

UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM FOR OCEAN ACTION: YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

14 MAY 2020

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM (EDT, NEW YORK)

Draft Concept Note, Agenda, and Call in Details

As of 13th May 2020

BACKGROUND

Convened under the auspices of the United Nations and co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal, the [“2020 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 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”*¹.

The 2020 UN Ocean Conference will involve all relevant stakeholders, bringing together Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors to assess challenges and opportunities relating to, as well as actions taken towards, the implementation of SDG 14.

In light of the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and as per the General Assembly decision 74/548 of 13 April 2020, the 2020 United Nations Ocean Conference has been postponed. The co-hosts of the Conference, the governments of Kenya and Portugal, in consultation with the General Assembly, will decide on possible future dates for the Conference, including timelines for the preparatory process.

The substantive preparations for the Conference will continue and keeping stakeholders mobilized to bring their contribution and commitment will be critical in the lead up to the event.

In preparation to the Conference, The UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) has coordinated [two open webinars](#), bringing perspectives from stakeholders from different sectors and all regions of the world in support to SDG 14 implementation.

With the aim of keeping the momentum towards Ocean action, DSDG is working with partners in the organization of a series of sectorial webinars to connect, mobilize and bring new ideas from stakeholders towards the preparation and outreach of the UN Ocean Conference, including the compilation of new Commitments of Ocean Action and progress on previous commitments.

¹ According to A/RES/73/292

Webinars are being planned to mobilize youth, local and regional governments, Asia-Pacific stakeholders and the private sector.

YOUTH WEBINAR – 14 MAY 2020

As a part of DSDG’s four-part series “Keeping the Momentum for Ocean Action” and a joint-effort from UN DESA, the Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth (OSGEY), the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN NGLS), the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY), and Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA), the webinar will mobilize representatives from youth, share information and collect ideas and proposals on how to keep the momentum towards Ocean Action and the engagement of youth stakeholders in the preparatory process of the 2020 UN Ocean Conference.

The Youth webinar will begin with a keynote message from the United Nations Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thompson, followed by a session with interventions from youth stakeholders. An interactive session will follow. DSDG will prepare summaries of all webinars and post recordings, presentations and interventions online.

OBJECTIVES

- To keep the momentum in preparation for the 2020 UN Ocean Conference through the mobilization of key stakeholder sectors;
- To collect ideas and recommendations on how to strengthen outreach and mobilization for the UN Ocean Conference, including the mobilization of Ocean Action commitments

PARTICIPATION

Registered stakeholders can attend using the call-in details below:

Meeting number: 473 340 991

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DRAFT AGENDA

<p>9:30 – 9:40</p>	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA • Ambassador Lazarus O. Amayo, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations.
9:40 - 09:50	<p>Keeping the Momentum towards Ocean Action for Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address by UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean Ambassador Peter Thomson.
9:50– 10:15	<p>Mobilizing Youth towards Ocean Action: Forward looking perspectives</p> <p>Key questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How are young people mobilizing to support SDG 14 implementation, especially considering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?</i> - <i>What would be good strategies to engage youth in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?</i> - <i>How can we mobilize Ocean Action Commitments from youth organizations and networks in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?</i> <p>Moderated by Oghenekevwe Christopher Oghenechovwen, MGCY Global Focal Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Emma Camp, PhD, Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA) & University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Chancellor's Research Fellow, United Nations Young Leader SDGs • Ms. Stina Bagge (PUSH Sweden and Global Focal Point - Ocean/SDG14 Youth Constituency at MGCY) • Mr. Ron Tardiff, Sustainable Ocean Alliance • Mr. Luke Mullen, Actor, Filmmaker and Environmentalist
10:15– 10:50	<p>Interactive dialogue</p> <p>Moderated by UN DESA/DSDG <i>List of speakers was prepared in advance, based on registration form.</i></p>
10:50 – 11:00	<p>Next Steps and Closing Remarks</p> <p>Amb. Peter Thomson, Special Envoy on Ocean</p>