



**UN OCEAN
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**BEYOND
BORDERS**
Ocean Futures
Learning and Protecting Together

**AU DELÀ DES
FRONTIÈRES**
Océan d'Avenir
Apprendre et protéger ensemble

AGENDA



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_pZqVOSTCjg

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/1I9uGGelKNno1rV7hoFZx_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) | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Mobilizing Youth to Advance Ocean Literacy and Protection | French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD); Peace Boat Speakers: <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. |
| 16h30-17h | Conservation of marine ecosystems: sharing knowledge and blue skills in the territories - The example of mangroves, coral reefs and tropical seagrass beds | Céline Liret |
| 17-19h | Insights into the Museum's expertise | Musee National d'Histoire Naturelle |

| EXHIBITION SPACE | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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; Onewater; Instituto do Mar - Cabo Verde (IMar); SOS Somos OceanoS; National Institute of Advanced Studies; University of Santiago de Compostela; Enviheals Foundations; EarthLanka Youth Network Speakers TBC |

AGENDA Wednesday, June 4

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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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 | <p>National Research Council of Italy (CNR); BlueMissionMed CSA partners; Biodiversity Gateway</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisa Conti; • Pavel Misiga; • Francesco Petracchini; • Fedra Francocci; • Colin Ruel; • Anna Rovira Andújar; • Vesna Kuralt; • Vanessa Moschino; • Susanna Albertini; • Davide Poletto; • Pierre Strosser; • Carine Simon; • Fantina Madricardo; • Rym Benzina. |
| 11:30–13:00 | Ocean Literacy as a tool to promote ocean conservation actions | <p>UNESCO-IOC, Youth and Environment Europe, Centre para la Biodiversidad y la Conservacion</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p> |
| 13:00–19:00 | Blue Finance Session | <p>UNESCO-IOC and Ocean Literacy Group of Experts</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Bowie-MacDonald |

AGENDA Friday, June 6 (contd.)

| LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX) | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 10:30-12:00 | Insights into the Museum's expertise | Musee National de Historie Naturelle |
| 12:00-14:00 | BlueMissionMed Informal Meeting and Catering – invitation only | National Research Council of Italy (CNR); BlueMissionMed CSA partners; Biodiversity Gateway |
| 14:30-16:00 | ECOP France in-person meeting | ECOP Programme |

AGENDA Saturday, June 7

| LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX) | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | Driving community-led ocean action through innovative ocean literacy approaches | 7blue Foundation; Marine Conservation Society; The Manta Trust; ARTPORT_making waves; African Marine Mammal Conservation Organization (AMMCO); Fundación Amiguitos del Océano Speakers: <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 | Association les petits débrouillards; Région Réunion; ARS Réunion; Alliance Française Madagascar Speakers TBC |
| 14:00-14:30 | Nos Deux Rives – Our Two Shores: local blue education between Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and Byblos | Guardians of the Blue; Municipality of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat; Ecole Départementale de la Mer des Alpes-Maritimes; Mon Liban d'Azur Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Khatib, • Olivier Heuleu, • Vial-Funel, • Miron Kulikov |

AGENDA Saturday, June 7 (contd.)

| LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX) | | |
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| 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. Frédérique CHLOUS, • Pr. Vianney PICHEREAU, • Dr. Denis BAILLY, • Dr. Pierre-Yves CADALEN, • Eléonore CAROIT, • Brest Metropolis, • Daniel CUEFF, • Dr. Cyrille BARNERIAS, |
| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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 |
| 17:00–17:30 | 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 |
| 17:30–19:00 | 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) | | |
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| 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 | Environmental 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) | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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 | MEdiverseaty MSCA Training Network; Institut Jean Nicod Speakers: <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 | UNESCO–IOC; BNP Paribas; The Economist; PML; IAEA; CBD; University of Washington; OARS; GOA–ON Speakers TBC |
| 15:00–16:15 | Role of public ocean perceptions research to inform ocean communication strategies and engagement best practices to advance ocean literacy | COLC, Communications Inc., Boticario Group Foundation, Gulbenkian Foundation, Ocean Generation Speakers TBC |

AGENDA Tuesday, June 10 (contd.)

| LARGE DEBATE ROOM (50 PAX) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| 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, • Anuradha Bhattacharya, • Tatiana Antonelli Abella, • Andrea Herrera, • Nina Vérité Taulet, • Tatiana Antonelli Abella, • Will Steen (panel 1 moderator), • Gemma Connell, • Shannon Scrofano, • Bárbara Luci Carvalho, • 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) | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 17:00-18:00 | MINI 30 x 30 – a students’ wave for the ocean | <p>Oceanário de Lisboa; Oceano Azul Foundation; Portuguese Directorate-General for Education; Blue Azores; The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection; Maré de Ciência; UNIFESP; All-Atlantic Blue Schools Network; Aliança Brasileira pela Cultura Oceânica; Escola Azul/Portuguese Directorate-General for Maritime Policy; National Agency for Scientific and Technological Culture, Ciência Viva; Network of European Blue Schools; Global Blue Schools Network; European Marine Science Educators Association</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rita Borges (moderator); - Francesca Santoro (TBC); - Natacha Moreira ; - Ronaldo Christofolletti; - Helena Batista; - Mélanie Laroche; - Diogo Geraldes (moderator); - Catarina Castanho; - Luísa Rodrigues; - Julie Laroche; - Annabelle Rosa; - Ambassador Peter Thomson; - Eulália Alexandre (TBC) |
| 18:00-19:00 | Enhancing Ocean Literacy and Empowering Youth Leadership to Protect the Deep Sea | <p>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</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Andrade (moderator), • Sonia Violante Ptasznik, • Matthew Giani , • Khadija Stewart, • Kjeld Werther • Maria Guillamont |

AGENDA Thursday, June 12 (contd.)

| LARGE MEETING ROOM (16 PAX) | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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"> • Francesca Santoro • 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 | Sulubaai 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 | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 16:00–17:00 | Behind the Scenes, Beyond Cameras | Prada; UNESCO–IOC Speakers: • Elisabetta Zavoli • Enzo Barracco |
| 17:00–18:00 | Key stakeholders engagement for success beyond national frontiers | IUCN, MARviva, Sulubai 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) | | |
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| 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) | | |
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| Time | Event title | Organizers and main speakers |
| 10:00–19:00 | Prada Group | Prada |

| EXHIBITION SPACE | | |
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| 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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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.

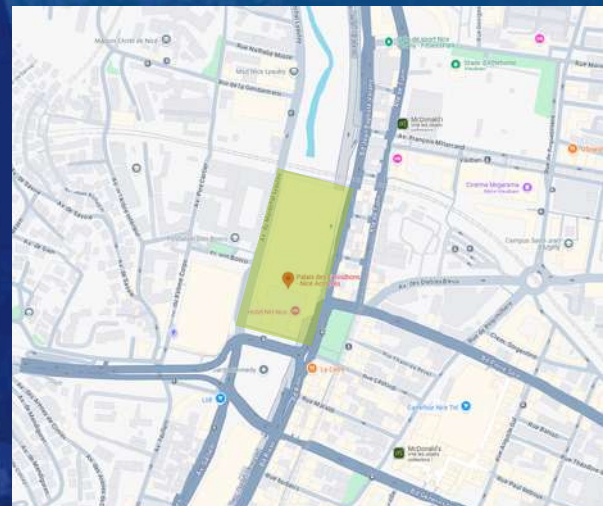
Registration

- 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 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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