



2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

PARTICIPATION OF: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Updated on 13 May 2022 (**updated information is highlighted**)

1) Who can attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

In accordance with paragraphs 26-28 of General Assembly resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019, entitled “2020 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 following participants may attend or be represented at the Conference:

- All States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
- Intergovernmental organizations, including those having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and works of the General Assembly, international financial institutions and other international bodies;
- Associate members of the regional commissions;
- Organizations and bodies of the United Nations;
- **Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations.**

2) Which civil society organizations, private sector, academia and other stakeholders can participate in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

Relevant 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 General Assembly resolution 73/292 can request pre-registration to participate as observers in the Conference.

3) Which organizations can pre-register participants to attend the Conference?

The organizations listed below will be able to request **pre-registration** to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (Please, click on the links for details):

- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC (Special, General or Roster consultative status). You can check if your organization has consultative status [here](#).
- Organizations that have received special accreditation by the United Nations General Assembly to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (*please, read more about Special Accreditation for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference below*):



- 1) Outcomes of the **first round** of Special Accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (December 2019) can be found [here](#).
 - 2) Outcomes of the **second round** of special accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (April 2020) can be found [here](#).
 - 3) Outcomes of the **third round** of special accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (March 2022) can be found [here](#).
- Organizations that were accredited to any of the following past Conferences and Summits (please click on the links for details):
 - 1) The [World Summit on Sustainable Development](#);
 - 2) The [United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development](#);
 - 3) 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](#);
 - 4) 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](#);
 - 5) Previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in [Barbados](#), [Mauritius](#) and [Samoa](#).

4) Can I still request Special Accreditation for my organization?

Unfortunately, no. The third and final round of Special Accreditation was held between **17 January – 28 February 2022** and it is now closed.

5) My organization applied for Special Accreditation. Where can I check the outcomes?

Please, check below for information about outcomes to Special Accreditation processes related to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

- a. Outcomes of the **first round** of Special Accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (December 2019) can be found [here](#).
- b. Outcomes of the **second round** of special accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (April 2020) can be found [here](#).
- c. Outcomes of the **third round** of special accreditation to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (March 2022) can be found [here](#).

6) My organization has received Special Accreditation to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, can I show a copy of the letter to attend the Conference? **(REVISED)**

No. All organizations will need to **pre-register** each of their representatives (**up to five**) to be able to attend the Conference and receive a confirmation from the UN of their registration.

7) I do not belong to any organization. Can I attend the Conference?

Unfortunately, no. You cannot attend the Conference as an individual. Participants must be connected to an accredited organization or to a United Nations Member State delegation in order to have registrations confirmed.

8) My organization has consultative status with ECOSOC. Do I need to pre-register to attend the Conference? (REVISED)

Yes. All participants **must pre-register** to attend the Conference, each organization will be able to pre-register up to **5 (five)** representatives to attend the Conference.

9) How many representatives can each eligible organization have to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference? (REVISED)

Each organization will be able to request pre-registration of up to **5 (five)** representatives to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, due to anticipated COVID-19 mitigation measures. All representatives must be duly registered using the dedicated registration form for the Conference.

10) Can we register more than five representatives and swap the badges so we could take turns to enter the Conference venue? (NEW)

No. Registration is linked to individual profile and badges are issued with the barrier's personal photo and information. Each organization will be able to request pre-registration of up to **5 (five)** representatives to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

11) How can I register to attend the Conference? (REVISED)

Pre-registration for representatives from accredited non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference is now open and the deadline has been extended to **3 June 2022 (23:59 CEST)**.

Only accredited organizations (please, see list in No. 3 above) will be able to request pre-registration of representatives to attend the Conference. Each organization will be able to request pre-registration of **up to five (5) representatives**.

All participants must be pre-registered using the specific platforms.

Registrations via email will not be accepted. There will be no on-site registration for representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations.

- ECOSOC accredited organizations must pre-register here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1001004>
- Specially Accredited organizations (including those accredited to previous related UN Conferences) must pre-register here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1001003/>

Please, check the status of your organization before starting the registration as applying through the wrong form may result on your registration being rejected. **Please, check question 3 above for details about organizations that can register participants to the Conference.**



Please note that pre-registration does not guarantee participation in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. A confirmation from the United Nations will be sent to the approved participants. Approval of registrations will be done on a rolling basis.

12) What information is needed for representatives of eligible organizations to preregister to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference? (REVISED)

Each participant will need to be pre-registered through the appropriate INDICO form. Please check question 9 for details.

Each participant will need to **set up a profile on the INDICO platform** through a specific email.

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- **Personal data:** Name (as per passport), address and contact.
- **Upload a picture.** Check minimum standards for valid pictures [here](#). Submission of inappropriate pictures will lead to rejection of registration application.
- **Letter of Representation** – You will be requested to upload a **signed letter** from the Head of your organization indicating that you are authorized to represent the organization at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. For a sample letter of presentation, click [here](#).

All requested registrations will be reviewed by the Conference Secretariat. A confirmation letter will be sent to approved registrations.

Please, check [here](#) for user guides of INDICO process for participants.

13) I'm not 18 years old yet. Can I attend the Conference?

The minimum age for participants to register to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference is 18 years old.

14) How can I get a VISA to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

Registered stakeholders are responsible to secure their own entry visa for Portugal, if needed.

Please note that a successful registration to the Conference does not guarantee entrance to Portugal. For further information on entry requirements, please refer to the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate of your choice to check whether you require a visa and to obtain the details of visa application procedure.

A list of countries with visa requirements can be found in the following link, together with information on where visas can be issued: bit.ly/UNOC2022_visa

Please bear in mind that, due to the time required for visa processing and issuing, those wishing to attend the Conference should submit their visa application as early as possible, and at least 15 working days before departure from the country of origin.

Furthermore, please note that visa application for entering in Portugal and registration with the UN for attending the Conference are separate procedures and therefore participants are strongly encouraged to obtain information on each procedure and follow their respective requirements and timelines.



Kindly note that visas cannot be issued on arrival.

15) Are funds available for stakeholders to attend the Conference?

Registered stakeholders are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

16) I represent a city and/or a regional government. Can I attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference? (REVISED)

Representatives of local and regional governments should register through their Member State delegation.

Associations of local and regional governments in consultative status with ECOSOC or **Specially Accredited** will also be able to register participants.

17) Are there opportunities for stakeholders to speak during the Conference?

Information on engagement opportunities will be published [here](#). You may also sign up to the general mailing list to receive updates. Please, check [here](#).

18) Can NGOs and other stakeholders organize side-events at the 2022 UN Ocean Conference?

Please, check information about side events here: <https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/events/side>

19) I have pre-registered on Indico but I haven't received any communications from the UN, what do I do?

All communications regarding your registration status will be sent to your registered email from unoc2022@un.org , you could add unoc2022@un.org to your contacts so emails will not be blocked by the server, or you could check your spam folder regularly just in case.

20) What are the COVID-19 related mitigation measures in place at the Conference?

Participants are advised to check the current COVID-19 measures implemented in Portugal prior to departure at: <https://www.visitportugal.com/en/content/covid-19-measures-implemented-portugal>. Please be mindful of any requirement of your country of origin or any transit country. The National Institute of Medical Emergency (INEM) is the Portuguese Health government's agency responsible for all medical emergency issues in Portugal. During the United Nations Ocean Conference, there will be Medical Emergency teams present at the Conference venue.

21) Is there any recommended accommodation for participants? (NEW)

Yes! Please check the list of recommended hotels in Lisbon here: <https://airtable.com/shrqdBHiZdFyUbu4Y/tblNxD9TcG2hFzjB>

Participants should contact the hotels directly to make bookings.

Still have questions?

Please email: UNOC2022@un.org