



SIDE EVENTS INSIDE CONFERENCE VENUE

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Title	Outcomes of the event	Contact email	Type
A Sustainable Blue Pacific Continent: Scaling up action through Ocean Science, Traditional knowledge for informed governance	Reaffirmed: critical status of the ocean to the survival of Pacific island people, and the urgent need for scaling up science-based action and innovation; importance of continued partnerships in the Pacific for the implementation of SDGs 13 and 14; and importance of leadership to enable sustainable development that is meaningful, long term and inclusive, including the role of communities and traditional knowledge. Reiterated integral relationship of Pacific island people with the ocean.	audrey@spread.org	Inside the Conference Venue
All hands on deck: Accelerating Solutions to End Plastic Pollution	The development of the Blue Economy depends on a healthy ocean that is free from plastic pollution, which requires urgent and effective action, as reflected by the international community's decision to negotiate, by 2024, a legally binding international instrument to end plastic pollution. This session brought together representatives from governments, private sector, and civil society to explore existing solutions and policy interventions to deliver on this ambitious agenda.	jbarrera@worldbankgroup.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Blue Carbon: Charting the Path for Governance and Partnerships	Blue carbon is an ocean-based climate solution that can also rebuild blue natural capital. Projects require good governance and cross-cutting partnerships to ensure credible long-term results that engage with best practice principles for a blue carbon market that is sustainable and equitable. To this end, this side event announced new partnerships, financial support, legislation, and draft principles and guidelines, all highlighting the triple win for people, climate, and biodiversity.	Karen.Demavivas@weforum.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Blue economy and decarbonization to meet the climate crisis: an international agenda	The session aimed at reflecting and fostering transatlantic cooperation for the blue economy and building an innovation ecosystem for the blue bioeconomy to promote decarbonization and sustainable growth.	raquelpolicarpo@globalcompact.pt	Inside the Conference Venue
Bridge the Blue Finance Gap: Financing sustainable ocean-based economies in emerging markets, especially in Least Developed	The event discussed the different types of innovative finance needed to grow sustainable ocean-based economies in LDCs and SIDS and how public and private capital providers can work together across the blue finance "investment continuum", calling on partners to scale up blended finance de-risking	edoardo.tancioni@uncdf.org	Inside the Conference Venue

Countries (LDCs) and Small-Island Developing States (SIDS). Solutions across the investment continuum	facilities to boost financing to small businesses and blue projects (incl. BRIDGE Facility, UNCDF's vehicle for providing catalytic loans & guarantees) to leverage the development impact of capital.		
Coastal alert - tackling tsunami risks together: partnerships and solutions for a safe ocean resilient to tsunamis	In the past 100 years, 58 tsunamis have claimed more than 260,000 lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster, surpassing any other natural hazard. This side event showcased leading efforts on reducing tsunami risk as a key contribution to the UN Ocean Decade 2021-2030 and scaling up action on ocean science and innovation. The event launched the countdown to the 2022 World Tsunami Awareness Day (5 November), and the scaling up of the UNESCO Tsunami Ready Programme.	a.haidar@unesco.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Effective Maritime Security for Ocean Governance: Resilient Oceans and Maritime Security: Innovation and Partnerships	Maritime security challenges are interconnected with the resilience of oceans and States' blue economies. Sustainable use and protection of ocean and coastal spaces can only come through holistic ocean governance	joao.antunes@mne.pt	Inside the Conference Venue
Empowering Women: An Ocean of Opportunities in Science, Policy and Blue Economy	Equal and fair participation of women from different backgrounds and on all levels of ocean actions, particularly decision-making roles, is a critical condition to enhance evidence-based governance and achieving SDG 14. This Side Event calls on all organisations and individuals to take affirmative and transformative actions to eliminate barriers to women's participation and representation on all levels in ocean science, policy, and the blue economy.	zs@wmu.se	Inside the Conference Venue
From a Blue Call to Action to a Blue Plan of Action	The event successfully showcased RISE UP as a unified call for transformative ocean action by governments & businesses from the global network of over 555 civil society organisations worldwide. Speakers evaluated the progress made so far, & outlined what actions are still needed to build momentum and drive transformative progress in line with the Blue Call to Action. Key actions include the need to secure a robust High Seas Treaty and prioritising access for SSF & IPLCs in territorial waters.	info@riseupfortheocean.org	Inside the Conference Venue
From ocean knowledge to action - developing capacity to create a sustainable ocean economy	It is only through synchronous layers of capacity development – from entry-level approaches for the wider public to knowledge-sharing between experts and high-level decision-makers and government officials – that the diffusion of Ocean Knowledge will turn into Ocean Action. UNITAR, UNCTAD, the IOI, and GOAL Global joined forces to present the resources they can offer towards capacity development, which come to full effectiveness when synergized.	ioihq@ioihq.org.mt	Inside the Conference Venue
Future of Food is Blue: Coalition Acts to Support Aquatic Foods and Thriving Communities	The Future of Food is Blue side event side event launched a multi-sectoral Aquatic Blue Food Coalition a key milestone towards realizing the full potential of blue foods to help end malnutrition and	kkelso@edf.org	Inside the Conference Venue

	build nature-positive, equitable and resilient food systems. The event united 16 speakers*, and shared the Coalition's vision to promote understanding, acceptance and integration of sustainable blue foods in food systems and food value chain thinking and decision-making		
High-Level Meeting of the Ocean Decade Alliance	Members of the Ocean Decade Alliance took part in the meeting, convened by Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya, and H.E. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal and launched a joint Call to Action for investment in ocean science. The President of Palau, H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr., as well as high-level representatives from governmental members of the Alliance, UN agencies, philanthropies and industry announced new commitments to the Ocean Decade.	a.clausen@unesco.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Islands of the Future: Blue Solutions and Highest Ambition on Climate Change	Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Palau and St. Kitts & Nevis gave solutions for addressing the climate crisis: from a Pacific-led initiative that will bring climate change to the International Court of Justice, to securing maritime boundaries in the face of SLR, to upscaling climate finance to vulnerability indices. Partners like the Pacific Climate Action Network, the Stimson Center, Taiwan International Cooperation & Development Fund and the Commonwealth Secretariat are working closely with SIDS government.	VanuatuICJ@gmail.com	Inside the Conference Venue
Launch of the 2022 edition of the World Fisheries and Aquaculture Report (SOFIA 2022)	Referencing the latest available fisheries and aquaculture statistics, SOFIA 2022 presents the latest trends, development patterns and challenges faced by the sector. The SOFIA 2022 report also informs on the status of global stocks, which is vital for the monitoring of SDG 14.4, and outlines a pathway towards 'Blue Transformation', a vision aimed at enhancing aquatic food systems and their potential to sustainably feed the world's growing population, while protecting the environment.	NFI-director@fao.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Leading by doing: Latest large-scale actions and new announcements on ocean conservation to achieve 2030 goals.	This side event was the stage of various large scale MPA announcements, as well as a thematic discussion on the importance of Mangroves. The Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Belgium, Portugal and Mozambique joined by several civil society organizations, including The Global Mangrove Alliance, Grupo Puntacana Foundation, Mission Blue and Oceano Azul Foundation, shared new commitments to achieve the goals of the 30x30 global movement, standing as examples of leadership and action across the globe.	jmartins@oceanozulfoundation.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Leveraging human rights and gender equity to achieve SDG 14	Human Rights and gender are often ignored and underrepresented in fisheries and aquaculture management. This side event aimed to share examples through voices from the ground as well as from governments and other actors to stress the importance to respect the human rights of women,	tuba@humanrights.dk	Inside the Conference Venue

	communities and indigenous peoples in the fisheries sectors.		
Marine Plastic Debris: Global Commitments and Actions for a Clean Ocean	Efforts on transboundary marine debris handling should be globally synchronized among stakeholders as it would be more effective than individual action. It should also be addressed holistically in relation to other issues such as climate change. One effective action to mitigate marine debris is to developing potential collaboration and funding with private sectors, universities, countries, and other stakeholders through various mutually beneficial cooperation schemes.	ahmad.rambe@undp.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Ocean and Coastal Observation and Monitoring at scale: Co-Designing the value chain from data to impact through a partnership approach	The event acted as a bridge connecting existing ocean and coastal observing and monitoring systems, in dialogue with stakeholders and facilitating a feedback loop to address needs in support of innovative ocean solutions. Highlighted the roles the UN and the Observation Community can play with local users and countries in the Decade. Innovative monitoring that can leverage available and new data and steer action based on input and engagement from governments and Regional Seas.	joana.akrofi@un.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Ocean Science and Its Policy Interface: from Knowledge to Sustainable Ocean Solutions	This side event provided a platform for world experts engaged in the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and in the UN Regular Process to showcase ambitious science-based initiatives. It also provided the opportunity to engage policymakers and understand how the knowledge discovered by the scientific community can support them.	v.lindoso@unesco.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Our Changing Ocean: Navigating Observations and Building Research-Driven Solutions	Our side event entitled: Our Changing Ocean: Navigating Observations and Building Research-Driven Solutions consisted of a 75 minute panel with presentations and discussions. Our panel of speakers had expertise in various disciplines that discussed scientific solutions, through research, collaboration, and data. Panel participants included keynote speakers Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin and Dr. Sylvia Earle, Dr. Meghan Cronin, Professor Ben Horton, Dr. Jan Newton, and Dr. Ana Colaco.	nrome@oceanleadership.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Promoting Blue Partnership for a Shared Sustainable Future	This event aims to introduce the concept and principles of Blue Partnership and relevant practices, to explore a new model of ocean cooperation featuring inclusiveness and flexibility.	zhangjing@see.org.cn	Inside the Conference Venue
Protecting the ocean: Action time for the High Ambition Coalition on BBNJ	The only side event to address the BBNJ process, mentioned at a crosscutting level at the UNOC. It aimed to raise awareness and mobilize Parties to intensify work interessionally to conclude the Agreement, during the 5th IGC. It outlined the importance of this Agreement for reaching SDG14 and for addressing the oceans' triple crisis. It provided concrete paths and advices that should be followed to finalize the negotiations in 2022. Two new countries joined the HAC to that end.	elisabete.palma@mne.pt	Inside the Conference Venue

Scaling up ocean action through inter-agency cooperation and coordination: Case studies, challenges and opportunities	This event provided an opportunity to take stock of the innovative and successful partnerships developed by members within the framework of UN-Oceans, focusing on case studies where inter-agency cooperation and partnerships have resulted in synergies in ocean-related action for the achievement of SDG14. It highlighted how inter-agency cooperation, including through UN-Oceans, can provide a means to scale up ocean action to address the cumulative challenges facing our ocean.	jessica.howley@un.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Scaling up Ocean Action with Empowerment of SIDS Youth, Awareness Raising and Citizenship Engagement	The outcome of the event was an increased awareness of the value of youth empowerment in the implementation of SDG14, as well as the role of awareness raising and citizen engagement. The side event explored the role of multistakeholder engagement and partnerships, bringing in perspectives from governments, civil society, private sector and academia. It gave concrete examples of past and current projects as well as future commitments	karen@peaceboat.gr.jp	Inside the Conference Venue
Science towards a sustainable ocean by 2030: International accountability, best practices and success stories	Mexico actively participates in diverse international initiatives related to healthy oceans which foster an opportunity to create a national ocean knowledge platform that organizes, integrates, articulates and disseminates ocean information. The sustainable use of marine resources is intimately linked to scientifically-based decisions that promote and protect the health of marine ecosystems : implementing innovative solutions requires partnerships targetting fishers, too.	aforrells@miteco.es	Inside the Conference Venue
Seabed mapping & marine data supporting multifunctional spatial planning	The event highlighted the need for funding to improve seabed mapping & increase available data, which in turn could be used to inform multifunctional and regenerative marine spatial planning. Participants encouraged cooperation and sharing of data regionally and internationally, but also highlighted how by gathering data according to international standards it could be used by different disciplines. Many people are aware of the need to map the ocean and hydrography can help with such endeavours.	sarah.jones.culture@iho.int	Inside the Conference Venue
Seaweed: A Revolution to Achieve Goal 14 and More	Seaweed is an important solution for the Ocean and future generations. It can help achieve Goal 14, other SDGs, and the COP21 objective of 1.5°C, presenting solutions for carbon sequestration, nutrition, bio-stimulants, clothing, empowering women, and more. Countries are urged to incorporate seaweed into NDCs and NAPs. COP27 is a forum to get funding for solutions implementation. Partnerships such as that between the SSC and the Aquatic/Blue Food Coalition are welcomed.	nicholajdyer@outlook.com	Inside the Conference Venue
Sustainable Ocean Development "Beyond GDP"	The side event raised awareness on Ocean Accounting as a critical foundation for measurement, innovation, investment, management and planning of progress towards sustainable ocean development. Several panellists expressed commitments to	j.gacutan@unsw.edu.au	Inside the Conference Venue

	increase the scope, scale, and ambition of existing ocean accounting activities, and further policy and process reforms that establish or expand “beyond GDP” approaches to ocean development that are underpinned by the accounts.		
The Regional response for the protection of the marine environment and its marine living resources from plastic pollution – A concrete case from the Mediterranean	This side-event was designed as a regional contribution to the global debate on addressing plastic pollution. It showcased progress and concrete measures in the Mediterranean, a regional sea where the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention have made strides on building a common normative framework on marine litter, including plastics and micro-plastics, well ahead of the adoption at UNEA 5 of the landmark resolution on an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.	ghannem@un.org	Inside the Conference Venue
The Road to Sustainable Aquaculture	With the decline in wild-aquatic resources, aquaculture now has a crucial role to play in meeting the world's demand for blue foods. To this end, we convened a panel of experts to discuss a roadmap and a set of tools to help guide the sustainable growth of aquaculture in the future.	desiree.pesci@asc-aqua.org	Inside the Conference Venue
Trade facilitation for a sustainable blue economy	The session set out key trade & sustainability challenges facing coastal economies, SIDS and LDCs as they develop their blue economies. It highlighted the role that international trade can play to support/harness opportunities. It set out how the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement and Trade Facilitation Agreement can support sustainable fish trade & the blue economy. Contributions of the private sector and the role of sustainability standards & other market/regulatory mechanisms were discussed.	sajal.mathur@wto.org	Inside the Conference Venue



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A call to Action from artisanal fishing communities, essential users of the oceans	During this breakfast meeting, twenty men and women living from small scale fishing in Africa, Indonesia, Central and South America, Pacific and Europe shared their common perspective on challenges and priorities for establishing sustainable small-scale fisheries and resilient coastal communities. The event was attended by 120 participants, including Hon. Mavis Koomson, Ghana Minister of Fisheries, and H.E. Mr. Georges Chikoti, Secretary-General of the OACPS and his team.	secretariat@cffacape.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Addressing Marine Pollution in the Atlantic Ocean: the role of interregional cooperation and EU leverages	Based on the Pledge for a Clean Atlantic Ocean signed by 14 Atlantic regions, CPMR, Atlantic Strategy, the European Commission & other stakeholders addressed interregional cooperation on marine pollution. Together, they addressed the challenges but also opportunities of funding the fight against marine pollution, tackled the role of local and regional authorities, and reflected on future frameworks of cooperation for the Atlantic.	delphine.kaczorowski@crpm.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Belgian-Portuguese Routes for the Blue Economy - Living Labs & Pilot Tests	Some conclusions from the "Routes" discussions are: The need for cutting edge scientific ideas, as artificial intelligence, natural engineer and biotechnology; The need to implement intelligent marine traffic strategies and logistics promoting short supply chains; The need for new financial instruments for nature based solutions for coastal protection; and the Blue-green certification programs' regulation and certification should be a competence of formal authorities.	secretaire_general@ccb-portugal.be	Outside the Conference Venue
Breakfast Briefing: Fisheries Management as Climate Action	This interactive panel discussed how fisheries management is a means to responding to the climate and biodiversity crisis. Global experts provided the basics of the science, before the panel discussed the politics and opportunities for transforming fisheries management into a positive driver for mitigating climate change and restoring ocean health.	rebecca@our.fish	Outside the Conference Venue
Building a Bridge between Science and Sustainable Action in Managing Impacts of Non-Indigenous	Non-indigenous species (NIS) is a serious threat in the Mediterranean Basin as their invasion result in ecosystem degradation and often harmful to human activities. At this side event, the experts discussed the impacts on marine biodiversity, effect of multiple	tudav@tudav.org	Outside the Conference Venue

Species in the Mediterranean Sea	stressors (such as sea warming, pollution, fisheries) and solutions to increasing the resilience of these ecosystems; citizen science on monitoring; socio-economic impacts and introducing NIS in the Mediterranean cuisine.		
DIALOGUES FOR MARINE CONSERVATION AND ARTISANAL SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES: A VISION FROM ARTISANAL SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES, SEEKING EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, SUSTAINABILITY AND PEACE	This event was an important opportunity to listen to the voices of Small scale fishers from Latin America, Asia, Africa . Fishers were able to discussed their main Challenges and needs, positive and proactive actions already in place towards ocean conservation and sustainable use in their marine territories and also lessons learned from the 30 x 30 process and the impacts on SSF. They were also able to reinforce the call of action presented in the Congress with 5 priorities for action.	vsolis@coopesolidar.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Digital Ocean Systems to support & strengthen implementation of the sustainable development goals	Over 80 participants attended the side-event 'Digital Ocean Systems to Support and Strengthen Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'which brought together experts in international ocean governance with experts in digital ocean systems. They have initiated a first round of dialogue on how to design new digital ocean tools to meet information needs for a sustainable ocean economy, climate, coastal resilience and disaster risk reduction, and food security and ocean health.	cecile.thomas-courcoux@mercator-ocean.fr	Outside the Conference Venue
Driving Ocean Protection & Tourism in the Blue Economy	The Local Networks of Norway and Portugal co-hosted the Private Sector Forum where a multistakeholder panel discussed the role of private sector in creating a sustainable blue economy.	raquelpolicarpo@globalcompact.pt	Outside the Conference Venue
EAF-Nansen Programme: a long-term partnership for sustainable use of the Ocean	The event confirmed a long-term partnership and support by FAO and Norway to the EAF-Nansen Programme partner countries to achieve sustainable use of the ocean and its marine resources before 2030. It also made clear that the partners are willing to continue efforts in the next phase of the programme to advance the implementation of the ecosystem approach to fisheries and enhanced knowledge generation at national and regional level and are committed to achieving key objectives of Ocean Decade.	agata.mrowiec@fao.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Educating Ocean and Maritime Leaders: A Legacy of Excellence and Future Plans at the World Maritime University	The Side Event showcased the education and research programmes undertaken at the World Maritime University, particularly the ongoing programmes executed by the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. The presentations highlighted the interlinkages between SDG 14 Life Below Water and other SDGs including 4 Quality Education, 5 Gender Equality, 9 Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, 15 Life on Land, and 17 Partnerships, towards effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.	zs@wmu.se	Outside the Conference Venue
Empowering Women for the United Nations Decade	The Side Event showcased the research results and launched a global Stakeholder Consultative Forum on the IOC-UNESCO endorsed Decade Action:	zs@wmu.se	Outside the Conference Venue

of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development	Empowering Women for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, which is funded by Canada and the Nippon Foundation at the World Maritime University-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute. Interventions made by high-level representatives called for effective and affirmative actions to empower women scientists on all levels from all backgrounds.		
Future Earth's marine networks: a trans- and interdisciplinary scientific community working toward the achievement of the SDGs	This side event was the occasion to present and highlight 7 Future Earth's networks conducting marine sciences (research, knowledge exchange, capacity building). With more than 50 participants we discussed ways to achieve SDG14, in conjunction with other SDGs, through trans and interdisciplinarity. We presented the Future Earth organization, umbrella for various networks and communities interacting with each other to produce science based knowledge and foster science to action.	clement.brousse@futureearth.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST): Startup Pitch Showcase for Innovative Water Solutions	The GIST pitch competition showcased seven young innovators from Egypt, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Portugal, and Turkey, who competed for prizes to advance their clean water and ocean-related startups. Remarks were given by OES Assistant Secretary Monica Medina, Embassy Lisbon Deputy Chief of Mission Kristin Kane, the White House's Center on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory, and U.S. Department of Commerce's Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere Dr. Richard Spinrad.	HomannJA@state.gov	Outside the Conference Venue
Guided Tour to ALGATEC Eco Business Park, the largest microalgae production platform in Europe	The Guided Tour of ALGATEC Eco Business Park was a successful and full house event, gathering people from different backgrounds and geographies, interested in learning the ALGATEC concept. Networking and discussions were witnessed among participants and hosts during the briefing and site visit. This tour contributed to raise awareness for the important role microalgae play to sustainable development, namely in the industrial transformation via circular economy towards carbon neutrality.	melissa.fernandes@algafuel.pt	Outside the Conference Venue
It's on the Ocean: Integration, Implementation, Impact	The event explored how to align, accelerate and leverage ocean action to benefit nature and people. Leaders from the public, private, scientific and civil society arenas emphasized the importance of inclusive conservation and charting a course from commitment to delivery, sharing examples of progress that could be scaled to deliver even greater implementation, integration and impact. Amb. Peter Thomson reminded everyone about the urgency for action now, as well as for future generations.	pmerriman@wfwfint.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Interoperable, transparent, and accessible marine data for the UN 2030 Agenda, the UN Ocean Decade, and for the benefit of all	This side event provided a high-level overview of current ocean data interoperability initiatives with key examples from around the world, shared insights from these efforts and discussed how these can support the goals of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and contribute to achieving UN 2030 Agenda, and in particular	janbart.calewae@emodnet.eu	Outside the Conference Venue

	SDG14. The two sessions built upon and considered messages from previous events and activities related to marine data interoperability.		
Lançamento da tradução em português do ebook "Criminalidade Marítima - Manual para Profissionais da Justiça" (Maritime Justice - A Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners, third edition, 2020)	This translation will play a central role, not only in the academic training of professionals, but, essentially, as a practical aid tool for resolving real cases for all actors of the judiciary in Portuguese-speaking countries. It will be an important contribution to the success of training organized in Portuguese-speaking countries, also enhancing the future development of the tool itself, since the UNODC Manual does not substantiate a closed document.	jpalvescampos@gmail.com	Outside the Conference Venue
Launch of "Urban Rivers" documentary: interactions among people, the urban environment, rivers, and the sea	The premiere was attended by more than 200 people, including conference participants, students and researchers, citizens of Lisbon and fishermen. After the film was shown, there was a conversation between the documentary's director, a marine biologist, a fisherman and 3 children, according to the message of the film and the conference, where the different spheres of society need to dialogue together to build a better future.	institutomarurbano@gmail.com	Outside the Conference Venue
Launch of the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA)	The potential of Ocean Energy and its high relevance to SIDS, LDCs and coastal cities was demonstrated, centering on the commercial-scale deployment of ocean-based energy technologies that are appropriate to SIDS for the development of a Blue Economy, and a historic agreement to develop an ocean energy PPA with the UK-based Global OTEC, for the world's first Floating OTEC Platform called, "Dominique," a 1.5 MW pilot facility to be developed and deployed in Sao Tome and Principe by 2024.	cduncan@sidsdock.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Managing antibiotic risks in aquaculture: Partnerships to advance blue food, a healthy ocean and sustainable blue economies	This side event provided the latest state of knowledge on antibiotic usage in aquaculture & recommendations to maintain its critical role as a driver of sustainable blue foods & emerging blue economies. It was also an opportunity to share examples of partnerships & emerging solutions to antibiotic risk mitigation to support sustainable blue foods, livelihoods & development opportunities in line with the SDGs & the One Health approach. We announced new commitments & a global call to action.	jmadeira@mbayaq.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment: Recommendation for Monitoring Debris Trend in Marine Environment	Marine debris monitoring data are still insufficient and inter-institutional monitoring data are not connected nor synchronous to each other. This is caused by difficulties in comparing and synthesizing data due to the diverse monitoring methods. Research on marine plastic debris monitoring must take a multidisciplinary approach and must be strengthened by international and local research partnerships as well as by harmonization of monitoring methods.	ahmad.rambe@undp.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Marine life observations: Integrating biology and ecology observations to enable indicators for conservation, restoration,	Good marine life science and data are needed to make every decision involving the ocean. No single nation or group can alone advance the goals of a Marine Life 2030 initiative endorsed by the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable	joana.soares@aircentre.org	Outside the Conference Venue

and sustainable development of marine and coastal ecosystems	Development. This grand challenge requires robust collaborations across the globe so that each community has the information needed to adapt and plan for resilience and sustainable use of the ocean.		
Marine megafauna & blue carbon: how protecting charismatic ocean species contributes to climate protection	The more we learn about the ecosystem functioning of marine fauna and in particular megafauna such as whales, the more it becomes apparent they demand a renewed focus and urgency for the benefit of multiple SDGs. This side-event showcased how marine megafauna are performing ecosystem services at a vastly reduced capacity due to their intensive over-exploitation. The threats to their recovery were highlighted, along with the actions needed to reverse their decline.	ed.goodall@whales.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Ocean Acidification: Co-designing data connections to underserved communities for equitable outcomes	We highlighted successful partnerships with Indigenous, Small Island Developing States, and other underserved communities on co-designing activities for adaptation and response strategies. Panel and audience discussion underscored the importance of conducting local scale observations co-designed with communities to support local data usage, and the value of doing so within a global context, both to inform global assessments and for how global programs can give visibility to local voices.	janewton@uw.edu	Outside the Conference Venue
Ocean Bachelor - meet the Ocean now (Ocean Degree Launch)	The side event's main outcome is the launch of the Bachelor's of the Ocean, a pioneer degree under preparation by NOVA University Lisbon and University of Algarve that aims to further develop the Ocean education. With an interdisciplinary approach, it will provide its students with a holistic overview of the Ocean to face the challenges ahead. This approach's relevance was proved in the workshops promoted, that demonstrated the need to better integrate the fields of study related to the Ocean.	novaocean@nivalaw.unl.pt	Outside the Conference Venue
Ocean Literate Society - Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Collaboration	Young people around the world are leading initiatives to tackle large-scale challenges first-hand, with apparent positive impacts.	michael.palmgren@smkc.se	Outside the Conference Venue
Ocean Observing for Ocean Sustainability	This session held at the United Nations Ocean Conference gave voice to many perspectives on ocean observing needs, with particular emphasis on island nations.	rmonroe@ucsd.edu	Outside the Conference Venue
Ocean of Solutions to Tackle Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss	World experts presented ambitious ocean-based initiatives (e.g., coastal and marine Nature-based Solutions, sustainable aquaculture, community-based management, Marine Protected Areas, blue finance, ocean literacy, blue shipping, ocean forecast) that are already being developed on-the-ground. These initiatives are designed to be accessible, reliable, scalable and sustainable to provide a pivot from 'problem' to 'solution' in order to effectively tackle the climate and biodiversity crises.	policy@ocean-climate.org	Outside the Conference Venue

Ocean Science Capacity as a Condition to Achieving SDG 14: Perspectives and Solutions	Ocean science capacity is geographically unequal, which threatens the ability to achieve SDG 14. Ocean leaders discussed what barriers are preventing equity and what strategies should be employed across SDG 14 activities to ensure equity, touching on the importance of selecting partnerships and developing strong relationships over time, follow up from capacity-building events, and the importance of ocean literacy in driving meaningful outcomes.	avalauriorton@oceanfdn.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Our Ocean Future: Empowering the next generation of Ocean Leaders	Talent is equally distributed, but opportunities are not. To address inequity early career ocean professionals require funding, and access to networks and global policy events. Youth should be considered leading voices in decisions made today but face many preconceived stereotypes. Careers are enabled by good supervisors, mentors, and teams that are collaborative, interdisciplinary, intergenerational, and diverse. There is growing literature to support best practice in globalising conservation.	heather.koldwey@zsl.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Production of Green energy from organic waste to preserve mangroves and improve the income of women salt producers in the village of Djègbadji, in southwest Benin.	This side event gave us opportunity to appreciate the voluntaries of ngos and associations to restore the ecosystem destroyed by the populations in their needs. The exoerts and speakers showed us lany ways to join.our efforts in.order to preserve the mangroves through the west african coastal. The women.producers in.Djegbadji village will gave their new biodigester before the end of year.	cbalogoun@aol.com	Outside the Conference Venue
Putting theory into practice: systems change as a tool for tackling ocean plastic pollution at source	Taking a conversation-style panel format, this event showcased and explored real-life approaches, innovations and interventions that have been working to reduce plastic pollution at different levels across the system. Together we illustrated the importance of trialing and adopting approaches that seek to change entire systems, which will in turn help us achieve more sustainable, ocean-friendly cities, and deliver on the critical targets and commitments of the SDGs.	alice.chamberlain@zsl.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Reduce Ocean Noise and save our ocean	After highlighting the threat posed by anthropogenic underwater noise pollution, participants discussed the multi-environmental benefits of noise prevention. There was an agreed commitment to continue the work on integrating underwater noise reduction measures as APMs under the application for the PSSA status for the Cetacean Migration Corridor in the Mediterranean, and to keep an open dialogue between the shipping industry, IMO and NGOs, and continue work on underwater noise in respective fora.	jmueller@oceancare.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Research and Innovation as Key Pillars of a Regenerative Development of the Red Sea	The side event highlighted how KSA is setting the foundations for a net positive biodiversity impact in the Red Sea, through development, and conservation shared and extended its model elsewhere.	info@ncw.gov.sa	Outside the Conference Venue
Small-scale fisheries' contribution to food and nutrition security and	Women in artisanal fish processing and young fishermen in Africa want to engage more strongly with their association (CAOPA) to fight the effects of	francisco.mari@brot-fuer-die-welt.de	Outside the Conference Venue

healthy oceans in West Africa	climate change, overfishing and fishmeal production. In the future, they will receive further support from both the ACP Secretariat and the German Development Ministry (BMZ). The aim is to ensure that fish remains the protein-rich basis of food security in Africa. Future-oriented solutions were presented at the event.		
SMART Subsea Cables in One Sustainable Ocean: Observing the Global Ocean for Climate Monitoring and Disaster Warning and Risk Reduction	Going beyond telecommunications, Sustainable Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications (SMART) Subsea Cables are telecom submarine cables with environmental and seismic sensing, fully aligned with the overall theme of the UNOC "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions".	jose.barros@anacom.pt	Outside the Conference Venue
Solutions and partnerships to promote sustainable fishing and strengthen implementation of international instruments to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing	The setting up of a Portuguese Speaking Countries cooperation network for the promotion of sustainable fishing and the prevention, combat and elimination of IUU fishing at the III Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Sea Affairs of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), constitutes a good example of cooperation that builds on the common challenges of 9 countries and promotes the adoption of cooperative solutions to enhance their policy and legal framework.	mlapao@cplp.org	Outside the Conference Venue
Sounds of the Ocean	Sounds of the Ocean was an immersive closing event that offered a moment of connection and calm. We welcomed the general public to discover ways to get involved with local ocean cleanup and created a stage for five conservation partners to share their existing international work. The evening concluded with the European premiere of a full 75-min live performance, including audio recordings of whales and dolphins, live music and original visual art. Learn more at: www.soundsoftheocean.com	joshua@embodiedsounds.com	Outside the Conference Venue
The case for territorial seas in achieving 30x30: Conserving coastal ecosystems for locally led livelihoods	The event elevated voices from local leaders, municipal governments, NGOs, and public and private funders on the need to protect and sustainably manage coastal ecosystems for biodiversity, climate change, and food security. To achieve global goals, like 30x30, the needs of coastal communities together with a science-based approach should be considered to benefit people and nature while ensuring ecosystem integrity, community benefits and climate resilience.	lschindlermurra y@rare.org	Outside the Conference Venue
The Ocean as a global common - connecting generations of stakeholders through storytelling	The event was a great success, the general opinion of the participants was that youth were not well represented in the official conference exchanges. While there is still much to be discovered about the science of the oceans, there is also a need to improve the way we share this content. Inspired by the storytelling methods, scientists, politicians, journalists and young people will be able to better cooperate to spread Ocean Literacy and get everyone to act for it.	secretariat@worldoceannetwork.org	Outside the Conference Venue

<p>The Ocean Impact Navigator: Harnessing Innovation and a New Impact Measurement Framework to Regenerate Ocean Health</p>	<p>This event marked the successful launch of the Ocean Impact Navigator, a new open-source impact KPI framework designed to simplify, harmonize and strengthen impact measurement for the Ocean Impact Innovation ecosystem. The session was well attended by diverse stakeholders, spanning scientists, government, innovators, and investors. The event sparked fruitful engagement and positive feedback, and supported the aim of the wider ocean impact community contributing to and adopting the framework.</p>	<p>jennifer.ring@systemiq.earth</p>	<p>Outside the Conference Venue</p>
<p>United by the Sea Film Sessions</p>	<p>United by the Sea Film Sessions – film and debate Globocean, Women and Sea, Protected Areas, Sea and Space and Overfishing 27 June to 1 July, 17h00, Pavilhao do Conhecimento Organized by: United by the Sea in partnership with: CIMA from UAlg, Hera.city, MUNHAC, UnboxMedia, Flying Sharks and Accobams, Csayn, Emepc, Soma surf, Wild Steps, Instituto Mar Urbano, Atlantic Ridge, Joakim Odelberg, Freeborne Media, Foundation Jacques Rougerie, Proteus Group, Spartan Space</p>	<p>antunes.estoril.cristina@gmail.com</p>	<p>Outside the Conference Venue</p>
<p>Welcome Outside the Box! From Blue Food for Thought to Blue Food for Action - Making Ocean Protection the Norm rather than the Exception</p>	<p>Following publication at the Monaco Ocean Week 2022, of From Blue Food for Thought to Blue Food for Action by The Varda Group, a follow-up paper: The Lisbon Addendum was launched at this event, reporting on 6 roundtables which involved 57 ocean experts & advocates from March to May 2022, to discuss The Varda Group's original proposals. Varda Group & partners said they will continue the dialogue on these & other "outside the box" ideas to protect the ocean, in the run-up to UNOC-3 in 2025.</p>	<p>remi@vardagro.up.org</p>	<p>Outside the Conference Venue</p>
<p>Why are we not saving the ocean? Mainstreaming influence and engagement for ocean-climate solutions</p>	<p>Comms Inc and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation hosted an urgent conversation on how ocean-climate action can be accelerated through smart, cross-sector influencing and engagement. It was a well-attended event with energised participants and engaging discussions on how we can better collaborate to use research-led and evidence-based communications. A follow-up report will be issued with next steps for action and collaboration. Please email Natalie@communicationsinc.co.uk to receive the report.</p>	<p>natalie@communicationsinc.co.uk</p>	<p>Outside the Conference Venue</p>



VITRUAL SIDE EVENTS

Full summaries for virtual events are listed here: <https://sdgs.un.org/documents/virtual-side-events-summaries-2022-un-ocean-conference-48085>

Title	Outcomes of the event	Contact email	Type
A Perspective to Reduce Climate Change Impacts Through Restoration and NbS in Marine-coastal Ecosystems, a Review of Case Studies.	Discussed the activities carried out to implement NbS solutions from a regional perspective and at the national level in Mexico. Including the maintenance and restoration of mangrove ecosystems, learning about collecting consistent quantitative and qualitative data on the effectiveness of NbS, and sharing experiences of how mangroves, coral reefs, and seagrasses provide important ecosystem services for climate change adaptation and mitigation	anavarrete@oceanford.org	Virtual
Advancing the Blue Economy in Kenya: innovation in economic growth through value chains strengthening, integrated land-sea planning and management and maritime security, in an inclusive, participatory and sustainable manner	The event strengthened the commitment to advancing the blue economy on Kenya's coast by bringing together various key stakeholders, including community representatives, implementing partners, government and private sectors, funding and research institutions. It also demonstrated the socio-economic potential of Kenya's coast's marine resources when harnessed using the right innovations and technology. The participants got the opportunity to understand the insights of the Go Blue project.	Paula.Oliveira@camoes.mne.pt	Virtual
Biomolecular observations in support of conservation and sustainable development	The Ocean Biomolecular Observing Network(OBON) session featured presentations by candidate endorsed projects: locations where time series of biomolecular observations have been established and can be combined with accompanying physical, chemical & biological data to understand change in ecosystems & its context; the OBON data platform, methodology & best practices and capacity development; a discussion on how biomolecular research can enable science-based conservation and sustainable development.	observing@obon-ocean.org	Virtual
Biorock® Technology for Climate Proofing Beaches, Regenerating Marine Ecosystems, and Sustainable Mariculture	Blue Regeneration S.L. has raised awareness on one of the most important crises faced by humanity today: climate change. Climate change means the beaches are eroding, entire ecosystems are collapsing, species are dying and entire communities are forced to migrate. Biorock technology reverses the consequences of climate change. Blue Regeneration aims to finalize agreements to execute large-scale projects, and get	xavier.gastaminza@bluregeneration.com	Virtual

	funding for further R&D and pilot projects for new applications of the technology.		
Can Harnessing Blue and Thematic Bonds Build a Sustainable, Regenerative Ocean Economy?	In the interest of identifying and amplifying best practices aligned with SDG 14 [Life Below Water], the side event explored the efficacy of blue and thematic bonds as a means of building a sustainable, regenerative ocean economy, actions that can optimize the impact of such bonds, and how governments might leverage blue bonds to meet increasing climate finance needs. A panel of expert speakers shared their insights on how blue and thematic bonds can offer traction in facilitating this shift.	ngosonffdchair@gmail.com	Virtual
Challenges for the South Pacific in Latin America: learned lessons and future pathways in the implementation of the SDG 14	This side event aims to highlight the strategic position of Latin American countries of the South Pacific in the management, protection, conservation and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems.	contacto@unopuntocinco.net	Virtual
Collective Effort in South-East Asia to End Plastic Pollution	Stakeholders, government, business, private sector, consumer, youths are better informed on key initiatives and regional efforts to address plastic pollution, especially, in the South-East Asian region. Stakeholders are aware about plastic concerns of different stakeholders to enable informed planning and policy making in South-East Asia. Promoted collective actions of different networks' regional frameworks to have an interconnected approach to addressing plastic pollution in South-East Asia.	ummay.habiba@un.org	Virtual
Criminal law as planetary safeguard: paradigm shifts in ocean protection	An understanding of how legal frameworks can not just protect ocean ecosystems but can drive positive changes in sustainable practices.	sue@stopecocide.earth	Virtual
Establishing the International Arctic Marine Sanctuary	Collective resolve for governments to immediately draft and introduce into UNGA an Arctic Ocean Treaty, establishing an International Arctic Marine Sanctuary, reserved for peaceful, scientific, and subsistence purposes.	richard.g.steiner@gmail.com	Virtual
EU-SCORES: Demonstrating the potential of multi-source offshore renewable energy farms	In the face of climate change and energy security concerns in Europe, the transition to endogenous low carbon electricity generation is more important than ever. Offshore renewable energy is clean, abundant, and powerful, having been recognized key to the energy transition. However, as the share of offshore wind in the energy mix increases, challenges are expected to arise. EU-SCORES aims at demonstrating and unlocking the large-scale potential of multi-source, offshore renewable energy.	mail@wavec.org	Virtual
Evaluating Science, Valuing the Ocean: Exploring the role of science evaluation in getting the science we	This side event discussed the role of research evaluation in producing scientific knowledge about the ocean, including: coordinating global and local research agendas, making the field more inclusive, and negotiating pressures to be relevant to different	j.a.ashkin@cwts.leidenuniv.nl	Virtual

need for the ocean we want	audiences (e.g. science, industry, society).Key recommendations emphasised developing researchers' capacity to engage at the science-policy interface and fostering exchange between current partnership networks to capitalize on existing knowledge.		
Fashion for the Oceans	This session involved people from all communities, students, youth and the general public, thereby ensuring that every one is a stakeholder and has open access to ocean data and knowledge. Through education and collaboration using fashion and art, we are able to reduce inequality regarding the oceans and keep every one suitably informed about the Ocean and understand what we need to do to create the ocean we want.	runaray@yahoo.com	Virtual
Fashion Partnerships and Solutions Scaling up Ocean Action	This virtual discussion brought together industry leaders from the network to share their partnership initiatives and solution driven commitments contributing to cleaner oceans as well as advancing collective fashion industry global ocean action.	kiran.unofficeforpartnerships@gmail.com	Virtual
From the Southern Ocean to the Arctic – a Call to Action via the UN Ocean Decade	This side event brought together both Polar Ocean initiatives & leading polar experts at the UN Ocean Conference. Both polar processes engaged a very broad community, including researchers, business & industry sector, governance & management bodies, NGOs, and, for the Arctic, Indigenous stakeholders. Cross-cutting issues at the poles were identified and these (amongst others) provided a call to action for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.	r.badhe@nwo.nl	Virtual
Harnessing the power of innovation and partnerships to reduce bycatch of sensitive species	The webinar generated an interesting debate, highlighting essential aspects for tackling bycatch of sensitive species in commercial fisheries: active engagement of stakeholders, integration of local knowledge and standardization of data collection. All this with a strong supporting regulation and linked with research and technology.	ana.almeida@spea.pt	Virtual
Managing the Oceans: Strengthening Capacity for Ocean Governance	The side event showcased the Ocean Governance Capacity Building Training Program jointly designed and delivered by the side event organizers. The Training Program focuses on enhancing the capacity of government officials, partner organizations' staff, and others on ocean governance by providing training on international law related to the oceans with the objective of strengthening the implementation of the Conventions at the national level and combatting growing threats to the marine ecosystem.	OceanGovernanceTraining@worldbank.org	Virtual
Marine Africa (Event ID: OBZB53)	Marine Africa: the role in excellence in capacity development to increase globally ocean health and quality of life	vrateodosio@ualg.pt	Virtual
Marine Cloud Brightening- a governance dilemma	The event allowed an interactive discussion among a diverse expert panel on the emerging governance challenges raised by Marine Cloud Brightening and other solar radiation modification techniques being	qzheng@c2g2.net	Virtual

	developed to reduce risks from climate change impacts. It was concluded that there is an urgent need to kick-start conversations among different communities to learn about and better understand these issues.		
Marine Geoengineering: A growing threat in the name of climate protection	Marine geoengineering – advanced by industry and some governments in the name of addressing the climate crisis – is a growing threat to marine environments and ecosystems and of increasing concern to local and international climate activists and experts, Indigenous Peoples, and scientists. This side event presented the risks of marine geoengineering, and what to do about it, from a range of critical voices.	schneider@boell.de	Virtual
Marine Justice and Right to Science	This side event addressed the concepts of marine justice and the right to science as a core aspect to achieve sustainable and equitable use of the oceans (SDG 14). The event featured the UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights and speakers from Colombia, Morocco, Mexico, and Philippines. The key issues discussed were artisanal fishing communities' rights; ocean literacy to approach science to local communities; and science-based decision to promote citizen participation and transparency	anamaya@ceambie ntales.org	Virtual
Marine pollution: tackling land-based sources through multi-stakeholder action	Collaborative, science-based efforts that bring together relevant stakeholders from various sectors of society are crucial to the implementation of Goal 14. The three global partnerships highlighted in this event, namely the GPML, GPNM and GW2I, provide a platform for a multitude of sectors, including governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector, to collaborate, coordinate and innovate on the actions needed to reduce and prevent marine pollution.	thomas.maes@grida .no	Virtual
Ocean Negative Carbon Emission and Sustainable Development	The event discussed on how ocean carbon storage and negative emission technologies contribute to the UN SDGs, with particular emphasis on the science required to progress technologies for carbon storage interventions. Global ONCE hoped to stimulate discussions that could lead to future collaborations and joint research projects as well as stimulate further information exchange to a range of scientific and societal audiences.	meng.q.pei@gmail.c om	Virtual
Ocean Sand: Risks & Opportunities for Sustainability & Equity	This event identified promising scientific, technical and policy opportunities for sand stewardship. It assessed the importance of sand in the ocean economy and its issues of equity and benefit sharing, the impacts of sand's extraction and land reclamation on ecosystems and coastal communities, the role of dredging companies and financial institutions in incentivising better industry practices, as well as promising breakthroughs in monitoring and impact assessments.	josefine.lynggaard@ unepgrid.ch	Virtual
OFFSHORE RENEWABLES FOR A	The side event aimed to stimulate insights and discussions on the synergies between Offshore	fboshell@irena.org	Virtual

GLOBAL BLUE ECONOMY	Renewables and the Global Blue Economy. There was agreement that offshore renewables have the potential to become very important contributors to different ocean-based sectors. There was a common consensus that establishment of stable policies; promoting targeted investments; developing new infrastructure; and adapting supply chains are necessary to catalyze uptake of offshore renewables globally.		
Plastic pollution:– What is holding us back from solutions; what key science and innovation is needed to tackle this global environmental challenge?	Plastic pollution is a wicked environmental problem. UNEA 5.2 is immense achievement - to deliver on its ambition requires robust independent evidence from transdisciplinary research and stakeholder collaborations. Evidence at a level of granularity that will take us beyond the generic, reduce, reuse, recycle mantra; and indicate the most, and least, appropriate interventions. Scientific evidence is just as critical now as it was in raising awareness of the plastic pollution issue itself.	rcthompson@plymouth.ac.uk	Virtual
Role of youth in addressing marine pollution via innovation, advocacy, and stocktake	This side event aimed to explore the critical role of the youth in addressing marine pollution by a panel discussion. The event included questions and solutions proposed by the audience themselves that consisted mainly of the youth towards integrating innovation, advocacy and stocktake into viable solutions. Whilst awareness and the use of social media in this digital age was fundamental, collaboration was expressed to be key such that partnership would be the new leadership.	ssequeira@munimpacect.org	Virtual
Scaling up coastal conservation and restoration for humans and biodiversity – plans for a multistakeholder science and evidence-based World Coastal Forum	This event further promoted the establishment of the World Coastal Forum (WCF) and sought guidance and support from all major stakeholders to shape it effectively. Countries & other stakeholders were further encouraged to engage with the WCF Establishment Group (WCFEG) and/or its Task Teams. It was the 1st presentation of the WCFEG since its launch in January & provided a sound basis for the official launch of the WCF itself planned for the occasion of the Ramsar COP14 in November 2022.	haochen.li@efglobal.org	Virtual
Science and awareness: building Mediterranean networks against marine litter	The Mediterranean is one of the most polluted sea in the world mainly due to the threat of ML and to one of the highest concentrations of plastic debris, producing between 208-760 kg of solid waste per capita per year. About 229.000 tons of plastic end up in the Mediterranean every year, mainly from Turkey, Egypt, and Italy. This specific situation requires a strong governance and a joint policy among the Med countries, NGOs, local authorities, research institutions and other stakeholders.	e.scocchera@legambiente.it	Virtual
Seabed Cleaning: From Microplastics to Human Health	The event has presented plastic pollution as a direct threat to Human health. The analysis of the topic brought the event to focus on the urgency of reducing plastic presence in the Ocean. For this reason, Fondazione Vassallo has presented the Seabed Cleaning Project, a socially innovative	vassallolorenzo1997@gmail.com	Virtual

	solution to reduce plastic pollution in the ocean and rivers.		
Seaweed: Aquatic food solutions for people, climate and oceans	A virtual event which explored your knowledge and expertise on seaweed as a diverse range of low-trophic and high-biomass aquatic foods to meet food and nutrition security of nations, generate income, provide livelihood opportunities and platforms for social inclusion, especially for women, youth and Indigenous communities as well as serve as important carbon sequestration agents and carbon sinks for the ocean.	worldfish-cdrd@cgiar.org	Virtual
Symposium - Talking about Ocean Conservation in Portuguese	AIMM – Marine Environment Research Association promoted the Symposium “Talking about Ocean Conservation in Portuguese” as a side event of the 2022 UNOC. The lectures were all excellent and we were able to raised awareness about the spectacular projects being developed in the ocean conservation area. We had 9 speakers, representing 7 countries that share a common language, members of CPLP. We got 223 registrants and had max. 100 people watching at the same time.	ines.silva@aimmporugal.org	Virtual
Technologies of Consciousness in Scaling Up Ocean Actions	Oceans are not a commercial resource, but rather part of an ongoing transgenerational relationship grounded in reciprocity: care taking and care giving, a fundamental way of life grounded in values. Our habit of commercialising everything, including oceans has brought us to a dangerous precipice that can only be redressed with a change of consciousness. This panel offered a discussion on the role of human consciousness in the degradation and rebuilding of the ocean life and in achieving SDG.	aneta.loj@pl.brahmakumaris.org	Virtual
The African Marine Litter Outlook Pre-Publication Event	This event introduces the African Marine Litter Outlook. Providing an opportunity to hear from the authors, including interactive sessions. This open access book provides a cross-sectoral, multi-scale assessment of marine litter in Africa with a focus on plastics.	fionapw11@gmail.com	Virtual
The future we want for the Mediterranean Sea and coast— delivering on the SDGs while addressing the triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution	The side-event explored pathways to accelerate the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by highlighting the strategies, instruments and tools that UNEP/MAP has developed with the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention in the pursuit of sustainable development in the Mediterranean. It offered insights into the levers of transformative change that decision-makers can use to address the triple environmental crisis while scoring points in the achievement of the SDGs.	ghannem@un.org	Virtual
The International declaration for tuna sustainability. A contribution of tuna cities of the world for the sustainable management of tuna	Our side event took place in a virtual format, for which we carried out a prior communication and dissemination campaign on social networks, media and the web. We obtained very good results, both in terms of people registered and connected (150 people), as well as the number of media impacts, as a result of our communication campaign, and the	legiarte@azti.es	Virtual

	presence and dissemination carried out by the secretariat and the official programme of UN Ocean Conference. We are very satisfied.		
The Ocean, Uniting Global Youth	The side event was amazing. We had around 50 participants who witnessed the need of the youth to raise their voices and be part of the action. We have finally introduced our Global Ocean Youth Declaration "My Marina" which will be known and taken into account around the world.	Contato@acquamater.com	Virtual
The Sea is Sacred: Religious Responses to Deep Seabed Mining	This side event gathered representatives from Christian organizations to highlight the moral peril that oceans and coastal communities face from deep sea mining and other harmful extractive practices. We heard first-hand accounts from individuals who have seen the detrimental effects of extractive industries. Speakers called on member states to: Ban deep sea mining; Commit to source critical materials through sustainable practices; Center Indigenous peoples' knowledges.	water@waterspirit.org	Virtual
We all live close to the Ocean	Side event with educational objectives to create awareness of the importance of Oceans, productivity relation on planet, our impact and actions for protecting ocean ecosystems.	info@usomx.com	Virtual