BACKGROUND
Convened by the United Nations General Assembly and co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal, the “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” will be held from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon, Portugal, under the overarching theme: “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”.

The Conference will bring together Governments, the UN System entities and multiple stakeholders across different sectors to forge new solutions comes at a critical time as the world is seeking to address many of the deep-rooted problems of our societies laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic and which will require major structural transformations and common shared solutions that are anchored in the SDGs.

The Special Event on Localizing Ocean Action will be an opportunity to stress the presence of ‘urban-ocean linkages’, and how local and regional governments should be engaged in global efforts and decisions to protect the ocean and maritime resources, including food. The Special Event will also highlight the crucial role of multi-level governance and multi-stakeholder collaboration to strengthen the science-policy interface, as well as to improve data systems and seek innovative solutions at all levels. The Localizing Ocean Action Special Event will create an opportunity for local and regional governments and their networks, national governments, and other stakeholders to exchange experiences and good practices of SDG 14 implementation at the local level. It will be a space for local and regional governments and other stakeholders to announce voluntary Ocean Action Commitments. Additionally, it will act as a space 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.
ORGANIZERS

This Special Event is hosted by the co-hosts of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, the Governments of Portugal and Kenya, together with the City of Matosinhos, and organized in collaboration with UN DESA, UN Global Compact, the Climate Champions Team and networks of local and regional governments gathered in the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability, Regions4, Ocean & Climate Platform, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Resilient Cities Network, the International Association Cities & Ports (AIVP) and OECD.

DATE & TIME

25 June 2022, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. (Western European Summer Time)

[Please note: Check-in and pick-up badges start at 9:30 a.m. onsite. Participants are recommended to arrive early to avoid any delays in entering the event venue. A valid government-issued photo ID will be required at check-in.]

REGISTRATION AND FORMAT OF PARTICIPATION

This event is for in-person participation only. Registration is required for all participants. The registration portal is now closed. All registered participants will receive confirmation and information directly from the Special Event organizers through their registered email.

LANGUAGE

This event will be in English only.

VENUE & HOST CITY

Venue: the Porto Cruise Terminal (South Cruise Terminal).
Address: Rua do Godinho (main entrance next to the Senhor do Padrão monument)

4450-208 Matosinhos, Portugal (Find it on googlemap)
For more information of the host city-Matosinhos, including accommodation recommendations, please check [here](#).

**FOOD**
Lunch will be provided by the City of Matosinhos to all participants.

**ACCOMMODATION**
Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation in Matosinhos.

For more information of the host city including accommodation recommendations, please check [here](#). Participants should make hotel bookings directly with the desired properties as early as possible.

**EMERGENCIES**
There will be an emergency team ready onsite. Outside the event venue please call 112.

**COVID-19 RELATED**
Masks are mandatory on public transportation and in health facilities in Matosinhos. Participants are strongly recommended to wear masks while onsite.

Please check this website for the latest COVID-19 related travel information in Portugal:
ACCESSIBILITY

The event venue is accessible to all guests and friendly to persons with disabilities.

TRAVEL TO MATOSINHOS

By Public transportation

From Porto airport (about 40min):

- Take the surface subway (see map provided on next page):
  - Take the subway in the direction of Estadio do Dragão, get off at “Senhora da Hora” station, then take the blue line towards “Senhor de Matosinhos” and exit at “Matosinhos Sul” station. For this trip you must use a Z3 ticket (€1.60), plus €0.60 of the reusable ticket.
  - For the return trip, take the subway in the direction of “Estadio do Dragão” at “Matosinhos Sul” station, get off at “Senhora da Hora” station, then take the purple line in the direction “Aeroporto” and get off at the “Aeroporto” station
- Take an UBER that costs about 10/15 euros (about 15 min).

From Lisbon airport (about 4 hours 15 minutes):

- **By train** (the tickets can be purchased online - https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en):
  - Take the pink/red subway line in the direction of “S. Sebastião” and get off at “Oriente” station. At the same station, take the train to “Porto Campanhã”. Once there, take the subway on the blue line to “Matosinhos Sul”.
  - To return, take the subway in the direction of “Estadio do Dragão” at Matosinhos Sul station, get off at “Campanhã” station, where you can take a train to Lisbon;
- **By plane with TAP (45min flight time)**: Take a plane to Porto airport and follow the directions above.
- **By bus (about 3 and half hours)**: Take a direct bus, that you can book online, when you stop in Porto, find a subway stations on the blue line.

By private vehicle

From Lisbon: Take the A1 highway our the A8 and then A17. Use the locations GPS: 41.177436868293405, -8.702049263918303 https://goo.gl/maps/wjZEmDs2fbZ1Qo4b6

WEATHER

In June, the average temperature in Matosinhos fluctuates between 21.3°C (70.3°F) and 14.7°C (58.5°F).

FACILITIES & OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION
Restaurants: https://www.cm-matosinhos.pt/conhecer/gastronomia

Tourist Office of Matosinhos: https://www.cm-matosinhos.pt/conhecer/postos-de-turismo

Leisure activities in Matosinhos: https://www.cm-matosinhos.pt/conhecer/lazer

For more information about the city: https://www.cm-matosinhos.pt/conhecer