



## 2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

### ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: INPUTS TO THE POLITICAL DECLARATION ZERO DRAFT

23 March 2022

10:30 – 11:30 AM (EDT, New York)

**Draft Concept Note and Agenda**

*As of 8 March 2022*

#### BACKGROUND

Convened under the auspices of the United Nations and co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal, the “[2022 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](#)” (or the 2022 UN Ocean Conference) will be held from **27 June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal**. The overarching theme of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference is “*Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions*”<sup>1</sup>. The Conference was originally scheduled to be held in 2020, however, it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The President of the General Assembly has appointed the Permanent Representatives of Denmark and Grenada as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration for the 2022 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14. A draft of the political declaration ([zero draft](#)) has been shared with Member States and the second informal consultations (originally scheduled for 10 - 11 March 2022), will be held on 24-25 March 2022.

#### ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING – COMMENTS TO THE REVISED ZERO DRAFT

Two previous online stakeholder briefings were organized in early 2020 to share information about the UN Ocean Conference, as well as review the main elements of the zero draft of the political declaration. Information about the previous briefings is available [here](#).

On **23 March 2022, from 10:30 – 11:30AM (EDT, New York)**, an online briefing will be convened to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their inputs with the co-facilitators on the [draft](#) of the political declaration (zero draft). The co-facilitators value specific input on the elements in the text, keeping in mind the theme of science and innovation for SDG14 implementation. This briefing will not address practical information regarding the Ocean Conference, including participation, side events, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> According to A/RES/73/292

The online briefing is open to all interested stakeholders. Interested stakeholders should register online: <https://bit.ly/BriefingZeroDraftOcean> by **21 March 2022**.

Stakeholders who are interested to provide inputs should indicate this on the [registration form](#) and are strongly encouraged to register by 16 March 2022. Requests to speak after this date may not be accommodated. Considering the limited amount of time, preference will be given to interventions made on behalf of organized groups and constituencies.

### DRAFT AGENDA

**Moderator:** Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA/DSDG/OPB.

10:30 - 10:35	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Lotta Tahtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG/UN DESA</li> </ul>
10:35- 10:45	<b>2022 UN Ocean Conference Declaration: A review of the intergovernmental negotiation process and key messages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amb. Keisha A. McGuire</b>, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations</li> <li><b>Amb. Martin Bille Hermann</b>, Permanent Representatives of Denmark to the United Nations</li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:20	<b>Open interaction with stakeholders on the revised zero draft of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference political declaration</b> UN DESA/DSDG to moderate <i>A list of stakeholders interested to share <u>concrete inputs to the revised zero draft of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference declaration</u> will be compiled by UN DESA/DSDG prior to the webinar.</i> <i>Stakeholders will also be able to participate via the chat box.</i>
11:20 - 11:30	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Amb. Keisha A. McGuire</b>, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations</li> <li><b>Amb. Martin Bille Hermann</b>, Permanent Representatives of Denmark to the United Nations</li> </ul>