

GENEVA BLUE TALKS



31 MAY 2022 | 15.00 - 16.00 CEST | ONLINE EVENT

HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING ON THE 2022 UN OCEAN CONFERENCE

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INVITATION

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 75/578, the 2022 UN Ocean Conference will be held from 27 June to 1 July 2022 in Lisbon. The conference will be co-hosted by Portugal and Kenya under the theme “Scaling up the ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”. It will provide a critical opportunity to mobilize partnerships and increase investment in science-driven approaches to achieve SDG 14.

In the run-up to the conference, “Blue Talks” are taking place around the world, to discuss the core issues that will be addressed at the conference, contextualizing the debate with an overview of the status quo while underlining the urgency of finding solutions to the challenges identified. The objective is to trigger the debate and wide interest in Ocean related issues and by extend active participation in the UN Ocean Conference, to promote SDG 14, the sharing of experiences and innovative approaches, and to identify opportunities to mobilize the public and private sectors.

In this context, the Geneva Environment Network is collaborating with Portugal and Kenya to propose the Geneva Blue Talks, addressing issues that are both at the heart of International Geneva and of the UN Ocean Conference, thus highlighting the contribution of Geneva to the global ocean agenda. As the concluding session of the Geneva Blue Talks, this high-level briefing will provide an update on the UN Ocean Conference presidents’ priorities for the Assembly, as well as the latest updates on preparations and expected outcomes.

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REGISTRATION

The event is held online on the Webex platform. Kindly register for [online](#) attendance.

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SPEAKERS



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Global Ocean and Coastal Observation: From Science to Decision-Making

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New Disciplines on Fisheries Subsidies to Achieve SDG14 and Improve Ocean Governance

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