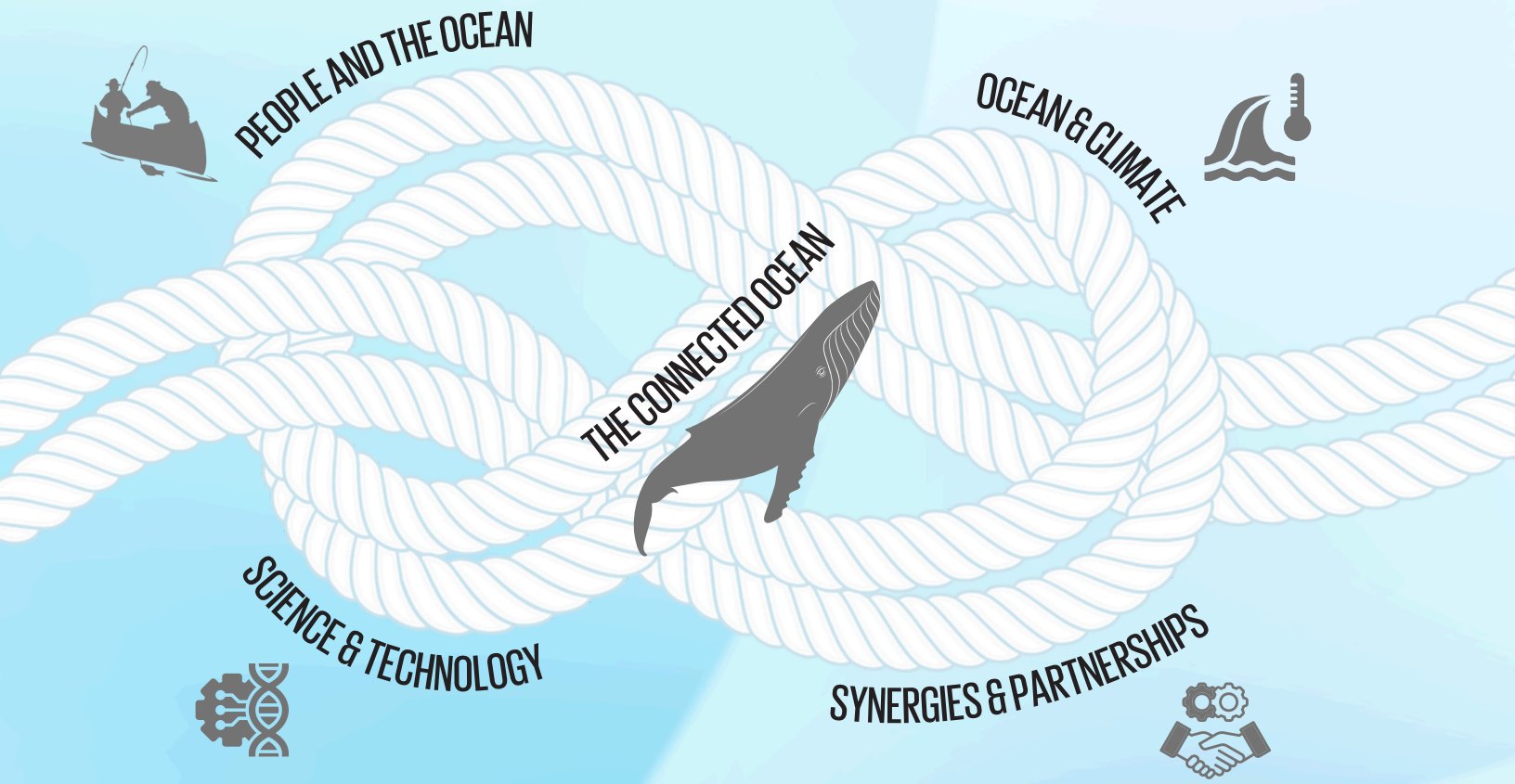
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OCEAN DAY

UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16) • 27 October 2024

Join us at the **KMGBF Pavilion in the Blue Zone** on **27 October at 9 AM** for a full day of lively discussions, screenings and performances on the theme of:

OCEAN AS THE GREAT CONNECTOR



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PROGRAMME

27 OCTOBER 2024 | KMGBF PAVILION (BLUE ZONE)

9 - 10 AM

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION

H.E. Susana Muhamad
Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, and President of COP 16 (TBC)

Inger Andersen
Executive Director, UN Environment Programme

Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

H.E. Daouda Ngom
Minister of Environment and Ecological Transition, Senegal

H.E. Ambassador Peter Thomson
UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

H.E. Razan Al Mubarak
UN High Level Climate Champion for COP28 and President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

Jae Young Shin
Director of the Marine Conservation Division, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea

Vidar Helgesen
Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, and Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

10:00-10:30: **Coffee Break & a performance by** Monsieur Periné

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10:30 - 11:30 AM

PEOPLE AND THE OCEAN - Fishers as Stewards of Biodiversity

A session to showcase fishers as stewards of marine biological and cultural diversity, challenging the common narrative that people are separate from nature. By opening the space for fishers representatives to talk about their lived experiences, we will highlight their role as key players in delivering on the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). Join us in exploring how fishers across scales and regions offer solutions and how the GBF provides an opportunity to connect people and the ocean for ecological health and human well-being.

KEY ELEMENTS

Kicking things off with an interactive segment to unpack people's connections to the ocean and marine environment, we'll capture the vibrant and ever-evolving relationship between the sea and fisher communities through a dynamic activity using AI-generated images, highlighting how the GBF offers an opportunity to further connect people and marine biodiversity. These images will present alternative scenarios, challenging us to rethink how we coexist with the ocean and its biodiversity.

Next, the spotlight will shine on "Fishers' Voices," as three fishers representatives take us into their world, sharing their personal stories as stewards of the ocean. Providing on-the-ground perspectives, they will highlight challenges and opportunities and demonstrate how positive engagement of fishers across scales in the GBF is critical to achieving its Targets. To broaden the spotlight, we'll also showcase powerful video messages from fisher communities across the globe.

The session will close with a powerful call to action from a country representative, urging us to harness this momentum and rally Parties to fully integrate biodiversity into fisheries management.

Disclaimer: Views expressed by experts in various sessions do not necessarily reflect the views of all entities in Ocean Day.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

THE CONNECTED OCEAN

GOBI Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative · CMS · International Whaling Commission · Global Island Partnership · SPREP Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme · WWF · IUCN

The ocean world is a web of connections on a myriad of scales: between animals, up and down the food chain, between marine life and the physical environment, and between the ocean, the land and the atmosphere. Humans and institutions are an integral part of this network too, relying on the oceans to provide food, clean air, climate control, transport and resources. This session takes a look at some of the members of the great ocean family and the threads that bind them together, using the analogy of a family house.

KEY ELEMENTS

The importance of stable, safe feeding and breeding grounds for marine animals to gather, socialise, rest and feed, and how these activities drive the great ocean food chain and contribute to nutrient cycling. For migratory species, the connections between these areas – often ocean basins apart – are vital. Climate change and human activities such as shipping, pollution, mineral extraction, noise and light pose significant threats to all these areas of the ocean family house.

But there are actions in place to help safeguard these important areas of the ocean. Target 3 of the GBF sets out to protect 30% of the global ocean; the new BBNJ Agreement brings opportunities for protecting the high seas; at more regional and national scales measures such as species-specific management plans and industry-oriented tools such as PSSAs can provide solutions.

People are part of the great ocean family too, and working together is key to effectively safeguarding it. We explore some innovative approaches by small island developing states that help ensure resources are made available for sustainable, long term biodiversity conservation.

12:30-1:30: Lunch break & video screenings

1:30 - 2:30 PM

THE GREAT OCEAN-CLIMATE TALK SHOW
Power the Ocean Breakthroughs

OCEAN & CLIMATE PLATFORM · unesco Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission · 2021 2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development · CMS · WWF · OCEAN ACTION 2030 · WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE · german cooperation · giz

Get ready to make a splash on The Great Ocean-Climate Talk Show! We'll explore ocean-based solutions that could tackle climate change, stop biodiversity loss, and give the economy a major boost. Did you know they can reduce emissions by up to 35% by 2050? Dive in with us as we explore these 'Ocean Breakthroughs' that just might be the key to a sustainable future. Don't miss it!

KEY ELEMENTS

In this episode, we will dive headfirst into the transformative Ocean Breakthroughs! Across five sectors – marine conservation, ocean renewable energy, shipping, aquatic food systems and coastal tourism – these Breakthroughs are paving the way for a net-zero, resilient, and healthy planet. The fundamental question is: What must we achieve by 2030 to transform how these sectors operate and realise this vision by 2050?

In the first segment, five contestants will pitch their Breakthrough and highlight how their sector can achieve key targets from the GBF while driving real progress on climate objectives. Watch as they bring these critical sectors to life, showing the path to living in harmony with nature—delivering meaningful benefits for Nature, Climate, and People.

The spotlight will then shift to our other guest stars: Ocean Champion Countries. Through powerful testimonies, they will present their national plans and strategies to bring these Ocean Breakthroughs to reality. From cutting-edge finance solutions to scientific research and governance reforms, they will reveal the levers that can propel these sectors forward.

2:30 - 3:30 PM

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR ACTION

This session will discuss the role of ocean science and knowledge to support implementation of the GBF. It will explore the links across the ocean science value chain from observations to data to science and knowledge and the importance of ensuring sustained investment in capacity development and transfer of technology. It will showcase the work being carried out in the framework of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and other initiatives as tangible examples of the role of science, knowledge and technology in implementation.

KEY ELEMENTS

The first segment of this informal "seaside chat" will explore the different elements of the ocean science value chain with speakers discussing the role of observations (POGO), data (INVEMAR), science (PML) and the ways in which they inform policy (DEFRA).

The second segment will showcase three successful examples of where the different parts of the ocean science value chain have combined to generate knowledge that has a positive influence on policy. Examples include regional case studies and the work emerging from the Ocean Decade Vision 2030 process. Speakers will provide their views on factors of success (and failure) and common lessons for working across scales to support implementation.

The session will conclude with closing remarks from three UN agencies – IOC, UNEP and ISA – and will end with the launch of a new publication showcasing numerous examples of Ocean Decade Actions that are contributing to GBF implementation.

3:30-4:00: **Coffee Break**

4:00 - 5:30 PM

SYNERGIES & PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT

Uniting for the Ocean: Accelerating Action for Biodiversity Goals

World Economic Forum | Global Network of MPA Manager Networks | UN Office of Legal Affairs Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | UN environment programme | Global Ocean Alliance | IUCN CEM FEG | United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime | Ocean Action 2030 | World Resources Institute | Global Fund for Coral Reefs

This session will highlight existing cooperation, synergies and networking across international processes and frameworks relevant to marine biodiversity and explore concrete opportunities to enhance collaboration, alignment, and policy coherence. It will stress the urgency of having a clear plan and partnerships in place to accelerate progress towards all the Global Biodiversity Framework's (GBF) targets to conserve and restore the ocean and its benefits for people. It will also show how conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity can be integrated at the core of national economies and recognized as a catalyst for growth and prosperity.

KEY ELEMENTS

Cooperation and synergies between international agreements and frameworks

Partnerships and collective processes supporting the Global Ocean Agenda

Multi-level coordination (local, national, regional, global) is fundamental for effective GBF implementation

Networking between practitioners, partnerships for capacity building and good marine management

Promoting innovative partnerships for the GBF and involving the private sector in key practical actions for the GBF implementation

Partnerships for finance innovation

Synergies and cooperation with local and indigenous communities

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5:30 - 6:30 PM

CRAFTING A BETTER FUTURE

Special session coordinated by Global Youth Biodiversity Network

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Closing remarks from France and Costa Rica
(co-hosts of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference)

H.E. Olivier Poivre d'Arvor,
Ambassador for the Poles and Maritime Issues, France

H.E. Arnoldo André, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica

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