



# UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE NICE, FRANCE 2025

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25 days to go!*



*Cormorants hunt for their dinner. (Photo by Taryn Schulz, First place, Underwater Seascapes, 2024 UN World Oceans Day Photo Contest)*

The high-level 2025 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 2025 UN Ocean Conference) is quickly approaching and will be held in Nice, France, from 9 to 13 June 2025, co-hosted by France and Costa Rica.

The Programme will be frequently updated from now until the Conference and you can check details here: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/programme>

## Now open: Registration for all categories

Registration is open for all categories of participants at the third United Nations Ocean Conference UNOC3), happening 9 to 13 June in Nice, France. For details and deadlines, please check: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/participate>

Please ensure that you identify your category and register through the appropriate link. For detailed information regarding registration portals and required documents for each category, please [check the website](#).

You can check the Information Note for the Conference [here](#).

## Host country security regulations for access to the perimeter around the Conference venue

Please be advised that access to the perimeter around the UNOC3 venue requires participants to successfully complete both (i) the official United Nations registration process and (ii) the Host Country Registration Form accessible through the following external link, which is not a United Nations link: <https://www.unoc-registration.fr>

By proceeding with the registration for the Conference, participants acknowledge and accept that compliance with both requirements is mandatory.

In order to access the premises of the Conference and the perimeter around the Conference venue, all participants must successfully complete BOTH the official United Nations registration process and the Host Country Registration Form. A positive response from both the UN (email confirmation of registration) and from the Host Country (email confirmation of registration) shall constitute successful completion of the process.

The Host Country reserves the right to verify the Host Country registration forms and to refuse access to the perimeter around the Conference venue to any individual who has not fulfilled the above-mentioned requirements, without liability for any inconvenience thereby caused.

## Mark your calendar for these special events

Many high-level special events will be organized in and around Nice and Monaco, outside the Blue Zone, in connection with the Conference, including:

- [One Ocean Science Congress](#): **3-6 June**
- [Summit of the Ocean Rise and Resilience Coalition](#): **7 June**
- [Blue Economy and Finance Forum](#): **7-8 June**
- [We Are the Ocean](#): A Civil Society Moment: **8 June**
- [World Oceans Day Regatta](#): **8 June**

These special events aim to create additional platforms for in-depth and broader discussions among stakeholders on how to improve the health of the ocean. Please contact the event organizers directly with questions.

## Programme of official side events nears completion

Applications for side events inside the at the Conference venue (Blue Zone), off-site across Nice, and virtual have closed, and the Secretariat is in the final stages of completing the official side events programme. Please note that only duly registered participants can attend the side events at the Conference venue. The official side event programmes will be posted on the website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/side-events>

## Register your ocean commitment today!

The [registry of Voluntary Commitments \(VCs\)](#) for concrete action to advance implementation of SDG 14 is open and ready for your new commitments. The Communities of Ocean Action (COAs), established following the 2017 UN Ocean Conference, have been instrumental in advancing the VCs and SDG 14. The online registry of VCs, managed by UN DESA, currently hosts over 2,219 commitments from governments, UN entities, philanthropic organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders. Since the end of UNOC2 on 1 July 2022, DESA has approved the submission of about 170 additional voluntary commitments.

[Register new commitments and browse our database here.](#)



*Participants including Ambassador Thomson, front right, attend the “Pacific Priorities: Regional Dialogue for UNOC3 and Beyond” meeting in Suva, Fiji, in February 2025.*



## **Interview with Peter Thomson, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean**

Ahead of the UN Ocean Conference, Ambassador Peter Thomson, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, has been working all year on behalf of the ocean and the people who rely upon its sustainable management. We caught up with him to ask him a few questions in the lead-up to Nice.

### ***Why is a healthy ocean in everyone's best interest?***

**PT:** There can be no healthy planet without a healthy ocean and the ocean's health is currently measurably in decline. We are implementing SDG 14 in order to arrest and reverse that decline. This is being done for everyone's benefit, because the ocean provides the planet with over half of its oxygen, regulates the planet's climate, provides food for billions of people, and supports livelihoods, tourism and economic development. This is a matter of intergenerational responsibility. We are called upon by the generations to come, to bequeath them a healthy ocean.

### ***What are your goals for this Conference?***

**PT:** I want to see the world come together in Nice to agree on how we're going to do better in the implementation of SDG 14, our agreed goal of conserving and sustainably using the ocean's resources. In Nice we need to create common understanding on the best course ahead for effective management of fisheries and aquaculture, of plastic and chemical pollution, of conservation of marine ecosystems, the promotion of ocean literacy, ocean governance, and the development of sustainable ocean economies. I want to see the necessary ratification numbers achieved in order to allow the High Seas Treaty to come into force; likewise, the numbers required for the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies. I want to see a cogent action plan for us to achieve 30 per cent protection of the ocean by 2030. I want to be convinced that we will save coral from extinction this century. In all these vital areas and more, I want everyone to leave Nice with a renewed sense of purpose and direction in favour of a healthy ocean.

### ***What part of the Conference are you most looking forward to, and why?***

**PT:** I'm looking forward to once more experiencing the positive communal energy that UN Ocean Conferences generate in favour of positive ocean action. I'm looking forward to hearing about sustainable solutions, innovations and practical pathways to productivity, protection, resilience and hope. I'm particularly interested to learn about the outcomes of the special events related to science and finance, namely the One Ocean Science Congress and the Blue Economy and Finance Forum. I say this because we have to base our ocean action efforts on the very best of science, and because without adequate finance and new ways of deriving it, all our efforts will remain in the shallows.

### ***Is there anything else you want to add?***

**PT:** From the three special events being organised by the conference co-hosts, to the expertise of the ten Ocean Action Panels, from the statements and commitments made by UN Member States and others in plenary, to the hundreds of side events being held in the Blue Zone, Green Zone and throughout Nice, I am confident that the third UN Ocean Conference will be a historic advancement of humanity's relationship with the ocean. I'm confident we will leave Nice with a determination to restore a nature-positive balance to our relationship with the ocean. I'm confident we will have fulfilled the demand of the UN Member States that the third UN Ocean Conference should accelerate action to conserve and sustainably use the ocean's resources.

Visit the Special Envoy's [website](#), [follow him on LinkedIn](#), and learn more about his goals for the Ocean Conference [here](#).



Screenshot of the host country website.

## Now available: Host Country website for UNOC

Be sure to bookmark [unocnice2025.org](https://unocnice2025.org) for all the latest logistical information and updates provided by the host countries, France and Costa Rica.



*Photo from unesco.com by Alexis Rosenfeld.*

## **Partner corner**

### **Heat-resistant ‘super corals’: a source of hope for the future of coral reefs?**

At first glance, the Tatakoto atoll – located over 1,000 kilometres from Tahiti – exhibits environmental conditions that could hardly be described as conducive to the survival of corals. A semi-enclosed lagoon, connected to the ocean by small channels, allows only minimal mixing with the surrounding waters, and leads to extreme temperature variations of 3 to 4°C per day, with temperatures in the lagoon reaching almost 35°C.

However, expeditions supported by UNESCO, the Labex Corail and the UPF in partnership with the CRIOBE and SECOPOL laboratories, and [1 OCEAN](#), have shown that dozens of coral species are thriving in this unstable environment, sometimes just a metre below the surface.

These missions to explore the ability of certain corals to adapt to extreme environments are being led by researcher Laetitia Hédouin, director of research at the CNRS and a specialist in coral reefs. Her work aims to understand the resilience mechanisms of corals in the face of environmental pressures, particularly climate change.

*Read the full story on the [UNESCO website](#).*

## **For more information on UNOC3**

- Visit the official 2025 UN Ocean Conference website at [sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025](https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025).
- The UN Ocean Conference branding guidelines and official logo are available [online here](#).
- Click [here](#) to sign up to our mailing list and receive the latest updates about the Conference straight to your inbox.

