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## **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**

Lisbon, 27 June–1 July 2022

### **Information note for participants**

#### **I. Background**

1. By its resolution [73/292](#) and decision [75/578](#), the General Assembly decided to convene the high-level 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 in Lisbon, from 27 June to 1 July 2022.

2. By its resolution [73/292](#), the General Assembly also decided that the overarching theme of the Conference should be “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions” and that the Conference should:

(a) Build on existing successful partnerships and stimulate innovative and concrete new partnerships to advance the implementation of Goal 14;

(b) Support further action to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, giving due consideration to the call made in the declaration entitled “Our ocean, our future: call for action”;

(c) Identify further ways and means to support the implementation of Goal 14;

(d) Involve all relevant stakeholders, bringing together Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors to assess challenges and opportunities relating to, as well as actions taken towards, the implementation of Goal 14;

(e) Share the experiences gained at the national, regional and international levels in the implementation of Goal 14;



(f) Identify possible challenges and obstacles relating to the achievement of all the targets under Goal 14, as well as opportunities and innovative ways and means to support their implementation;

(g) Invite Member States and other relevant stakeholders to provide an update on the implementation of the voluntary commitments made in the context of the Conference and invite new voluntary commitments in support of Goal 14, as well as support the sharing of experiences and lessons learned on their implementation;

(h) Share ongoing efforts, successes and challenges between relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes with a view to promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination, as well as preventing the unnecessary duplication of efforts, to ensure further efficiency and effectiveness in support of Goal 14;

(i) Contribute to the follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by providing an input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, in accordance with resolutions [67/290](#) of 9 July 2013, [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015 and [70/299](#) of 29 July 2016, unless otherwise agreed in line with the aforementioned resolutions, on the implementation of Goal 14, including on opportunities to strengthen progress in the future.

3. The General Assembly further decided that the Conference should adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 and a report containing the co-chairs' summaries of the interactive dialogues, as well as a list of voluntary commitments for the implementation of Goal 14 registered after 9 June 2017 and announced at the Conference.

4. The venue of the Conference is the Altice Arena Convention Centre, located at Parque das Nações, Rossio dos Olivais, Lote 2.13.01A, 1990-231, Lisbon.

5. Additional information on the Conference is available on the Conference website ([www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022](http://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022)).

## **II. Secretariat of the Conference**

6. In its resolution [73/292](#), the General Assembly decided that the Secretary-General of the Conference would serve as focal point within the Secretariat to provide support for the organization of the Conference, in cooperation with the representatives of the two Presidents. In May 2019, the Secretary-General of the United Nations nominated the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

7. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Miguel de Serpa Soares, is the Special Adviser to the Presidents of the Conference on oceans and legal matters.

8. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Movses Abelian, will serve as the Secretary of the Conference.

## **III. Organization of work of the Conference and seating arrangements**

9. The proposed organization of work of the Conference is available in document [A/CONF.230/2022/3](#).

10. The opening plenary meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on 27 June, in the plenary hall, to consider procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the rules of procedure and the agenda, the election of the two Presidents of the Conference, the election of officers, the establishment of subsidiary organs, as appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Conference and other matters.
11. Statements will be made by the Presidents of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General of the Conference.
12. At the opening of the Conference and at subsequent plenary meetings, the delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Union will be assigned four seats: two seats at the table and two advisory seats behind. Delegations will be seated in English alphabetical order. Seating will also be available for the representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities (including specialized agencies, funds and programmes), accredited NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders, who will each be assigned two seats: one seat at the table and one advisory seat behind. A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the plenary hall to attend the opening plenary meeting and subsequent plenary meetings.
13. The interactive dialogues will be held in Tejo Hall. The delegation of each participating State, the European Union and accredited observers, including intergovernmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system and stakeholders, will be assigned two seats: one seat at the table and one advisory seat behind. Details on how to register expressions of interest in the interactive dialogues were provided on the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>) in advance of the Conference. Expressions of interest from NGOs and other stakeholders will be compiled through a dedicated form to be shared with registered participants by the Conference secretariat.

#### **IV. Agenda, programme of work and list of speakers**

14. The provisional agenda, the provisional rules of procedure and the provisional organization of work of the Conference are contained in documents [A/CONF.230/2022/1](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/2](#) and [A/CONF.230/2022/3](#), respectively.
15. The programme of meetings, including the list of speakers for the general debate, will be made available daily in the Conference edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* and will include such details as daily activities, titles, times and locations of meetings, agenda items to be considered and relevant documentation. A link to the programme of side events for the Conference will also appear daily in the *Journal*.
16. There will be nine plenary meetings, including the opening and closing meetings. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. It is proposed that a time limit of five minutes be established for each statement. Requests for inscription from States participating in the Conference and the European Union should be made through the e-deleGATE portal before 5 p.m. (New York time) on Tuesday, 14 June 2022. The list of speakers will be announced on the e-deleGATE platform as well as in the Conference edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* prior to the Conference.

17. In addition, representatives of the following may, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/292](#), and time permitting, make a statement in the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure); (b) associate members of regional commissions (rule 61); (c) specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 62); (d) other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies (rule 63); and (e) interested United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat ([duap@un.org](mailto:duap@un.org)) to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

18. Representatives of NGOs and other stakeholders, including major groups (rule 65), civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, may also, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/292](#), and time permitting, be added to the list of speakers for the general debate. Representatives of eligible organizations are invited to indicate their interest in speaking during the plenary meeting through a dedicated form that will be communicated to registered participants by the Conference secretariat.

19. In addition to the discussions in the plenary and the interactive dialogues of the Conference, other parallel events will be held, including side events and special events. Information about those events will be posted on the Conference website.

## V. Interactive dialogues

20. Eight interactive dialogues will be held in Tejo Hall, in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

- Monday, 27 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Addressing marine pollution”
- Tuesday, 28 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries”
- Tuesday, 28 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems”
- Wednesday, 29 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming”
- Wednesday, 29 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets”
- Thursday, 30 June, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology”
- Thursday, 30 June, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”
- Friday, 1 July, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”

21. The background note and concept papers for the interactive dialogues are contained in documents [A/74/630](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/4](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/5](#),

[A/CONF.230/2022/6](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/7](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/8](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/9](#), [A/CONF.230/2022/10](#) and [A/CONF.230/2022/11](#).

22. Each interactive dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs at the ministerial level and above – one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the Presidents of the Conference – and will be facilitated by a moderator. The dialogues will be open to all conference participants, with designated seating: one delegate seat at the table and one advisory seat behind.

23. The interactive dialogues will be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature and will focus on recommendations to support the implementation of Goal 14, including through strengthened cooperation, building on existing successful partnerships and stimulating innovative and concrete new ones, taking into account the theme of the Conference. The interactive dialogues will begin with a panel discussion, followed by an interactive dialogue among participants. Interventions in the interactive dialogue will be limited to three minutes. Participants are encouraged to focus on concrete solutions to addressing challenges and gaps in the implementation of Goal 14 targets by presenting voluntary commitments and partnerships, as well as policy recommendations to support the implementation of Goal 14.

24. The order of speakers for each interactive dialogue will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution while allowing for some flexibility, with priority given to States according to the level of representation, followed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, major groups and other relevant actors. It is envisaged that up to 22 States (3 minutes each), four intergovernmental organizations and associate members of the regional commissions (3 minutes each), two United Nations system entities (3 minutes each) and three NGOs, including major groups and other stakeholders (2 minutes each), will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each interactive dialogue.

25. There will be no pre-established lists of speakers for the eight interactive dialogues. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions. For planning purposes, participating States and the European Union are encouraged to express their interest in making an intervention in up to three interactive dialogues in the order of their preference by clicking on the “Register” button on the e-deleGATE portal, before 5 p.m. (New York time) on Tuesday, 14 June 2022. Representatives of accredited intergovernmental and other entities as well as associate members of the regional commissions are invited to indicate to the Secretariat ([olvida@un.org](mailto:olvida@un.org)) three interactive dialogues in which they would like to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, before 5 p.m. (New York time) on Tuesday, 14 June 2022. The list of participants envisaged to speak in each dialogue during the interactive debate will be made available prior to the Conference.

26. Representatives of the United Nations system are also invited to indicate to the Secretariat (using the online form available at <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/J86Y4nPvH>) three interactive dialogues in which they would like to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, before 5 p.m. (New York time) on 14 June 2022. Representatives of NGOs, major groups and other stakeholders will also be requested to indicate their interest in having a speaking slot, through a dedicated form to be shared with all registered participants, by the deadline of 14 June 2022.

27. Summaries of the interactive dialogues will be presented by the respective Co-Chairs to the Conference at its closing plenary meeting and included in the final report of the Conference.

## VI. Bilateral meetings

28. For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, six small meeting rooms, each with the capacity to hold up to 12 participants, will be available on the concourse level of the Conference venue from 27 June to 1 July 2022.

29. An electronic reservation system for the bilateral meetings will be activated through gMeets (<https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>) on 17 June 2022 in order to ensure the equitable and efficient use of the facilities. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through gMeets by logging in with their username and password and selecting the “Bilateral” tab. If an account is required, please contact [sfernandes@un.org](mailto:sfernandes@un.org), with copy to [dilanzot@un.org](mailto:dilanzot@un.org) and [gmeets-helpdesk@un.org](mailto:gmeets-helpdesk@un.org).

30. Information about room assignments will be provided one day prior to the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to submit their requests as early as possible. The accommodation of late requests will be subject to the availability of space. Delegations requiring further information should send their questions or inquiries to [gmeets@un.org](mailto:gmeets@un.org), with copy to [tongx@un.org](mailto:tongx@un.org). When sending an email, the wording “Ocean Conference-bilats” must be included in the subject line.

## VII. Interpretation

31. The official languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. In addition to the six official languages of the United Nations, interpretation in Portuguese will be provided by the host country. Statements made in any of the languages of the Conference will be interpreted into the other languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) in order to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

32. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. However, there will be limited facilities to accommodate non-official language interpreters on site. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the meetings management staff well in advance by email at [tongx@un.org](mailto:tongx@un.org), with copy to the Chief Interpreter at [kochetkov@un.org](mailto:kochetkov@un.org).

33. In order to facilitate the provision of interpretation and other services, delegations are requested to submit their statements (in PDF format) by email to [estatements-ocean@un.org](mailto:estatements-ocean@un.org). The number or name of the meeting and of the speaker should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery.

## VIII. Documentation

34. The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

### Distribution of official documents

35. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website. The Conference edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* will be produced in all six official languages and will also be available on the Conference website.

## IX. Registration of participants and credentials

36. As specified in General Assembly resolution [73/292](#), the Conference will be open to the delegations and representatives of the following:

- (a) States;
- (b) The European Union;
- (c) Associate members of the regional commissions;<sup>1</sup>

(d) Relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the 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 international 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 and to previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa, including associate members of the regional commissions, which may participate in the deliberations of the Conference and its preparatory meeting, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference;

- (e) Specialized agencies and related organizations;
- (f) Other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies;
- (g) Interested United Nations organs;

(h) NGOs and major groups as identified in Agenda 21, those in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and those that were accredited to the conferences and summits listed in point (d) above.

37. Registration of the official delegations of participating States and the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and other international bodies accredited to the Conference in accordance with Assembly resolution [73/292](#), associate members of the regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the Protocol and Liaison Service through the online eRegistration system, which is available through

<sup>1</sup> American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Curaçao, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.

the e-deleGATE portal. A note verbale dated 3 May 2022 highlighting the registration procedure has been sent by the Protocol Office to all permanent and observer missions and offices in New York and is also available on the Protocol Office website, at [www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol](http://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol).

38. To register for the Conference, official delegations must go through the designated eRegistration focal points of their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York, who have access to the eRegistration system. Delegations are advised to do so as early as possible to ensure timely registration.

39. Representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations and entities, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations without an office in New York that wish to participate in the Conference must request temporary access to the eRegistration system in advance in order to register for the Conference. To request temporary access to the eRegistration system, a letter (stamped and signed by the head of the organization) must be sent to Beatrix Kania (Chief of Protocol) at [unprotocol@un.org](mailto:unprotocol@un.org), with copy to [chuaw@un.org](mailto:chuaw@un.org), providing a designated focal point for the organization (with name, functional title and an official email address) to receive temporary access to the eRegistration system. Requests for temporary access to the eRegistration system must be received by the Protocol Office no later than 23 May 2022.

40. New focal points and delegations wishing to obtain information on the eRegistration system may refer to the updated guidelines on eRegistration and frequently asked questions available on the Protocol Office website, at [www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings](http://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings).

41. Pre-registration in New York for the Conference is open until Tuesday, 14 June 2022, for designated eRegistration users of the missions or offices through the online eRegistration system on the e-deleGATE portal.

42. On-site registration and the collection of Conference badges and secondary access cards for pre-registered participants will begin on Thursday, 23 June 2022, and continue until 1 p.m. on Friday, 1 July 2022, at the United Nations registration centre at the Conference venue in Lisbon.

43. Following past practice, Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be provided with a VIP pass without a photograph. Delegates at the level of Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister and their spouses will be issued a VIP pass with a photograph.

44. Missions and offices are kindly reminded that, as part of the registration process, copies of credentials and delegation lists must be uploaded to the eRegistration system at the time of online submission. Please note also that passport-size colour photographs (with a white background) of all listed members of delegations, including the VIPs specified in the paragraph above (except Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses), are a mandatory requirement and must be uploaded to the registration form for each member of the delegation. All photographs must be recent and have been taken no more than six months prior to the Conference. Please note that the review and verification process for the online registrations may take four to five days.

45. Members of the national security details accompanying the VIP groups participating in the Conference must be registered and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Security and Safety Service. For additional information, please send an email to [hayem1@un.org](mailto:hayem1@un.org).

46. Delegations are kindly reminded that the Protocol Office will not register representatives of NGOs who do not form part of the official delegations of



participating States, intergovernmental organizations, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations. Participants attending side events in the margins of the Conference should not be included in the official credentials or official delegation lists.

47. Delegates seeking on-site registration will be required to present proof of credentials or an official letter of nomination or letter of delegation, together with a passport or valid government-issued photo identification. Upon verification and approval by the Protocol Registration Office at the registration centre, delegates may proceed to the badging booth for a photograph for the issuance of the Conference badge.

48. Permanent or observer missions are strongly advised to coordinate as early as possible with their diplomatic missions accredited in Lisbon or in the region on the proper registration procedure and to make use of the pre-registration option in New York to avoid long queues at the registration centre.

49. From 22 June 2022, all official communications, including credentials, lists of delegations and Conference-related materials, should be sent to the Protocol Registration Office by fax or by email at [protocolconference@un.org](mailto:protocolconference@un.org). The fax number will be made available and posted on the Protocol Office website no later than 17 June 2022.

50. Conference badges for approved in-person participants, as well as secondary access cards, will be issued and distributed from 23 June to 1 July 2022 at the registration centre.

51. Approved in-person participants may collect their Conference badges by visiting the registration centre upon presentation of the approval emails issued by the United Nations along with their passports or government-issued photo identification. Only approved in-person participants will be issued a Conference badge for access to the venue.

52. Conference badges for approved in-person participants may also be collected by representatives of the diplomatic missions accredited in Lisbon or in the region. For this purpose, a note verbale (bearing an official stamp) from the permanent mission of the delegation to the United Nations in New York or the embassy or consulate-general in Portugal, indicating the name (in English) and contact mobile number of the representative authorized to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards for the delegation, must be presented at the registration centre, along with a passport or a government-issued photo identification of the representative. Please note that copies of the passports of the delegation must also be presented together with the note verbale in order to collect the badges.

53. Delegates and representatives collecting the Conference badges and secondary access cards must be mindful that it is their responsibility to ensure the safe delivery of the badges and access cards to members of their delegations. The registration centre will not reissue duplicate passes or secondary access cards.

54. For the office hours of the registration centre please refer to paragraph 92.

### **Credentials**

55. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission. The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, if possible, no less than one week before the opening of Conference.

56. The original hard copies of the credentials should be delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat building, if possible, no later than 20 June 2022. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives to the Conference (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent missions), should also be submitted through the online e-Credentials module, which is accessible through the e-deleGATE platform.

57. In addition, from 26 June to 1 July, the original hard copies of the credentials may be submitted to a representative of the Office of Legal Affairs on site at the Conference venue.

### **List of participants**

58. To facilitate the compilation of the list of participants, delegations of States, the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies and related organizations are requested to submit a comprehensive list of the members of their respective delegations to the Secretariat, with the functional titles and designations of the delegates, using the e-List of participants module on the e-deleGATE portal.

### **Funding for participating States**

59. To facilitate the participation of States in the Conference, limited funding will be available from the voluntary contributions made by Member States and other donors to support the participation of representatives of developing countries, with priority being given to representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States in the meetings of the Conference, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 73/292, on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to the conditions outlined by the donors. The funding will cover economy-class round-trip air tickets, as well as daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations, for a maximum of two delegates per participating State, on the understanding that the second delegate will be funded subject to the availability of funds.

60. Limited funding will also be available from the voluntary contributions made by Member States to support the participation of representatives of stakeholder participants from developing countries to the Conference. The funding will cover economy-class round-trip air tickets, as well as daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations.

## **X. Participation of non-government actors**

61. Representatives of the Secretariat, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, regional commissions and other entities who wish to attend the Conference in person must register using the online registration system at <https://indico.un.org/event/1001067>.

62. NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations accredited to the Conference are invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 73/292. Requests and questions from civil society participants and other stakeholders should be directed to [unoc2022@un.org](mailto:unoc2022@un.org).

### Registration for the Conference

63. NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1001004>.
64. Organizations that have been specially accredited or that were accredited to previous related United Nations conferences must pre-register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1001003>.
65. For details and information about the registration of NGOs and other stakeholders, please check [www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/participate](http://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022/participate). The deadline for registration is 3 June 2022.
66. There will be no on-site registration for representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector or philanthropic organizations.
67. Conference badges for approved in-person stakeholder participants, as well as secondary access cards, will be issued and distributed from 24 June to 1 July 2022 at the registration centre.

## XI. Media arrangements and services

### Live coverage

68. The Department of Global Communications will provide live-streaming coverage of the Conference through the United Nations Web TV website at <http://webtv.un.org>. Press releases, official documents, the Conference edition of the *Journal of the United Nations*, statements and other information materials will be made available on the Conference website. The Conference will also be covered on Twitter using the hashtag #SaveOurOcean. Participants are encouraged to share content on their own social media platforms using this hashtag.

### Media accreditation

69. The accreditation of media representatives, including official photographers and videographers of delegations, is handled by the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit.
70. Delegations must register official media through the designated eRegistration users in their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York. The deadline for early accreditation is 14 June 2022.
71. Media representatives applying independently are required to submit an application by completing the form at <https://indico.un.org/UNHQ/#media>.
72. On-site registration in Lisbon and the collection of Conference badges for pre-registered media will begin on 23 June 2022 at the registration centre. Media personnel requesting on-site accreditation will be required to present an assignment letter from their media organization or an official letter from the delegation, along with a valid passport from a Member State.

### Press briefings

73. Daily press briefings by the spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the press briefing room at times to be announced. The room will also be available for press briefings organized by delegations and United Nations organizations. Requests for press briefings should be sent by email to [dgccampaigns@un.org](mailto:dgccampaigns@un.org), with the wording "Press briefings" in the subject line. Such requests must be made in writing by a senior official of the delegation wishing to hold the press briefing and should

include the names of the speakers, their titles, the subjects to be discussed, relevant time preferences or constraints and the communications focal point.

74. Press briefings may run no longer than 30 minutes. Attendance will be limited to accredited journalists. Exceptions will be made only for the press attaché and a limited number of other officials of the same delegation directly concerned with the press briefing, as well as United Nations officials covering the press briefing. Press briefings will be hybrid, involving both in-person and virtual media attendance.

75. A daily schedule of press briefings will be posted in the media centre and in the Conference edition of the *Journal of the United Nations*. A schedule will also be sent to registered media organizations by email.

#### **Media facilities**

76. A media centre for use by all journalists accredited to cover the Conference will be available at the venue. The plenary meetings and other activities will be broadcast live at the media centre, and audiovisual feeds of the plenary meetings, interactive dialogues, press briefings and other events will be provided to broadcasters live upon request. Journalists are advised to bring their own laptops and headphones.

77. A press kit containing background information relevant to the Conference will be made available in the media centre and posted on the Conference website. The spokesperson for the Conference will be available in Lisbon to provide information to journalists on background and on the record.

#### **Access to the media by Governments and non-governmental organizations**

78. To facilitate media contact, delegations are invited to provide the spokesperson with the name and telephone number in Lisbon of the person in the delegation whom journalists may contact to request interviews or other information. That information may be sent by email to the public information officers in the Conference secretariat, at [birchs@un.org](mailto:birchs@un.org) and [shuo.li@un.org](mailto:shuo.li@un.org).

## **XII. Side events and associated events**

79. A diverse programme of side events on issues related to the implementation of Goal 14 will be held during the Conference, organized by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and all other duly accredited organizations. The events will be under the full responsibility of the organizers.

80. A full list of official side events will be available on the Conference website, including programme, location and other details. Side events will be held in person at the Conference venue in Lisbon, in person outside the Conference venue in Lisbon and virtually. Side events held at the Conference venue are restricted to approved participants only.

#### **Special events**

81. In connection with the Conference, the co-hosts, Portugal and Kenya, supported by numerous partners, are spearheading a number of informal special events aimed at rallying further engagement and additional ocean action by stakeholders. These special events are set out below.

##### *Youth and innovation forum*

82. The youth and innovation forum, to be held in Cascais from Friday, 24 June, to Sunday, 26 June, will be a platform for advancing ocean action and implementing

youth-led solutions based on the targets of Goal 14. It will seek to help young entrepreneurs and innovators scale up their initiatives, projects and ideas through professional training and matchmaking with mentors, investors, the private sector and government officials. More information is available at [www.soalliance.org/2022-ocean-youth-and-innovation-forum](http://www.soalliance.org/2022-ocean-youth-and-innovation-forum).

*Localizing action for the ocean: local and regional governments*

83. The special event entitled “Localizing action for the ocean: local and regional governments”, to be held in Matosinhos on Saturday, 25 June, will create an opportunity for local and regional governments and their networks, national Governments and other stakeholders to exchange good practices on the implementation of Goal 14 at the local level. It will also be a space for local and regional governments and other stakeholders to announce new voluntary commitments in support of ocean action. The event will also serve to facilitate a discussion on opportunities and initiatives that can support sustainable adaptation for coastal cities and regions, including financing innovation and scaling up ocean protection. For more information, see <https://sdgs.un.org/events/LRGspecialevent-2022UNOC>.

*Sustainable blue economy investment forum*

84. The sustainable blue economy investment forum, to be held in Cascais on Tuesday, 28 June, will launch a process for designing a global standard for sustainable blue economies, to be used in financial instruments, investment decisions and business. In addition, the forum will be an opportunity to establish a common language for a sustainable ocean economy and to explore how to build synergies between integrated ocean management plans, trade finance, marketing and distribution value chains and the private sector. More information is available at <https://portugalglobal.pt/EN/blue-economy-investment-forum/Pages/about.aspx>.

*High-level symposium on water: bridging Goals 6 and 14*

85. The High-level symposium on water, to be held at the Alice Arena on Monday, 27 June, is one of the preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028. To bridge and explore the interlinkages between Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation and Goal 14 on life below water, the symposium will bring together political leaders and high-level decision makers dealing with both freshwater and saltwater issues, to reflect on how to better connect these two communities to ensure an integrated vision of the water cycle. By doing so, the event provides an opportunity to strengthen the role of water and the ocean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement and offers a platform for presenting successful best practices and partnerships. More information is available at <https://sdgs.un.org/events/high-level-symposium-water-45788>.

### **XIII. Security**

86. From 26 June 2022, access to the venue premises and the surrounding area will be strictly limited to persons properly accredited to the Conference by the United Nations.

87. Badges for all government delegations and other participants from intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, the media and representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector and

youth organizations will be issued at the registration centre until 1 p.m. on Friday, 1 July 2022. The security arrangements for the Conference are set out below.

88. For all types of emergencies within the Conference venue, and in order to coordinate the appropriate response, please contact United Nations security staff (wearing the United Nations uniform) located within the Conference venue.

89. Members of the national security details accompanying the VIP and VVIP groups participating in the Conference must be registered and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Security and Safety Service. For additional information, please contact [hayem1@un.org](mailto:hayem1@un.org).

90. VVIPs, VIPs, delegates and senior United Nations officials will be escorted to the venue by Portuguese police. Vehicles not escorted by Portuguese police will be directed to a designated area. For additional information, please contact [hayem1@un.org](mailto:hayem1@un.org).

#### **Access to and within the venue during the Conference**

91. Admission to the Conference venue will require the presentation of identification badges at all times. Pre-registered participants can collect their pre-printed badges at the registration area of the venue.

92. Participants who do not complete the pre-registration procedure must follow the normal procedure of having a photograph taken and a badge issued upon their arrival at the registration area of the Conference venue.

93. As part of the security arrangements, all participants in the Conference will be required to present their invitations together with their passports at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the venue, in order to register and collect their security passes for the Conference. Security passes must be worn visibly at all times in the venue. All persons and the items in their possession will be screened at the entrance to the venue.

94. The registration centre for delegations will be located outside the entrance of the Conference venue and will be open for badge collection from Thursday, 23 June, to Friday, 1 July 2022. The working hours of the registration centre will be as follows:

23 to 25 June: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

26 June: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

27 and 28 June: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

29 and 30 June: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1 July: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **Loss of Conference badge or personal items**

95. The loss of a Conference badge or any personal item in the Conference venue must be reported to the registration centre and/or the Security and Safety Service.

### **XIV. Health services and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention and mitigation measures**

96. In view of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and in compliance with the public health provisions in place in Portugal at the time of the Conference, the Portuguese authorities will send updated information closer to the event. However, Conference participants are strongly advised to have health insurance for travel and to understand what is covered before they travel in case of a positive test.

### **Medical services**

97. The local emergency number is 112.

98. The National Institute of Medical Emergency is the government health agency in Portugal responsible for all medical emergency issues in the country.

- It is also responsible for the health protection of high entities and medical emergency assistance
- During the Conference, medical emergency teams will be present throughout the day
- The Institute coordinates with local hospitals and, if necessary, will activate appropriate protocols

## **XV. Entry requirements**

99. Successful accreditation to the Conference does not guarantee entrance to Portugal. For further information on entry requirements, please refer to an embassy or consulate of Portugal to check whether a visa is required and to know the details of the application procedure. A list of countries with visa requirements can be found at the following link, together with information on where visas can be issued: [bit.ly/UNOC2022\\_visas](https://bit.ly/UNOC2022_visas).

100. Owing to the time required for visa processing and issuing, those wishing to attend the Conference should submit their visa application as early as possible, at least 15 working days before departure from the country of origin. Kindly note that visas cannot be issued on arrival.

101. The visa application for entering Portugal and registration with the United Nations for attending the Conference are two separate procedures. Delegates are strongly encouraged to obtain information on each procedure and follow the respective requirements and timelines.

## **XVI. Arrival in Lisbon and local transportation**

### **Airport information**

102. An information help desk for the Conference will be set up at Humberto Delgado Airport in Lisbon.

103. Up to two separate fast lines for Conference participants may be made available at the airport for passport verification, depending on the number of participants arriving. Participants are required to have their electronic registration confirmation issued by the United Nations to be able to use the fast lines.

### **State and private flights**

104. Owing to the heavy air traffic expected at Humberto Delgado Airport and other national civil airports, advance planning is required regarding the parking of aircraft of Heads of State or Government. Delegations are therefore requested to communicate three weeks in advance, even if only indicatively, the type of aircraft and the expected arrival and departure dates and times, to [sp@mne.pt](mailto:sp@mne.pt) and [unoc@mne.pt](mailto:unoc@mne.pt).

105. The Humberto Delgado Airport authorities suggest that official delegations travelling on State and/or private flights organize their arrival and departure times according to the following slots:

<i>Date</i>	<i>6 a.m./7 a.m.</i>	<i>9 p.m./10 p.m.</i>	<i>10 p.m./11 p.m.</i>	<i>11 p.m./12 a.m.</i>
26 June	3	1	2	17
27 June	3	1	1	16
28 June	12	4	5	19
29 June	6	6	7	19
30 June	5	5	5	16
1 July	3	1	3	10
2 July	2	2	4	17

106. Arrival and departure times can be suggested by Portuguese authorities in order to minimize the impact on commercial aviation.

107. Aircraft parking at Humberto Delgado Airport is limited. Aircraft may therefore have to be parked at other civil or military airports.

### **Immigration and customs**

108. Upon arrival at Humberto Delgado Airport, Heads of State and Government, heads of delegation and other delegation members and participants in the Conference will receive differential treatment for the purposes of completing migration, customs and other procedures in accordance with applicable Portuguese law for all passengers entering Portugal. Trolleys will be available for passengers free of charge in the baggage claim area. Information on lost and found baggage will also be made available in the same area.

109. Conference participants can exchange currency near the arrival terminal.

### **Passport control, immigration, baggage and customs desks**

110. It is the responsibility of diplomatic missions accredited in Lisbon to take care of all formalities regarding passport control, the immigration desk, customs and baggage claim for their delegations. For diplomatic missions accredited in Portugal to be able to assist their delegations upon arrival at the airport, namely in the restricted areas of the airport mentioned above, it will be essential that their employees hold an airport identification card. This information can be consulted in the Practical Guide for the Diplomatic Corps Accredited in Portugal, available at <https://portaldiplomatico.mne.gov.pt/politica-externa/protocolo-do-estado>.

### **Departure**

111. Passengers must arrive at the airport no later than two hours prior to the scheduled time of departure of their flight. Waiting lines at check-in counters, security checks, baggage screening and passport control can lead to a delay in transit through to the departure terminal. Please bear in mind that no assistance will be provided for departing members of delegations.

### **Private charter flights**

112. Conference participants who arrive or depart on private or charter flights may use ground assistance services offered by charter companies at Humberto Delgado Airport. The services offered may vary from company to company, and all details should be confirmed with the relevant charter company prior to departure.

113. Delegations arriving in Lisbon by State, military or private aircraft must send a request for landing clearance by means of a note verbale, up to three days in advance, to the Overflights and Naval Stops Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at



[usen.audtip@mne.pt](mailto:usen.audtip@mne.pt). A copy of the note verbale must be sent to the Portuguese State Protocol ([sp.aeropostos@mne.pt](mailto:sp.aeropostos@mne.pt)) and [unoc@mne.pt](mailto:unoc@mne.pt). The form is available at [www.aan.pt/subPagina-AAN-001.003.003-forms](http://www.aan.pt/subPagina-AAN-001.003.003-forms).

#### **VIP lounge/high entities lounge**

114. The Portuguese State Protocol will grant the use of a VIP room to Heads of State and government and ministerial representatives. The State Protocol will determine which room will be granted, in accordance with Portuguese legislation on the matter. A note verbale requesting use of the high entities lounge must be sent to the State Protocol ([sp@mne.pt](mailto:sp@mne.pt)), with copy to [unoc@mne.pt](mailto:unoc@mne.pt), at least three working days in advance and include the following information:

- Name and rank of every member of the delegation, including the head of the delegation
- Details of the flight (number, name of airline, departure and arrival place)
- Arrival date and time

#### **Public transport and taxi services to and from Humberto Delgado Airport**

115. Conference participants may avail themselves of any of the following modes of transportation to and from the airport:

- Metro: the red line runs between the airport and the city centre. The Altice Arena Convention Centre is located at the Oriente station (three stops from the airport)
- Bus: at the airport there is a wide range of shuttle services making connections to the city centre
- Taxis: taxis circulate 24 hours a day throughout the city and are always available at taxi ranks; for more information, see the airport website

#### **Transportation**

116. No shuttle service will be available. Delegates should seek their own transportation. A list of transportation service companies can be found at [bit.ly/UNOC2022\\_transportwithdriver](https://bit.ly/UNOC2022_transportwithdriver).

## **XVII. Hotel accommodation**

117. Incoming delegations are responsible for their own accommodation. A list of hotels near the Altice Arena Convention Centre can be found at [bit.ly/UNOC2022\\_Hotels](https://bit.ly/UNOC2022_Hotels). All prices refer to a single room with breakfast included.

## **XVIII. Climate**

118. The first month of summer, June, is a moderately hot month, with an average temperature varying between 16.6°C (61.9°F) and 25.7°C (78.3°F).

119. In June and July, rain falls for five days on average, and regularly results in accumulated precipitation of up to 15.9 mm (0.62 inches).

## **XIX. Internet services**

120. Wi-Fi is available throughout the Conference venue and will be open and free.

## XX. General information

121. Tap water: tap water is safe to drink in Portugal. The water utility company Empresa Portuguesa das Águas Livres will offer reusable bottles to all participants. To check the quality of Lisbon water daily, please use the following applications:

- Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tandeminnovation.epalwq>
- iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/pt/app/h2o-quality/id1436294477?ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

122. Local time: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

123. Currency and credit cards: euro (€); major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

124. Emergency telephone number: 112

125. Country code: +351

126. Electricity: 230 V, 50 Hz; plug types C and F (standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs).

127. Smoking: smoking is prohibited in all indoor public areas.

128. Business hours: most shops in Lisbon are open between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Shops are generally closed on Sundays, but basic goods can be found in supermarkets. The Vasco da Gama shopping centre, located next to the Conference venue, is open between 8 a.m. and midnight, from Monday to Sunday.

129. For information concerning Lisbon, please visit [www.visitlisboa.com](http://www.visitlisboa.com). For information concerning cultural activities in Lisbon, please visit [www.agendalx.pt](http://www.agendalx.pt). For general information on Portugal, please visit [www.visitportugal.com/en](http://www.visitportugal.com/en).

130. Contact information:

- For general information (Portugal) please contact [unoc@mne.pt](mailto:unoc@mne.pt)
- For general information (United Nations) please contact [UNOC2022@un.org](mailto:UNOC2022@un.org), indicating the issue in the subject line
- For airport arrangements, please contact [sp@mne.pt](mailto:sp@mne.pt), with copy to [unoc@mne.pt](mailto:unoc@mne.pt)
- For security weapons clearance, please contact [sp@mne.pt](mailto:sp@mne.pt)