIBITION SPACE		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00-17:00	Trophic Web Games	National Research Council of Italy

AGENDA Thursday, June 5

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 14:00	<p>What funders want for ocean literacy, and how to incorporate it into interdisciplinary science projects to increase your impact</p> <p>Part 1 – Presentations and Discussion Panel (10:00–12:00)</p> <p>Part 2 – ‘Fish for ocean literacy’ (12:00–14:00) A showcase networking event to connect scientists and funders with different ways of working with ocean literacy for different audiences.,</p>	<p>Nordland Research Institute; ERINN Innovation; University College Cork; CSIC, ICM; Cardiff University; Norway Ocean Decade Committee</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Ronaldo Christofolletti• Dr. Emma McKinley• Prof. Siri Granum Carson• Dr. Liz Morris-Webb• Janire Villacorta• Camille Rivera
16:00–17:00	<p>Eliminating seabird bycatch: fishers and conservationists’ collaborations to monitor and mitigate seabird’s main threat at sea</p>	LPO

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:30–12:00	<p>Insights into the Museum’s expertise</p>	Musee National de Historie Naturelle
12:00–14:00	<p>What funders want for ocean literacy, and how to incorporate it into interdisciplinary science projects to increase your impact</p>	<p>Nordland Research Institute; ERINN Innovation; University College Cork; CSIC, ICM; Cardiff University; Norway Ocean Decade Committee</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>

AGENDA Friday, June 6

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:30	Mediterranean in Action: Engaging Communities and Advancing Solutions to Tackle Pollution under the Mission Ocean and Water	National Research Council of Italy Speakers TBC
11:30–13:00	Ocean Literacy as a tool to promote ocean conservation actions	UNESCO-IOC, Youth and Environment Europe, Centre para la Biodiversidad y la Conservacion Speakers TBC
13:00–19:00	Blue Finance Session	UNESCO-IOC and Ocean Literacy Group of Experts Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Bowie-MacDonald

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:30–12:00	Insights into the Museum's expertise	Musee National de Historie Naturelle
14:30–16:00	ECOP France in-person meeting	ECOP Programme

AGENDA Saturday, June 7

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 12:00	Driving community-led ocean action through innovative ocean literacy approaches	<p>7lblue Foundation; Marine Conservation Society; The Manta Trust; ARTPORT_making waves; African Marine Mammal Conservation Organization (AMMCO); Fundación Amiguitos del Océano</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirta Lorenzini • Jennifer Spacagna • Anne-Marie Melster • Ernst Van der Poll • Ciara Taylor • Martina Burtscher • Siana Phillips
12:00-13:00	From the sea to the plate: the illegal fishing mafia. How everyone can take action at their own level to limit this ecological and human tragedy	La Fondation de la mer
13:00-14:00	An ocean to share	<p>Association les petits débrouillards; Région Réunion; ARS Réunion; Alliance Française Madagascar</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>
14:00-14:30	Nos Deux Rives – Our Two Shores: local blue education between Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and Byblos	<p>Guardians of the Blue; Municipality of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat; Ecole Départementale de la Mer des Alpes-Maritimes; Mon Liban d'Azur</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Khatib • Olivier Heuleu • Two municipal youth council members (TBC)

AGENDA Saturday, June 7 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
14:30-16:00	Call for an institute of the United Nations University dedicated to "Science and Governance of the Ocean and Coasts"	<p>The Rectorate of the United Nations University (UNU); The University of Brest (UBO); The French Biodiversity Agency (OFB); Members of the Parliament of France</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Thsilidzi MARWALA,• Pr. Vanessa SCHERRER,• Dr. Kaveh MADANI,• Dr. Sabine BECKER-THIERRY,• Pr. Linwood PENDLETON,• Pr. Vianney PICHEREAU,• Dr. Denis BAILLY• Dr. Pierre-Yves CDALEN
16:00-17:30	Mission Nature: Un financement innovant en faveur de la biodiversité marine	FDJ United; French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
12:00-15:00	Co-examining Collaborative Models to Advance Ocean Literacy Impact	<p>EU4Ocean; Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition; ECOP Programme Ocean Literacy Task Team</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>

AGENDA Sunday, June 8

The pavilion will be closed to the public for the entire day.

AGENDA Monday, June 9

Partner Events Outside the Pavilion:

→ **12:15–13:30 Blue Zone Room 2** "Blue Education for a sustainable and resilient society" organized by UNESCO, French Office for Biodiversity, the Governments of Brazil, France, Cabo Verde, Sweden, Philippines, Grenada, and Portugal

→ **17:15–18:00 Green Zone Room Orca** "Giving the Ocean a Voice – The Role of Law in Ocean Literacy" organized by Cet Law, Green Rights Coalition, Ocean Vision Legal, Gallifrey Foundation, the Leatherback Project, Pacific Whale Fund

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	The Transformative Value of Developing National Ocean Literacy Strategies	Marine Conservation Society; Wales Coast and Seas Partnership; Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Ocean Conservation Trust Speakers TBC
11:00–12:00	Blue Education initiatives in Western Indian Ocean countries	French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD); Indian Ocean Commission (IOC); University of Mayotte; Region Reunion; Agence Régionale pour la Biodiversité-Réunion (ARB); OFB; French Ministry of Education; Ministry of Education of Seychelles; University of Comoros; University of Tulear; Marine Park of Moheli; NGO Elite 3A Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgeta Stoica• Adele de Toma• Pascale Chabanet• Christophe Legrand
12:00–13:00	I'M A PERSON TOO:" Launching a Movement for Pacific Whales at the Ocean Literacy Pavilion	Simmons & Simmons; Ocean Vision Legal; Blue Natural Capital; Huelo Matamoana Trust; Pacific Whale Fund Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rāhui Papa• Melesila Weilert• Mere Takoko• Dr. Ralph Chami• Michelle Bender• Sonali Siriwardena

AGENDA Monday, June 9 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
13:00–15:00	From UNOC3 to IMPAC6: Harmonizing Policy, Catalyzing Partnerships and Mobilizing Resources at the Regional and Global Scales to Reach 30x30 for the Ocean	Rampao; MedPAN; WIOMPA ; CMAR; WCS ; DAMPC; OFB; CPPS; MPAA
15:00–16:00	The role of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA) as a crucial tool of ecosystem integrated management	MarViva Foundation – SARGADOM Project Thermal Dome; Sargasso Sea Commission; Université de Bretagne Occidentale; OFB; Duke University; Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial Speakers:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phénia Marras, • Aït Razouk, • Sonia Angélica Jurado, • Ronan Long, • Vincent Szeleper, • Jorge Jiménez, • Sahan Abeysekara , • Laura Rivera
16:00–17:00	Signature of new partnership of UNESCO–IOC – invitation only	Prada; UNESCO–IOC
17:00–17:15	Towards a Sustainable Ocean Future: Advancing Ocean Literacy together with the Private Sector through Evidence–Based Action	UN Global Compact Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriela Otero • Édison Carlos
17:15–17:30	Symbolic moment : petition "Say No to Deep–Sea Mining" presentation	The Ocean and Us
17:30–19:00	Te Moana Ora: A Glimpse into the Conservation Journey of the Salas y Gómez and Nazca Ridges	Coral Reef of the High Seas Coalition; Conservation International

AGENDA Monday, June 9 (contd.)

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00-11:00	The morning tide: UNOC youth briefings	GYBN
12:00-14:00	World Ocean Explorer 3D virtual immersion for the classroom	World Ocean Observatory; Schmidt Ocean Institute; Unity Technologies
14:00-15:00	Envrionmental Law Workshop / La Fresque du Droit Environnemental	Green Rights Coalition
15:00-19:00	Global Blue Schools Meeting	UNESCO-IOC

SMALL MEETING ROOM (4 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00-14:00	Ocean Data Sharing help desk	Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data Sharing
14:00-17:00	Explorer Deep Sea Exhibit	World Ocean Observatory
17:00-19:00	Prada and UNESCO Director General Interviews	UNESCO-IOC

EXHIBITION SPACE		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00-13:00	See you at the reef! A role playing game	French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development; IFRECOR; Generation Mer; Indian Ocean Commission; Région Réunion; Université de Mayotte; Costa Rica University; WildTrust-Oceans South Africa

AGENDA Tuesday, June 10

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	Building bridges for Ocean conservation: the power of cooperation	RNF; OFB
11:00–12:00	Success stories of MPAs effective governance models across countries	OFB
12:00–13:00	Conservation of the high seas : Challenges and Solutions	IUCN, FFEM, WCS, OFB, PRCM, UBO & Marviva, Tara Foundation
13:00–14:00	MEDiverSEAty: The Human Dimension of Mediterranean Marine biodiversity – A transdisciplinary approach for Conservation, Ocean literacy and Policy	<p>MEdiverseaty MSCA Training Network; Institut Jean Nicod</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcella Schmidt Muller Di Friedberg, • Roberto Casati, • Justin Whittle, • Ines Vincent
14:00–15:00	Addressing and minimizing Ocean Acidification – Success stories, opportunities, and new commitments	<p>UNESCO–IOC; BNP Paribas; The Economist; PML; IAEA; CBD; University of Washington; OARS; GOA–ON</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>
15:00–16:15	Role of public ocean perceptions research to inform ocean communication strategies and engagement best practices to advance ocean literacy	<p>COLC, Communications Inc., Boticario Group Foundation, Gulbenkian Foundation, Ocean Generation</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>

AGENDA Tuesday, June 10 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
16:30–18:00	Let's bring the ocean to our education systems	EU4Ocean; Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition; Oceano Azul Foundation; OFB; BlueLightS; SHORE; ProBleu; tba21; EMSEA/EU Blue Schools; Global Blue Schools Network/UNESCO–IOC Speakers TBC
18:00–19:00	The Societal Benefit of Ocean Data Sharing	Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data Sharing; Decade Coordination Unit / Decade Corporate Data Group; Belgian National Decade Committee Speakers TBC

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00–11:00	The morning tide: UNOC youth briefings	GYBN
11:00–13:00	Uniting Ocean Youth Innovations for a Shared Blue Future	Rema Agritech Limited; Nature Cares Resources Centre; Ocean Rock Base; Associacao Mar Mozambique; Environment and Food Foundation; Centre for Blue Economy Research and Development Ltd/Gte.; Mar y Comercio; Canoe and Fishing Gear Owners Association; Ocean Science Center Mindelo; Satlink; German Ocean Foundation; Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection; ECOP Programme Speakers TBC

AGENDA Tuesday, June 10 (contd.)

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
13:00–14:00	A Need for Ocean Recovery – Through Local Action Initiatives	Ocean Conservation Trust; Exeter University Speakers TBC
14:00–15:00	Meeting Between Group of Experts, DCO C10 and Ocean Literacy With All	UNESCO-IOC
17:00–19:00	Ocean Literacy: Some Paths Less Travelled	MEdiverseaty MSCA Training Network; Institut Jean Nicod Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roberto Casati,• Jade Nijman,• Carlotta La Penna,• Marcella Schmidt Di Friedberg,• Eva Wanek

SMALL MEETING ROOM (4 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00–13:00	Explorer Deep Sea Exhibit	World Ocean Observatory
13:00–15:00	Ocean Data Sharing help desk	Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data Sharing
15:00–19:00	Explorer Deep Sea Exhibit	World Ocean Observatory

AGENDA Wednesday, June 11

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	Connecting Ocean, Water and Wetland Stakeholder Networks from Source to Sea: A Holistic Approach for Our Common Ocean	Wetlands Resource Center – French Biodiversity Agency
11:00–12:00	Examples of solidarity-based initiatives that contribute to ocean conservation and resilience	PRCM and Bijagos Heritage Candidature
12:00–13:00	Blue Thread: Public presentation	UNESCO-IOC
13:00–14:00	Strengthening Collaboration to Protect Posidonia Meadows in Mediterranean	(OFB, MPN, C4N, Euro-MED, Artemis project, WWF)
14:00–15:00	Establishing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and MPA Networks in the Context of a Changing Climate	JNCC
15:00–16:00	Monitoring, control and surveillance of future high seas MPAs: opportunities and challenges	IDDRI

AGENDA Wednesday, June 11 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
16:00 – 18:00	The BBNJ Agreement in Action: Institutions, Practices, and Partnerships	The Pew Charitable Trusts, High seas Alliance, Sargasso Sea Commission, Tara Fondation
18:00–19:00	Biodiversity mainstreaming: multi-stakeholder dialogue to reach sectoral public policy reforms	Expertise France

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	The morning tide: UNOC youth briefings	GYBN
11:00–12:00	Blue Thread: Private meeting for member projects	UNESCO–IOC
12:00–13:00	Invite-only workshop with Ocean and Society Survey (OSS) research partners	Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition; Communications Inc; Boticario Group Foundation; Gulbenkian Foundation; OSS global research team and partner institutions; UNESCO–IO
13:00–19:00	Concours d'éloquence / Advocacy Contest	Nausicaa

AGENDA Wednesday, June 11 (contd.)

MEETING ROOM (4 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 13:00	Ocean Data Sharing help desk	Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data Sharing

AGENDA Thursday, June 12

Partner Events Outside the Pavilion

→ **16:45–17:30 Green Zone Agora** "Screening Kindergarten of the Lagoon Documentary" co-organized by UNESCO-IOC and Prada

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	Bringing Antarctica and the Southern Ocean closer to home; why it matters and how we can all support its protection	Antarctic rights; Wilderness Foundation Africa
11:00–12:00	Right Right Right! Widening ocean literacy to best support ocean sustainability transition	UN Ocean Decade ECOP Programme; EU4Ocean; Towards IPOS Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucas Becquet,• Sašo Gorjanc (moderators),• Antonella Vassallo,• Sanae Chiba,• Cristina Canella,• Sophia Laarissa,• Shenghui Li
12:00–13:00	Breaking Borders to Save the Ocean: Advancing Transnational Cooperation to Protect Biodiversity Hotspots	Innoceana; Observatório do Mar dos Açores; Ministério do Ambiente Speakers TBC

AGENDA Thursday, June 12 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
13:00–14:00	Ocean Literacy Practices: Knowing, Feeling, Acting for the Ocean	<p>ECOP Programme; MENA Oceans Network; EU4Ocean</p> <p>Moderators & Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Khatib, • Olga Mashkina, • Tatiana Antonelli Abella • Andrea Herrera, • Nina Vérité Taulet, • Tatiana Antonelli Abella, • Will Steen (panel 1 moderator), • Gemma Connell, • Shannon Scrofano, • Rebecca Katsaris, • HRH Princess Shaikha bint Khaled Al Saud, • Rebecca Daniel (panel 2 moderator), • Karina Higa, • Shenghui Li, • Sarah Hatimi, • Suaad Al Harthi, • Mia Strand (panel 3 moderator) • Natalie Fox (general moderator)
14:00–15:00	Cultural Connection Hub	Ocean Conservation Trust; Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition
15:00–16:00	ePOP: the network of committed young people	<p>French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development – IRD</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>
16:00–17:00	Letters to the Future – Meditative session with a reflective moment where participants write a letter and read youth letters from the "Letters to the Sea" collection	Letters to the Sea; EU4Ocean; Sounds of the Ocean

AGENDA Thursday, June 12 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
17:00-18:00	Mini 30x30 Session	Oceano Azul Foundation Speakers TBC
18:00-19:00	Enhancing Ocean Literacy and Empowering Youth Leadership to Protect the Deep Sea	Rise UP; Greenpeace Brazil; EarthEcho International; Mar Adentro Institute; Mission Blue; Regions4 Org; World Wide Fund for Nature; Deep Sea Conserve Coalition; Early Career Ocean Professionals Speakers TBC

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00-11:00	The morning tide: UNOC youth briefings	GYBN
11:00-14:00	Global Blue Schools Meeting	UNESCO-IOC
16:00-18:00	Turning the Tide on Plastic: From Local Action to Global Impact	Refuse and Reuse; Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation; ORÉE Speakers TBC

AGENDA Friday, June 13

LARGE DEBATE ROOM		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 11:00	Discovering SEA BEYOND and the SEA BEYOND Ocean Literacy Centre in Venice	UNESCO-IOC; Prada; Carlo Ratti Associati; The Economist Impact Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paola Carluccio • Luca Bussolino • Naka Kondo (moderator)
11:00–12:00	SEA BEYOND supports Coral Gardeners to advance Reef Restoration and inspire global action	UNESCO-IOC; Prada; Coral Gardeners Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titouan Bernicot • Giovanni Chimienti
12:00–13:00	The role of coral in unlocking the secrets of ocean biodiversity	Prada; French Biodiversity Agency (OFB); CNR-ISMAR, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titouan Bernicot • Giovanni Chimienti • Celia de Lavergne • Giorgio Castellan • Cassie Smith • Francesca Santoro (moderator)
13:00–14:00	Ocean Hope: A Call to Action for Women-Led Ocean Governance	Wildlife Conservation Society; The Ocean and Us
14:00–14:30	Community Marine Protected Areas Community AMP Documentary	Sulubaa'i Environmental Fondation
14:30–16:00	Marine Wonders, preserving corals for the future of the ocean	Prada; UNESCO-IOC; Coral Gardeners Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titouan Bernicot • Giovanni Chimienti

AGENDA Friday, June 13 (contd.)

LARGE DEBATE ROOM		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
16:00–17:00	Behind the Scenes, Beyond Cameras	Prada; UNESCO–IOC Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elisabetta Zavoli• Enzo Barracco
17:00–18:00	Key stakeholders engagement for success beyond national frontiers	IUCN, MARviva, Sulubaa Environmental Foundation & Conservatoire du Littoral
18:00–19:00	Empowering Youth Voices to Make Waves for the BBNJ Agreement	GYBN; Nausicaa

LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00–11:00	The morning tide: UNOC youth briefings	GYBN
11:00–12:00	Environmental Law Workshop / La Fresque du Droit Environnemental	Green Rights Coalition
12:00–18:00	Prada Group	Prada

AGENDA Friday, June 13 (contd.)

SMALL MEETING ROOM (4 PAX)		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00–19:00	Prada Group	Prada

EXHIBITION SPACE		
Time	Event title	Organizers and main speakers
10:00 – 19:00	Prada Activities	Prada

Partner Events Outside the Pavilion:

→ *OFB Training for Blue School Coordinators (offsite)*

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Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (UNESCO-IOC) promotes international cooperation in marine sciences to improve management of the ocean, coasts, and marine resources. UNESCO-IOC enables its 150 Member States to work together by coordinating programmes in capacity development, ocean observations and services, ocean science, tsunami warning, and ocean literacy. The work of the IOC contributes to the mission of UNESCO to promote the advancement of science and its applications to develop knowledge and capacity, key to economic and social progress and the basis of peace and sustainable development. UNESCO-IOC is the entity in charge of coordinating the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 (The Ocean Decade).



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French Office for Biodiversity (OFB)

The French Biodiversity Agency (OFB) was created by law on 1st January 2020 **to protect and restore biodiversity** in Metropolitan France and its Overseas Territories. It is a public institution under the authority of the ministries responsible for **Ecology** and **Agriculture & Food**.



OFB has **5 complementary roles**

- Sharing knowledge, research and expertise about species, habitats and their uses
- Environmental and wildlife health policing
- Supporting the implementation of public policies
- Assisting and supporting protected natural area managers
- Supporting stakeholders and mobilising civil society

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Green Zone, *Beyond Borders: Ocean Futures Pavilion*

National Research Council (CNR) & Biodiversity Gateway

The National Research Council (CNR) is Italy's largest public research institution, operating under the Ministry of Research. It conducts multidisciplinary scientific and technological research across numerous fields.

As part of the National Biodiversity Future Center project, funded by NextGenerationEU, the Biodiversity Gateway represents the first national platform dedicated to biodiversity research and conservation. Led by CNR's Institute of Marine Sciences (CNR-ISMAR), the Gateway plays a pivotal role in supporting ecosystem resilience and monitoring endangered species.

The platform promotes training, public awareness, and cross-sector collaboration, linking research, the economy, and civil society. It also engages with European initiatives such as Horizon projects and Biodiversa, fostering international partnerships. Aligned with the EU Mission Charter "Restore our Ocean and Waters," the Gateway contributes to the broader European effort to protect and restore aquatic ecosystems through innovation and cooperation.





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Green Zone – The Whale/La Baleine

The **Green Zone** is a dynamic, interactive space designed for public engagement and learning about ocean sustainability. Unlike the Blue Zone, which is reserved for official negotiations, **the Green Zone is open to everyone** — providing a platform for all individuals, from students to ocean advocates, to explore, discover, and contribute to ocean conservation efforts.

Why is the Green Zone important?

The **Green Zone** is essential in raising awareness about the vital role the ocean plays in sustaining life on Earth. It highlights the connection between ocean health and human well-being, while promoting the importance of ocean protection in everyday life.

The **Green Zone** features exhibits, panels, and interactive activities that allow visitors to learn more about the current challenges facing our oceans, and what actions can be taken to protect them.

At its core, the **Green Zone** is about fostering public participation in the global movement for ocean conservation. By offering a space for open dialogue and hands-on learning, it empowers individuals and communities to be part of the solution and take action to safeguard the ocean for future generations.

Registration

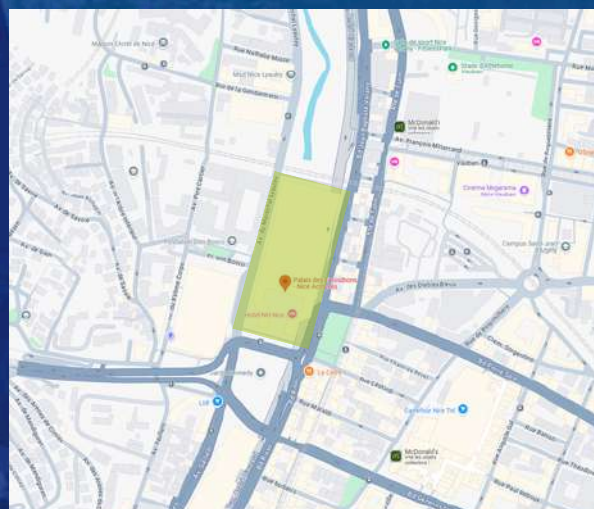
- General public
- Speakers (until 26th May) grant access only on the day(s) of their scheduled event(s)

Green Zone Agenda

- Green Zone side events



The venue



Green Zone, Palais des Expositions
[Google Maps LINK](#)

Green Zone “La Baleine”

La Baleine (Green Zone) will take over more than 10,000 m² of the Palais des Expositions de Nice, transforming it into the UNOC 2025 Green Zone — an open and inclusive space welcoming schools, families, professionals, and delegations. Access will be available through simple online registration or on-site at the entrance.

This unique, vibrant, and welcoming venue invites visitors to explore key marine issues and celebrate ocean culture through interactive experiences, exhibitions, and discussions.

The **Green Zone** at UNOC 2025 is more than an exhibition — it’s a space to connect, learn, and be inspired to take action for the ocean.



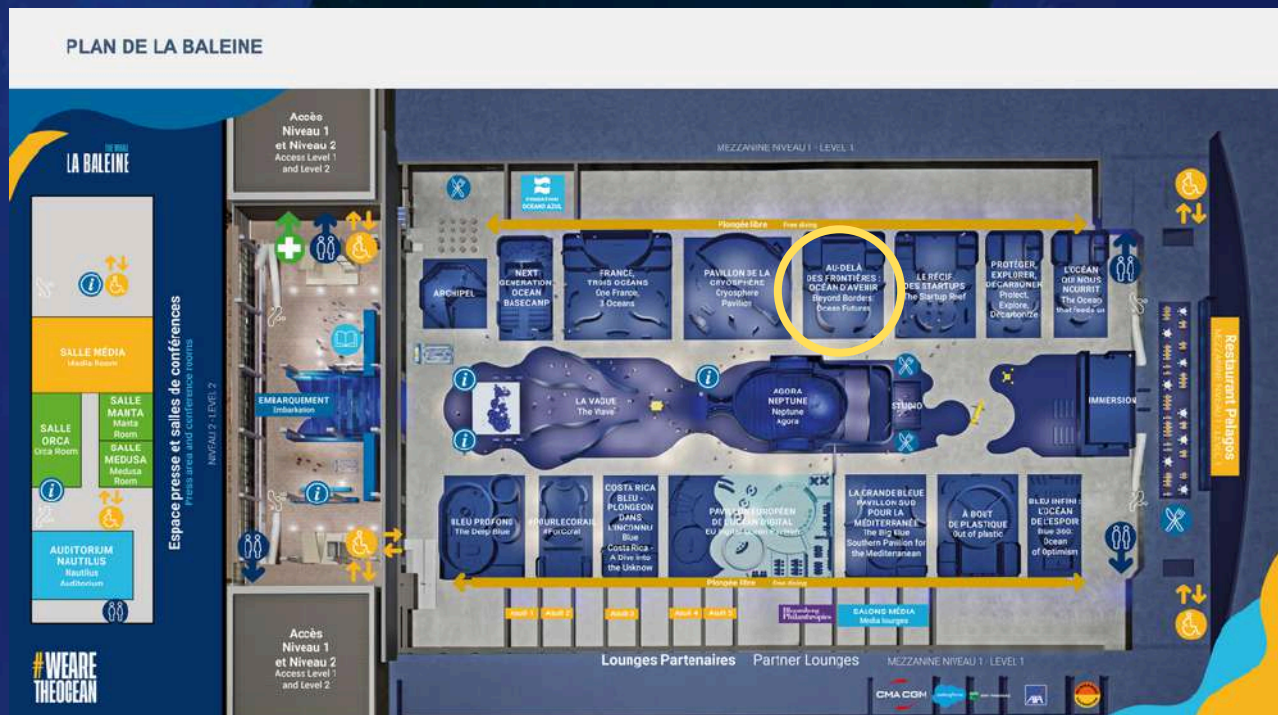
Thematic Pavilions

“La Baleine” will feature 15 thematic pavilions, each curated by leading organizations and focused on a major challenge facing the ocean today. These pavilions will offer interactive exhibits and experiences that engage and inform audiences of all ages.

Here are just a few of the key themes:

- **Ocean Literacy** – Understanding how marine ecosystems work and why they matter.
- **Polar Oceans and the Cryosphere** – Exploring the frozen regions and their role in climate regulation.
- **Marine Biodiversity** – Highlighting the beauty and importance of underwater life, including coral reef protection.
- **Blue Innovation and Marine Technologies** – Showcasing cutting-edge solutions for a sustainable ocean future.
- **And many more**, including sustainable fisheries, the blue economy, marine governance, and national pavilions.

The Whale: Site plan





The Third UN Ocean Conference

Our Ocean, Our Future, Our Responsibility

The high-level **2025 United Nations Conference** aims to Support the Implementation of **Sustainable Development Goal 14: *Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.*** The 2025 UN Ocean Conference will be **co-hosted by France and Costa Rica** and held in Nice, France, from 9 – 13 June 2025.

The overarching theme of the Conference is “**Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean**”. The Conference aims to support further and urgent action to conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and identify further ways and means to support the implementation of SDG 14.

It will 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.

The Conference will 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.

The Conference will build on the previous UN Ocean Conferences, hosted by:

- Sweden and Fiji in [2017 in New York](#)
 - Portugal and Kenya in [2022 in Lisbon](#).
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