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Call for Inputs to Concept Notes of the Interactive Dialogues

Governments, the UN system and other stakeholders have been invited to contribute inputs to update the concept papers of the eight interactive dialogues of the [2022 UN Ocean Conference](#), to be held from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon. Taking into account the evolving landscape and new challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, inputs are particularly sought regarding latest COVID 19-related data and analysis in the status and trends, challenges and opportunities, possible areas for new partnerships as well as recommendations on advancing implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.

In this regard, [a global online stakeholder consultation](#) has been set up to gather inputs from NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors. The deadline for submissions is 21 February 2022.

The themes of the eight interactive dialogues of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference are:

- 1) [Addressing marine pollution](#);
- 2) [Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems](#);
- 3) [Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming](#);
- 4) [Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets](#);
- 5) [Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries](#);
- 6) [Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology](#);
- 7) [Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#); and
- 8) [Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda](#).

Consultations by the Co-facilitators on the Draft Outcome

Denmark and Grenada, the co-facilitators appointed by the President of the UN General Assembly to oversee the intergovernmental consultations on [the declaration of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference](#), resumed the [informal consultations on 1 February 2022](#). The next informal consultations will take place on 1 and 2 March 2022. The co-facilitators will also organize a

meeting with stakeholders to seek their feedback and views on the draft outcome in March 2022.

Special Accreditation Process for Non-governmental Organizations and Other Stakeholders

The third and final round of Special Accreditation for NGOs and other stakeholders is now open and will close on 28 February 2022. For details, please check [here](#). Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the [information flyer](#) related to the participation of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

New Website for Voluntary Commitments

An important part of the outcome of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference will be voluntary commitments made by Governments, the UN system and other stakeholders in support of SDG 14. Users can access information about the over 1,600 commitments already made in support of Ocean Action on a [dedicated online platform](#). All actors are also encouraged to register their new voluntary commitments using the same platform.

In 2021, UN DESA released a report assessing the impact that voluntary commitments are having on the implementation of SDG 14. To read the report and its findings, please click [here](#).

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