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2025 United Nations Ocean Conference: 21 October 2024

EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR IOC & APPROACH TO IOC ENGAGEMENT



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The desired outcome of UNOC for IOC is to advance ocean science and knowledge as a basis for action in line with our mandate & strategic priorities through:

1. Engagement in UNOC that is primarily structured around a small number of flagship initiatives and related key messages
2. Using UNOC & pre-conference events as a key moment in the process of developing / launching these initiatives i.e. through building constituencies, developing partnerships and raising awareness
3. Less focus than in previous UNOCs, COPs etc. on standalone / one-off events

EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Investment in ocean science & related infrastructure (OECD/IHO)

Marine pollution (B2B Initiative)

Seabed mapping inc. industry data sharing (Ocean Decade Alliance)

Sustainable Ocean Planning (100% Alliance)

Deep sea biodiversity / BBNJ?

+ others to be identified across IOC sections and programmes



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STRUCTURE OF CONFERENCE & PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS



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One Ocean Science
Congress, Nice
4 – 6 June

Blue Economy &
Finance Forum (BEFF),
Monaco
7-8 June

2025 United Nations Ocean Conference,
Nice
9 – 13 June

- 10 themes identified
- Formal opening & closing
- Keynotes x 9
- ?? sessions of 90 min
- 33 Town Halls of 60 min

Coastal
Resilience
Summit, Nice
7 June

Format of events still
being determined

- Plenary sessions (> 80 HOS expected)
- 10 Ocean Action Panels
- Official side events
- Political Declaration (“Nice Ocean Action Plan”)

ENGAGEMENT IN FORMAL CONFERENCE



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Political Declaration

- Negotiated by Member States in advance of UNOC
- Key IOC messages to be developed & channeled through MS
- Late January meeting in NY for negotiation

Ocean Action Panels x 10

- Background Papers prepared by UN system for March 2025
- Co-lead on science - policy OAP with ISA (*MPR lead*)
- Co-lead on BD/CC OAP with UNDESA, ESCAP and CBD (*OSS lead*)
- Contributions to other OAPs – refer full list to be sent by email

Official side events

- Applications likely to open in January 2025
- UNESCO wide submission for 1 organizational side event
- IOC involvement in partner-led side events

SCHEDULE INCLUDING OAPs: 9 – 13 June, 2024



	MONDAY 9 June	TUESDAY 10 June	WEDNESDAY 11 June	THURSDAY 12 June	FRIDAY 13 June
Morning	<p>9:00 am-1:00 pm 1st Plenary meeting</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am Opening segment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Opening of the Conference -Election of the two Presidents of the Conference -Statements by the Presidents of the Conference, UN Secretary-General, President of the General Assembly, President of ECOSOC, Conference Secretary-General and elected representatives of the host region and city -Adoption of the rules of procedure and the agenda -Election of officers other than the Presidents, the establishment of subsidiary organs, as appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Conference and other matters. <p>10:00am-1:00pm General debate</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Ocean Action Panel 1</p> <p>Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems including deep-sea ecosystems</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm 3rd Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Ocean Action Panel 3</p> <p>Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in the support of SDG14</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm 5th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Ocean Action Panel 5</p> <p>Fostering sustainable fisheries management including supporting small-scale fishers</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm 7th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm Ocean Action Panel 7</p> <p>Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages</p>	<p>10:00am-1:00pm 9th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>09:00am-12:00pm Ocean Action Panel 9</p> <p>Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security</p>
	1:00-3:00pm Lunch break	1:00-3:00pm Lunch break	1:00-3:00pm Lunch break	1:00-3:00pm Lunch break	1:00-3:00pm Lunch break
Afternoon	<p>3:00-6:00pm 2nd Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Ocean Action Panel 2</p> <p>Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health</p>	<p>3:00-6:00pm 4th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Ocean Action Panel 4</p> <p>Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities</p>	<p>3:00-6:00pm 6th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Ocean Action Panel 6</p> <p>Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience leaving no one behind</p>	<p>3:00-6:00pm 8th Plenary meeting</p> <p>General debate</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Ocean Action Panel 8</p> <p>Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional level</p>	<p>1:30-4:30pm Ocean Action Panel 10</p> <p>Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS</p> <p>4:00-7:00pm 10th Plenary meeting</p> <p>-Reporting on the discussions of the Ocean Action Panels</p>

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ENGAGEMENT IN PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS



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One Ocean Science Congress (CNRS/IFREMER)

Organising Committee
member

ADG/IOC in opening
session

IOC-led session
proposals in
development for
submission end October

BCN – Nice Town Hall
led by IOC

Opportunities for other
Town Halls with partners

Calls for papers open

Coastal Resilience Summit (Nice / OCP)

Steering Committee
member

Co-leading WG2 on
Knowledge Generation

Structure of Summit
being developed

Links to Qingdao Coastal
Cities Conference

BEFF (FPA2 / IO Monaco)

Meeting with FPA2 on
23/10 to discuss
engagement