

10 March 2022

Excellency,

In the context of the second United Nations Ocean Conference, which will take place in Lisbon, from 27 June to 1 July 2022, pursuant to General Assembly decision 75/578 of 9 September 2021, it is my great honour to invite your country to participate, at the highest possible level in the **High Level Symposium on Water** that Portugal is convening in the afternoon of the first day of the Conference (27th of June), between 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m..

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development acknowledges the integrated and indivisible nature of its Goals and targets and recognizes the need to address the interlinkages between them to fully achieve its aims.

Portugal sees this UN Ocean Conference as a unique opportunity to invite the international community to reflect and act on the interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life below Water). The High-Level Symposium on Water – “Bridging SDG6 and SDG14” – is our opportunity to build that bridge.

Please find attached the Symposium’s concept note, elaborated with the support of UN-DESA and UN-Water, and containing more information on the purposes, goals, and format of this meeting, which is part of the Roadmap leading to the UN 2023 Water Conference.

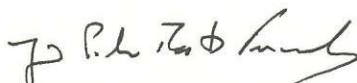
We strongly welcome a 1+1 participation from your country. All logistical details of the event will be circulated in due course. However, since the High-Level Symposium on Water will take place at the venue of the United Nations Ocean Conference, those wishing to participate in the event must ensure they are registered as members of a delegation attending the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

I look forward to receiving a confirmation of your country’s presence, at your earliest convenience. In case additional assistance is needed, please use the following email address hlswater@sgambiente.gov.pt.

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your kind consideration of this invitation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Minister for Environment and Climate Action of Portugal



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