



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 October 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to the third United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14): Conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 78/128, the Conference will be co-hosted by the Governments of the Republic of Costa Rica and the French Republic from 9 to 13 June 2025 in Nice, France.

The Conference will be convened under the theme “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean”, drawing on diverse stakeholders working to advance the implementation of SDG14 at all levels. Taking a forward look, the Conference will aim to drive momentum, mobilizing leadership, science and local and traditional knowledge, to galvanize innovation, build new partnerships and scale up financing.

Our ocean requires a fundamental change in how we treat it and its resources for the well-being of our planet and the benefit of humanity. Let us build on the work of the 2017 United Nations Ocean Conference in New York and the 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference in Lisbon to drive the change we need to secure the health of our ocean for a resilient, equitable and sustainable future for all.

Additional information on the Conference may be found at <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025>. I look forward to receiving confirmation of participation at your earliest convenience.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', written over a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

António Guterres

To All Permanent Representatives of Member States and Permanent Observers of non-Member States to the United Nations
New York