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2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: UPDATES AND PREPARATIONS

3 May 2022
9:00 - 10:15 a.m. (EDT)

About the briefing: bit.ly/UNOC2022StakeholdersBriefing
About the Conference: bit.ly/Ocean2022

Starting soon!

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Participation Guide

- This virtual briefing will be recorded. The recording will be shared on the event's website
- Links to presentation and relevant information will be shared afterwards with all registered participants
- Twitter @SustDev
- Questions/Comments? – Please, use the chat boxes

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Agenda

- 9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks
- 9:15-9:25 The UN 2022 Ocean Conference: an Introduction
- 9:25-9:35 Voluntary Ocean Commitments
- 9:35-9:45 The UN 2022 Ocean Conference- Registration and other relevant information
- 9:45-10:25 Questions and Answers
- 10:25-10:30 Closing Remarks

Opening Remarks

Ambassador Peter Thomson, UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Ms. Lily Mwanjila, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

Mr. Sergio Carvalho, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations

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The UN 2022 Ocean Conference: an Introduction

Ms. Lotta Tahtinen,
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United Nations Ocean Conference

Lisbon, Portugal
27 June – 1 July 2022

"Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions"

Co-hosted by Kenya and Portugal

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration

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Summary report of the Conference

Voluntary Commitments

The 2022 UN Ocean Conference is convened by the UN General Assembly, building on the success of the 2017 UN Ocean Conference. The detailed modalities for the Conference are outlined in GA resolution 73/292.

PARTICIPANTS

01
Member States

02
Members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

03
Intergovernmental organizations

04
International financial institutions

05
Associate members of the regional commissions

06
Organizations and bodies of the United Nations

07
Non-governmental and civil society organizations

08
Philanthropic organizations

09
Local and Regional Government representatives

10
Academic institutions

11
Scientific community

12
Private sector

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

01 Opening and closing sessions

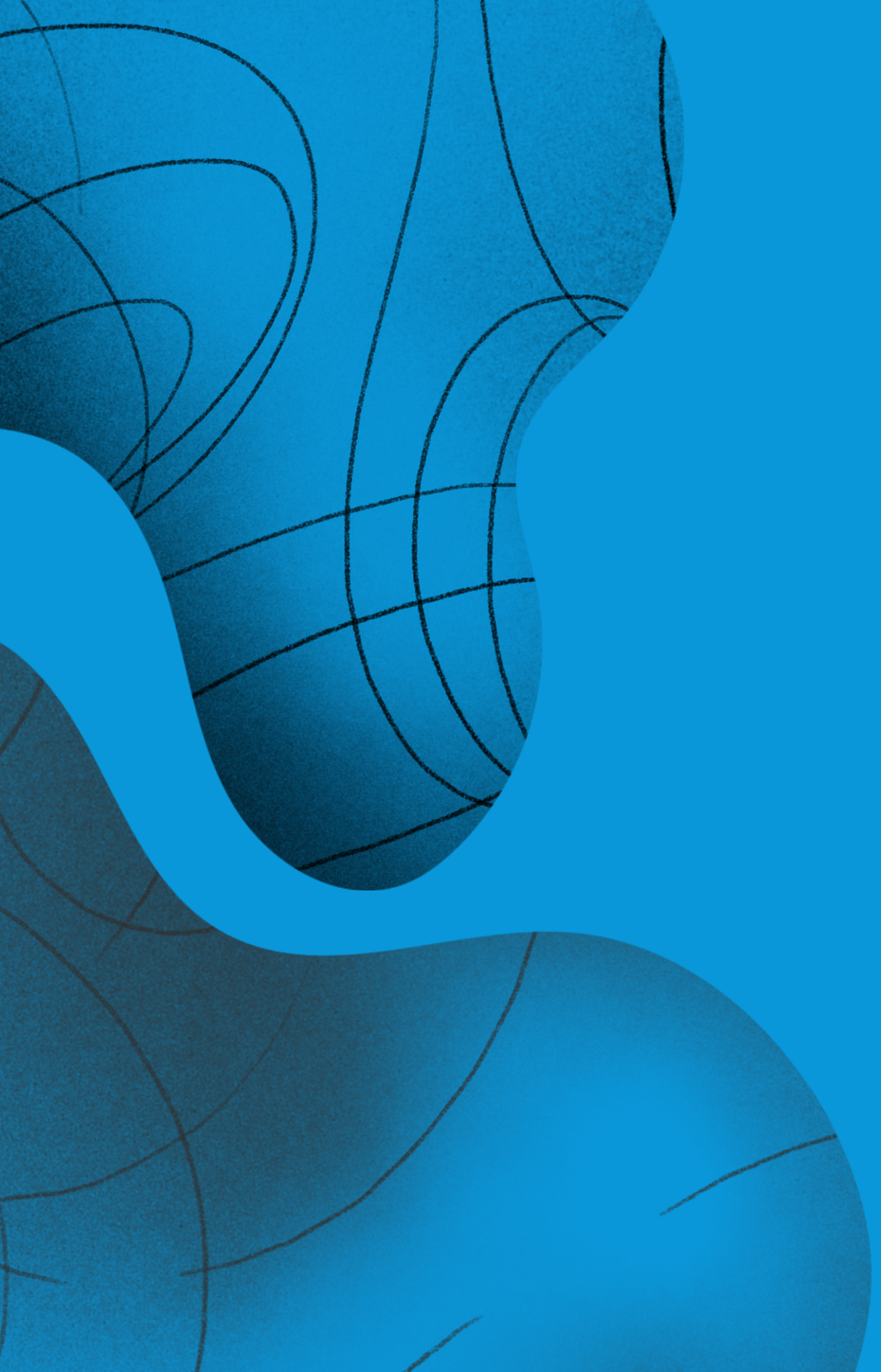
09 Plenary sessions

08 Interactive dialogues

SPECIAL EVENTS

24–26 June	Youth and Innovation Forum (Carcavelos, Cascais)
25 June	Localizing Action for the Ocean: Local and Regional Governments (Matosinhos)
27 June	High-Level Symposium on Water – Bridging SDG 6 and SDG 14 (Altice Arena)
28 June	Sustainable Blue Economy and Investment Forum (Carcavelos, Cascais)
	SDG Media Zone

More information on the Special Events is available at:
https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/events/special



SIDE EVENTS

In-person and virtual Side Events

In-person inside the Conference venue
and outside the Conference venue

Applications open till **8 May 2022**

For more information and a detailed FAQ:
https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/events/side

STAKEHOLDER INTERVENTIONS

Limited number of interventions from registered participants from accredited organizations during official proceedings

Priority will be given to those representing well established networks and coordinated constituencies, including major groups and other stakeholders.

Details to be shared soon with registered participants

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VOLUNTARY OCEAN COMMITMENTS

Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee,
Chief of the Natural Resources and
Interlinkages Branch, Division for
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2022 UNOC
Online Stakeholder Briefing
Voluntary Ocean Commitments

3rd May 2022

UN DESA/DSDG

Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch

Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee

Voluntary Commitments

Initiative taken by various constituencies to contribute to the implementation of SDG 14 by addressing one or several of its targets, which also often achieve associated positive impact (inter-linkages) on other SDGs.

Registration of VC was opened on 15 Feb 2017, ahead of the first ever UN Ocean Conference held at UNHQ from 5-9 Jun 2017

A key outcome of the 2017 UNOC and have become one of its most important legacies

To catalyze and generate new VCs and facilitate collaboration among different actors in support of SDG 14, thematic multi-stakeholder 9 COA has been launched. https://sdgs.un.org/topics/oceans-and-seas/coas

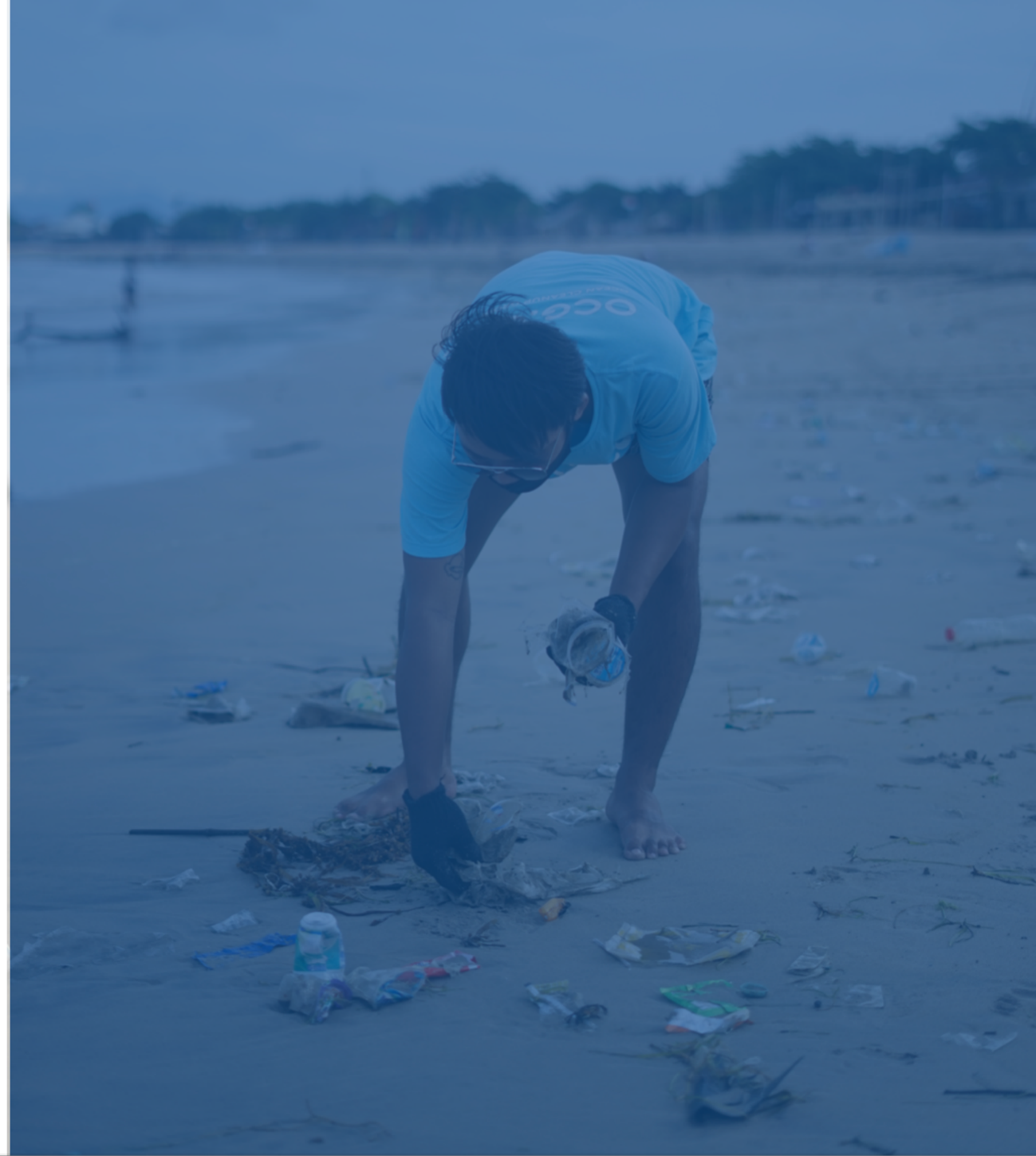
Follow SMART Criteria – a commitment that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource based, with time-based deliverables.

1380 Voluntary commitments registered at 2017 UNOC

270 From June 2017 – December 2021

69 Since January 2022

more than 1700 Voluntary commitments registered to date



Registry accessible via UN Ocean Conference webpage:

https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022

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Documentation

List of resources such as resolutions, outcome documents, background notes and political declarations.

Questions and answers

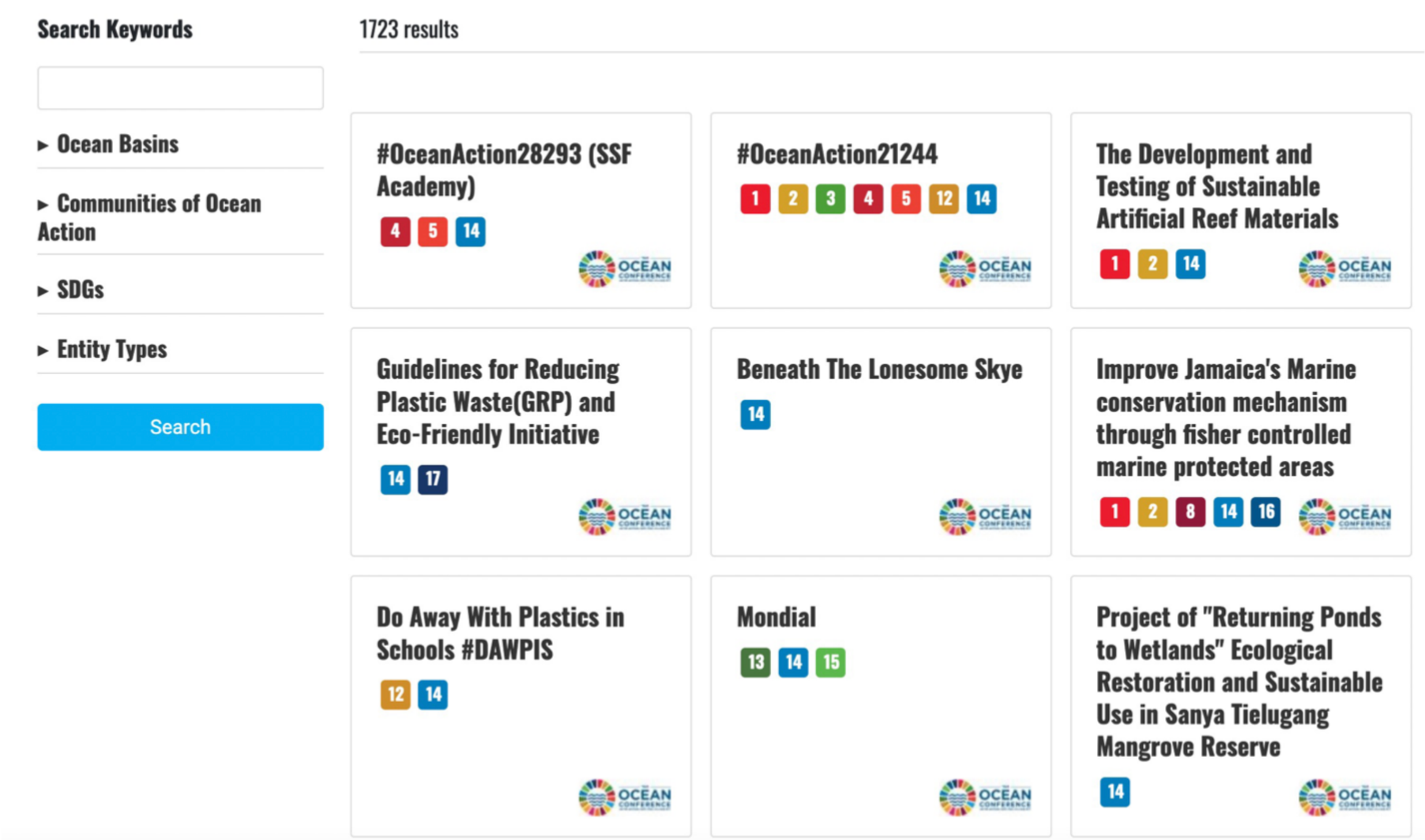
FAQs on the Ocean Conference and why the ocean matters

Voluntary Commitments

VCs are initiatives voluntarily undertaken that aim to accelerate and contribute to the implementation of SDG14.

Sign up for our email updates

Sign up here to receive periodic email updates about the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.



Partnership platform for Voluntary Commitments

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https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/action-networks/ocean-commitments

Register new Voluntary Commitments on the platform:

https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/action-networks/ocean-commitments

Basic information
- Title, lead entities' name

Contact information
- Name, email

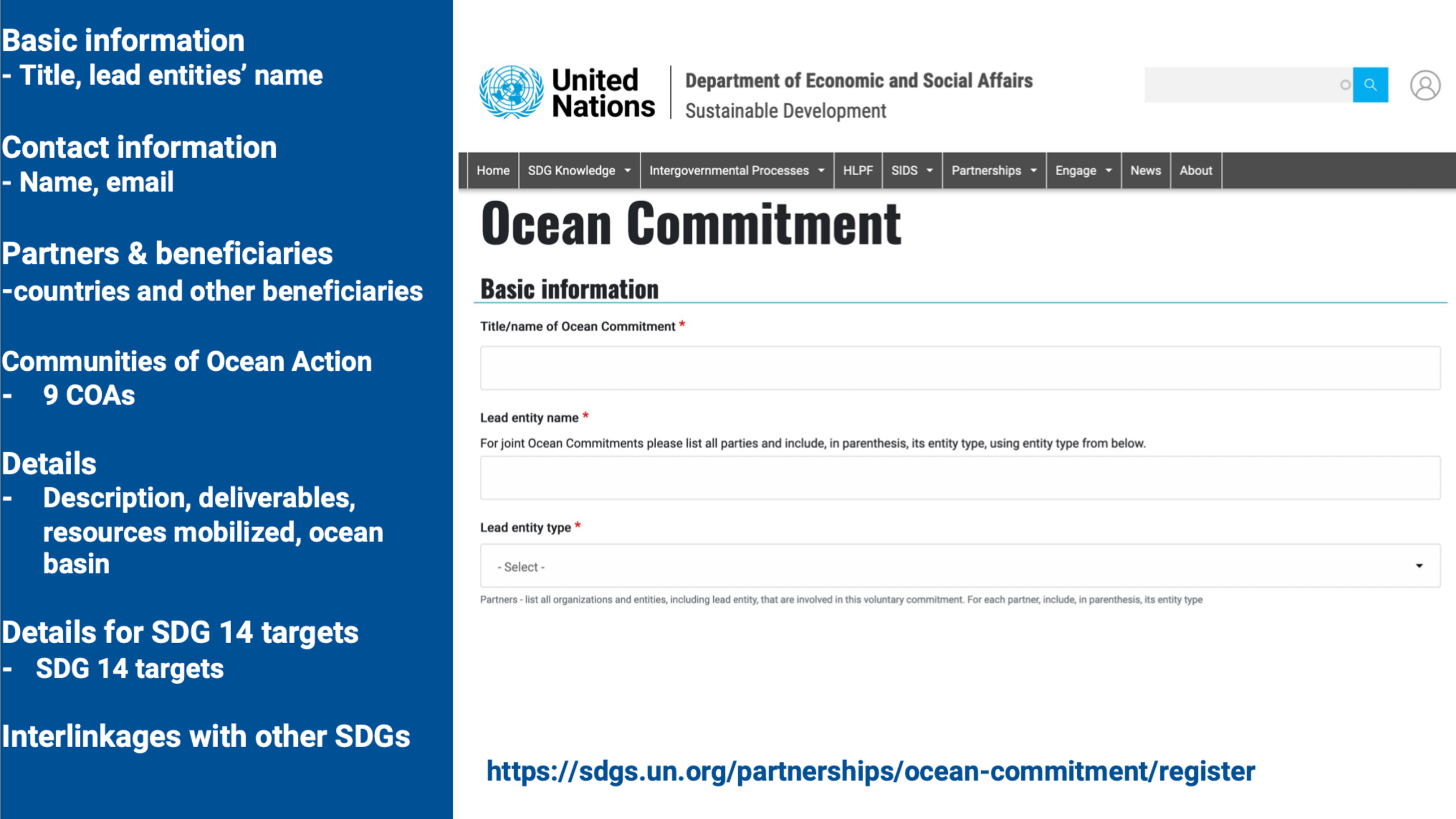
Partners & beneficiaries
-countries and other beneficiaries

Communities of Ocean Action
- 9 COAs

Details
- Description, deliverables, resources mobilized, ocean basin

Details for SDG 14 targets
- SDG 14 targets

Interlinkages with other SDGs



https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/ocean-commitment/register

Example of Ocean Voluntary Commitment Page

- Description
- SDG 14 targets covered
- Deliverables & Timeline
- Resources mobilized
- Progress reports
- Feedback

DESCRIPTION | SDG 14 TARGETS COVERED | DELIVERABLES & TIMELINE | RESOURCES MOBILIZED | PROGRESS REPORTS | FEEDB

Description

Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) is a Monegasque law association BeMed that brings together the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Tara Ocean Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, the MAVA Foundation and the IUCN. It aims to reduce plastic pollution in the Mediterranean by mobilizing and supporting stakeholders , facilitating the implementation of effective and sustainable solutions and encouraging the sharing of experience and best practices. BeMed supports projects each year to reduce the use of plastic, find alternatives, improve waste collection systems, raise awareness, collect data and help implement new regulations. BeMed has already supported 69 projects in 14 different countries and aims to support 13 new initiatives for its 2022 call for micro-initiatives. Through the coordination of this network of local

Action Network

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Assessment of the Impacts of the United Nations Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments

MPAs

3.3 million km² of new area collectively conserved in MPAs

Pollution

Large number of grassroots initiatives to collect marine litter from beaches and underwater; bans on single-use plastic

Science

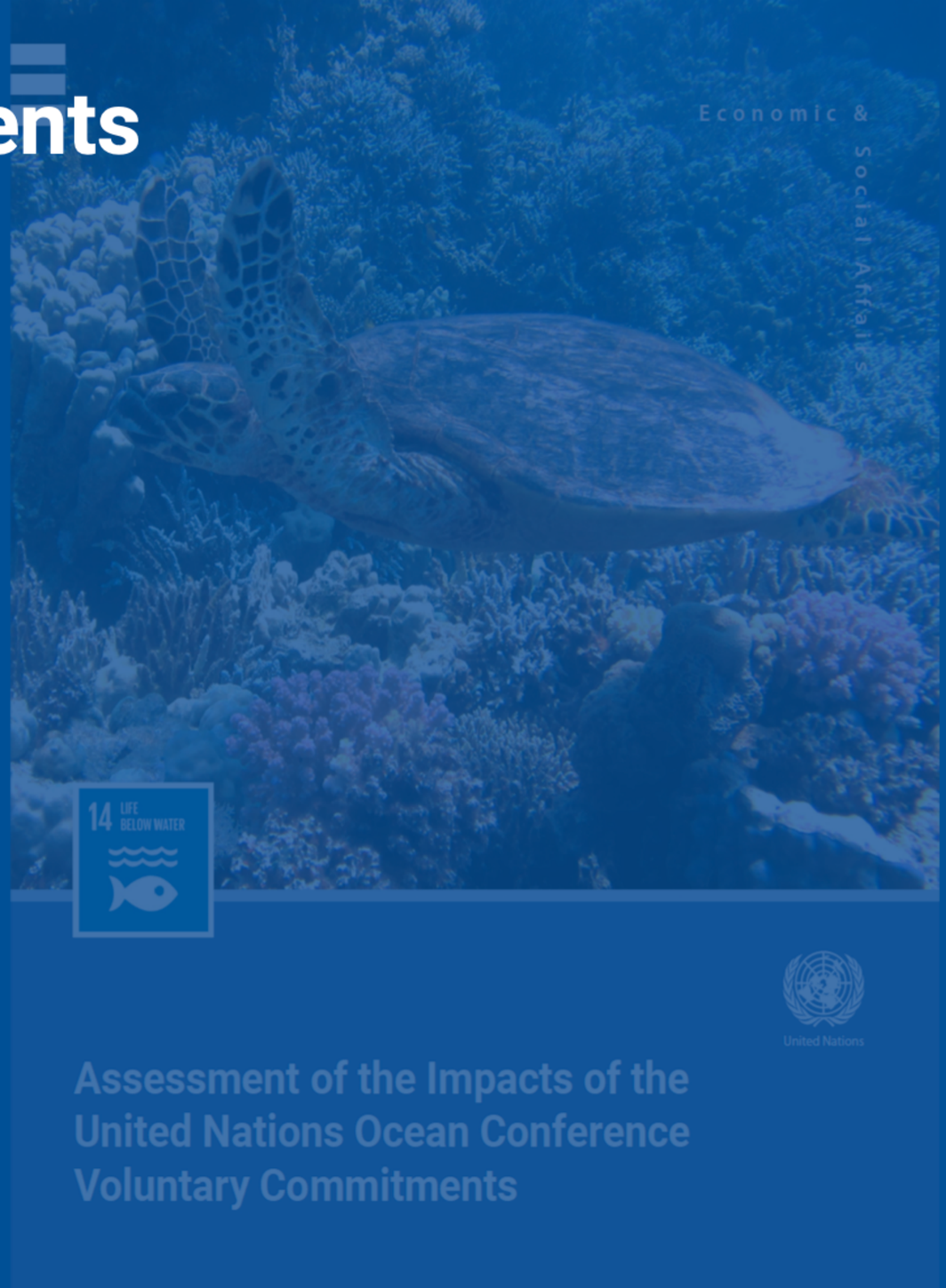
Science is advancing novel approaches for ocean issues; Networks of scientific cooperation are resulting in capacity development and technology transfer

Partner-ship

New approaches to working together and enable cross-sectoral ocean governance

Reporting on voluntary commitments

- Main difficulty: Low rate of reporting (rate ~24% overall)
- Commitments not reporting are likely still making progress, though some have now concluded
- Gaps in reporting make it more difficult to assess contribution towards specific targets and SDG 14 overall
- “Other relevant actors” highest reporting (48%), UN entities (39%) , CSO (18%), Gov’t (17%), Philanthropic (14%)
- Progress reports include all targets



Lessons learned & Challenges

- Progress is not made at a scale that is large enough to make a real difference for the ocean and its biodiversity.
- Partnerships and networking are ways of scaling up successful initiatives, and to bring in new ideas and develop capacity where it is needed.
- Sustainable, shock-proof and long-term funding is essential for achieving Goal 14
- Future commitments should incorporate simple monitoring, with a baseline and agreed-upon metrics for easier assessment

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Assessment of the Impacts of the United Nations Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments

Areas that may require further attention in VCs (1)

Target	Areas requiring further attention
14.1	• Need to address all aspects of plastics supply chain • global assistance and coordination is needed to provide a coherent response • Further action required on other forms of pollution, such as nutrients and sewage
14.2	• Scaling up implementation of an ecosystem approach • Scaling up efforts relating to restoration and rehabilitation of coastal and marine ecosystems, including blue carbon • Further addressing the component of this target relating to “avoiding significant adverse impacts” • Further efforts towards joint implementation of Goals 13 and 14
14.3	• Awareness raising and education, including among policymakers, relating to the importance of monitoring and addressing ocean acidification • Filling geographical gaps in ocean acidification observations around the world • Further addressing adaptation to ocean acidification, including socioeconomic aspects, • restoration (blue carbon), and marine protection • Developing further initiatives towards addressing ocean acidification, and in particular reduction of CO2 emissions, through the implementation of Goal 13 and in the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Areas that may require further attention in VCs (2)

Target	Areas requiring further attention
14.4	• Scaling up successful efforts towards fisheries sustainability • Issues related to related the reduction of pre- and post-harvest loss and waste • Human rights issues related to fisheries • More work to transition to ecosystem-based fisheries management; to improve international and regional governance mechanisms such as regional fishery bodies (including collaboration between regional fishery bodies and regional seas programmes); apply market-based mechanisms; and to incorporate climate change into fisheries management
14.5	• Addressing gaps in ecological representativity, functionality and connectivity of existing marine • protected areas nationally, regionally and globally • Marine protected area design in the context of climate change • Marine protected area design for open ocean areas, including dynamic areas • Further work on management effectiveness, capacity and long-term financing • Monitoring the ecological and socio-economic impacts of marine protected areas
14.6	Further improving the informational basis on fisheries subsidies and their impacts to inform WTO negotiations

Areas that may require further attention in VCs (3)

Target	Areas requiring further attention
14.7 14.A	• Gaps in sectoral representation in blue economies, including marine biotechnology, sustainable aquaculture and renewable/sustainable energy production • Gaps in capacity and technology, including both human and institutional capacity, that can be addressed through long-term partnerships and mentoring relationships • Gaps in available socioeconomic information relating to the ocean • Gaps in biodiversity information in some undersurveyed regions, for certain species types, as well • as the deep sea
14.B	• The implementation of this target requires further action across a broader range of countries, particularly in developing countries and in small island developing States
14.C	• Many stakeholders will likely require further assistance in better understanding and implementing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Thank you!

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REGISTRATION

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Stakeholder Registration – Who can attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

Relevant stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in Annex II of A/RES/73/292 can request registration to participate as observers in the Conference and its preparatory meeting

Find information:
https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/participate

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Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC

ECOSOC accredited organizations must pre-register here: https://indico.un.org/event/1001004

Attention! Register using the correct link!

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Specially Accredited Organizations

Organizations that received special accreditation to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference:

- 3 rounds: 2019, 2020, 2022

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Specially Accredited Organizations

Organizations that were accredited to any of the following past Conferences and Summits:

- The World Summit on Sustainable Development;
- The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
- The 2017 high-level 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;
- The intergovernmental conference on an internationally 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;
- Previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa.

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Specially Accredited Organizations

Organizations that have been specially accredited or that were accredited to previous related UN Conferences must pre-register here:

https://indico.un.org/event/1001003/

How to register?

- Check the **appropriate link** considering the status of your organization (ECOSOC accredited/Specially Accredited)
- Each participant will need to **set up a profile on the INDICO** platform through a specific email.
- Be prepared to upload a picture for the badge
- **Letter of Representation** – From the Head of your organization indicating that you are authorized to represent the organization at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference
- Submit your registration as early as possible!
- Approved participants will receive a letter from the system that can be used to seek for Visas (if appropriate)

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Registration Process

- Representatives of accredited organizations **MUST request pre-registration** using the appropriate online forms.

- **Up to 3 representatives** per accredited organization

- Deadline for registration: **16 May 2022**

- **Important!**
  - Registrations via email will not be accepted
  - In site registration will not be accepted
  - Incomplete registrations or with insufficient documentation will not be accepted.
  - Registrations past the deadline will not be accepted.

More information

Please consult the **Frequently Asked Questions**
and the **information flyer** for details

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Q&A session

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