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UNOC3 Conference Side Event

UN-Oceans as a mechanism to mobilize multilateral ocean action and amplify collective impacts toward the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

Thursday, 12 June 2025, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Blue Zone, Room 5

Organized by UN-Oceans: UN/OLA/DOALOS, CBD, CITES, ESCAP, FAO, IAEA, IMO, IOC-UNESCO, ISA; OHCHR, UNCTAD; UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO-UCH, UNFCCC, UNIDO, UNODC, UNOPS, WMO and World Bank

UN-Oceans, the inter-agency mechanism for coordination and cooperation to enhance the coordination, coherence and effectiveness of competent organizations of the United Nations system and the International Seabed Authority in relation to activities relating to oceans and coastal areas, held a side event entitled “*UN-Oceans as a mechanism to mobilize multilateral ocean action and amplify collective impacts toward the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14*” (see the flyer, concept note and programme, and photos of the side event [here](#)).

The side event showcased how synergistic multilateral efforts combatting cumulative pressures, promoting sustainable aquatic food systems and ocean economies, preserving natural and cultural heritage, mobilizing finance, increasing climate action, advancing science-based decision-making and following a human-rights based approach, can provide efficient cross-cutting solutions supporting States' efforts to achieve SDG 14.

The opening high-level segment featured remarks from the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, and UN-Oceans Focal Point, Ms. Elinor Hammar skjöld, on strengthening multilateral action through UN-Oceans to accelerate the achievement of SDG 14; and the Secretary-General of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Ms. Ivonne Higuero, on the regulation of legal, sustainable and traceable trade in CITES listed marine species as a critical aspect of SDG 14 implementation.

The event featured three panels moderated by UN/OLA/DOALOS: Panel 1 on the regulation of human activities for conservation and sustainable use of marine resources; Panel 2 on area-based conservation measures and ocean health, monitoring and assessment; and Panel 3 on cross-cutting issues and enabling factors to accelerate implementation of SDG 14.

Eighteen panellists highlighted how UN-Oceans members were collaborating and building synergies to act as one with a view to supporting and accelerating States' efforts to achieve SDG 14, including through cross-sectoral partnerships, financing mechanisms, and regulatory and governance frameworks enhancing ocean conservation and sustainable use.

The following 20 UN-Oceans members were represented at the side event: CBD, CITES, ESCAP, FAO, IAEA, IMO, IOC-UNESCO, ISA, OHCHR, UN/OLA/DOALOS, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO-UCH, UNFCCC, UNIDO; UNODC, UNOPS, WMO and World Bank.

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