

Attending the 2025 UN Ocean Conference

Nice, France | 9 June - 13 June 2025

Practical Guide for Representatives of UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities

As of 08 June 2025

This guidance features relevant information for the participation of representatives from accredited non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Conference Programme and all substantive information is available here: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025>

REGISTERING TO THE CONFERENCE

Registration for representatives of UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities closed on 19 May 2025. Each approved representative should have received a confirmation letter by e-mail, which serves as an official invitation to the Conference.

Kindly note no late application or on-site application will be accepted. Swapping and changing of representatives are not possible.

IMPORTANT! Please, read!

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

Please be advised that access to the perimeter around the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) venue requires 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.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Visas

Representatives are responsible for their travel to and from Nice and for acquiring necessary visas for transit countries. The United Nations will not be able to assist in bearing any related costs or in obtaining required visas.

It is the responsibility of the participants to check whether they need a visa to enter France. Registering for the UN Ocean Conference does not exempt participants from obtaining an entry visa to French national territory. Kindly note that visas cannot be issued on arrival. To inquire about the need for a visa, as well as all visa related matters/requirements, participants are invited to visit a French consular service or the France Visas portal at <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>.

Participants in need of a visa are advised to submit their applications well in advance before departure from the country of origin. The minimum visa processing time is 3 weeks. Late submission may make it impossible to process the application in time.

The status of conference guest or participant also does not exempt participants from completing the visa application form and providing the supporting documents required by regulations. Note that the approval letter to be issued by the United Nations confirming your registration may be used as one of the supporting documents for visa application, but it does not guarantee entrance to France. Visa approval is subject to further review and process by the French authorities.

The visa is free for participants registered by the United Nations for the conference from 9 to 13 June 2025, however, fees may apply for the intervention of authorized local operators to support the logistical management of the submission of applications.

HOST COUNTRY WEBSITE

For logistical information including accommodation, please refer to the **host country website**: <https://unocnice2025.org/en/>

ACCESSING THE CONFERENCE



The Conference Venue is the Nice Congress Centre, located at Quai Amiral Infernet, 06300, Nice, France.

Transportation

Please, check [A/CONF.230/2025/INF/1](#) for detailed information about the Conference including arrival in Nice and public transportation.

Registration Centre

The **registration centre** will be located at: Quai des Deux Emmanuels, 06300, Nice, near the Port Lympia tram stop.

Conference badges for representatives of UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities whose registrations have been approved will be issued and distributed from **4 to 13 June 2025** at the Registration Centre venue during opening hours (see below).

The United Nations Registration Centre will be open as follows:

4 – 5 June	9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.
6 – 7 June	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
8 June	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
9 – 10 June	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
11 – 12 June	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
13 June	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kindly notes that UN system registration focal points will be in Nice from Friday 6 June onwards.

Persons seeking to access the Registration Centre to obtain a conference badge must come **in person** and present **a printed confirmation letter or a copy on a tablet or smartphone as well as a valid government-issued photo identification**.

Photo ID: A valid photo identification issued by the government of a United Nations Member State. The photo identification **must be original** (no photographs or photocopies accepted), in Latin/Roman characters, and may include passports or national identity cards (for nationals of France). The name on your ID must match the name on your INDICO registration exactly.

Participants are **strongly encouraged** to collect Conference badges as early as possible considering long lines are expected during the Conference days.

In view of the need for heightened security measures, the wearing of conference badges will be strictly enforced, and access will be denied to anyone not wearing a valid badge.

The loss of a conference badge or any personal item must be reported to the registration centre and/or the United Nations Security and Safety Service, located in the Registration Center.

Participants are solely responsible for taking care of their own personal belongings. Any bags or objects left unattended will be removed for security reasons.

Please, expect queues and allocate appropriate time to go through security proceedings.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

The United Nations is delighted to welcome registered representatives of UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities to attend UNOC3. While we strive to accommodate all registered participants, due to limited space in the Conference venue, security and safety measures will be implemented to manage access to the venue and conference rooms.

9 June – Opening Day – Access to the Blue Zone

Due to security restrictions that will be in place on 9 June, a secondary access card (**silver overlay**), in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the Conference venue (Blue Zone).

Please note that servicing staff will not need a silver overlay to access the blue. USG-level UN participants will be granted a Gold S badge that will allow them to access all areas.

Please note that access to the Blue Zone on 9 June will be granted to UN system personnel upon presentation of either a Plenary Pass or OAP Pass. No additional silver overlay will be needed for holders of either of these passes.

With the two OAP passes and two Plenary passes, a total of four participants of each delegation will be able to get into the Blue Zone on 9 June.

More information about passes pick-up time will be circulated as soon as possible.

The UN System registration team will keep track of secondary passes hand overs to each delegation. Kindly note that name, contact details and signature of UN system representatives collecting secondary passes will be required. **Each delegation will be responsible for distributing the four secondary passes internally.**

Considering the **limited access** to the Blue Zone on 9 June, registered UN representatives are encouraged to **follow the proceedings remotely via UN Webcast** or to view the meeting from the overflow space in the Green Zone (**La Baleine**)*.

INSIDE THE BLUE ZONE – ACCESS TO PLENARY MEETINGS AND OCEAN ACTION PANELS (9 – 13 June)

Check the **map of the venue** [here](#).



A different secondary access card, in addition to the Conference badge, is further required by all participants to access the plenary hall to attend the plenary meetings on 9 June. Delegations from UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities will each be granted two secondary passes.

A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the Ocean Action Panel Room by all participants. Delegations from UN Secretariat, funds, programmes, regional commissions, and other entities will each be granted two secondary passes. Those delegations with a speaker at an OAP will be granted to extra secondary passes (1+1 on stage/1+1 in the room).

During both plenaries and OAPs, organizations of the United Nations system will each be assigned two seats: one seat at the table and one advisory seat behind.

USG level UN participants with a Gold S badge can access all areas and will not need secondary cards.

Overflow rooms available in the Blue Zone and Green Zone* for the Opening Ceremony on 9 June

Please arrive early. Seating in the overflow rooms in both the Blue Zone and the Green Zone will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Overflow Rooms in the Blue Zone

Location: Side Event Rooms 1–5

Access: Registered participants with Blue Zone badges with silver overlay (or secondary access cards to the Plenary Hall and OAP rooms)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on 9 June

Overflow Rooms in the Green Zone (La Baleine)*

Location: Palais des Expositions ("The Whale")

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on 9 June

(Following the Opening Ceremony, regular programming across the pavilions and meeting spaces will resume from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

***Access to La Baleine (UNOC3 Green Zone) – Additional registration is required**

Overflow Rooms in The Whale (La Baleine)

Location: Palais des Expositions ("The Whale")

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on 9 June

Following the Opening Ceremony, regular programming across the pavilions and meeting spaces will resume from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A personal digital QR code is required.

🔗 [Register for La Baleine Access](#). On-site registration will also be available at the welcome desk under the marquee at the main entrance of the Palais des Expositions. Please present your Blue Zone badge to receive your QR code and assistance, if needed. The link is also available here:

<https://event.recrewteer.com/v2/organization/2979/event/6084/form/10618/delegation/20695?lang=en>

On-site registration to access La Baleine will also be possible at a welcome desk located under a marquee at the main entrance of the Palais des Expositions. Upon presentation of your Blue Zone badge, you will be able to obtain your QR code and receive assistance if needed.

For additional information on La Baleine, please refer to: <https://we-are-the-ocean.com/>

SPEAKING SLOTS

Plenary

During plenaries, representatives of the following may, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/128, and time permitting, make a statement in the general debate: associate members of regional commissions (rule 61) and interested United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat (duap@un.org) to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

Ocean Action Panels

There will be no pre-established lists of speakers for the interactive debates during the 10 Ocean Action panels. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions. The order of speakers will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, 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, NGOs, 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)**, **three 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 panel.



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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Side Events

The side events programme is available on the official Conference website at <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/side-events>.

Special Events

For information about Special Events, please visit: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/special-events>

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Branding

The Conference logo is available in six languages and can be downloaded on the [Conference website here](#). Please follow the Conference branding guidelines [available here](#).

Social Media

Please use hashtags #SaveOurOcean when writing about the Conference on social media.

Accounts to follow:

- Facebook: [@UnitedNations](#), [@GlobalGoalsUN](#), [@joinundesa](#), [@sustdev](#)
- X: [@UN](#), [@GlobalGoalsUN](#), [@UNDESA](#), [@SustDev](#)
- LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/united-nations-department-of-economic-and-social-affairs/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/united-nations-department-of-economic-and-social-affairs/)

IMPORTANT:

- Within United Nations premises, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the organization. Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the organization's programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including, but not limited to, clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is not allowed.
- All individuals present on the United Nations premises are expected to **fully cooperate with United Nations security officers at all times**. Refusal to comply with applicable regulations may result in temporary detention or removal from or denial of access to the premises in accordance with Section 10 of the [United Nations Headquarters Agreement](#) and [ST/AI/2019/5](#), entitled "Authority of United Nations Security Officers".

- **Please bring your own water bottle!** Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, and to enjoy the fresh water from fountains inside the Blue Zone.
- **Consider wearing comfortable shoes** due to the need for walking between conference rooms.
- All participants of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference must go through security screening (airport-style) – please, allow appropriate time for those procedures!
- Please note that backpacks and bags larger than 14” (35 cm) x 13” (33cm) high x 4” (10 Cm) deep are not permitted and that there are no luggage storage facilities available.
- Please, be mindful that, by attending a UN event, you will be entering an area where photography, as well as audio and video recording, may occur. By joining the event, participants consent to appearing in images and recordings and for the release, publication, exhibition and reproduction of such images and recordings.
- Participants are reminded to behave appropriately, to keep noise levels down, and to dress in a way that respects the professional working environment of the United Nations.
- United Nations Security reserves the right to deny entry or to remove from the premises anyone not behaving or dressed appropriately.
- The United Nations events are accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility.
- Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a duly registered chaperone.
- Only accredited media may bring professional cameras or other media equipment into the Blue Zone.