



# NOTIFICATION

## Fifth Oceans Forum

### on trade-related aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Oceans economy, trade policy and the climate and development nexus

3–5 March 2025, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

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The [fifth Oceans Forum](#) on trade-related aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14, co-chaired by the Governments of Costa Rica and France, will be held in Geneva from 3 to 5 March 2025, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations. The Forum is led by UN Trade and Development in cooperation with the Department of Social and Economic Affairs, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the International Ocean Institute and the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

#### Background and objective

The Oceans Forum is a multi-stakeholder platform that aims to identify ways to align economic and trade policies with the sustainable use of the oceans and their resources required to achieve the trade-related targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14, namely targets 1, 4, 6, 7 and b. The Forum is aimed at preparing for and supporting the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Ocean Conference), to be held in France from 9 to 13 June 2025. It also presents an opportunity to establish links with the Blue Economy and Finance Forum to be held in advance of the Ocean Conference, on 7 and 8 June 2025. The Forum, held since 2017, has been providing cohesive inputs and recommendations to each Ocean Conference, to bridge the economic, trade and development communities across Geneva, Nairobi and Rome.

The main outcome of the Forum will be a set of policy recommendations to be submitted to the Ocean Conference. The recommendations will be compiled by the co-chairs of the Forum in the form of a Chairs' summary, with the support of the secretariat of UN Trade and Development, and will be disseminated to permanent missions in Geneva and New York. The Forum will seek to set a renewed course of action for United Nations entities and partner agencies with regard to the following:

- Support the success of the 2025 Ocean Conference and prepare the ground for action-oriented voluntary commitments related to the oceans economy
- Serve as a coordination mechanism for common actions by partners, to implement the recommendations within their capacities and resources
- Explore the need to more accurately measure and mitigate emissions from oceans-based sectors and support the preparation of oceans-related nationally determined contributions in 2025
- Strengthen linkages between the Blue Economy and Finance Forum and the Oceans Forum



- Respond to the unique adaptation challenges faced in climate-vulnerable States, particularly coastal developing countries and small island developing States in the light of the UN Trade and Development strategy to support small island developing States.

## Participation

The Oceans Forum is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as representatives from academia and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the Forum. Please register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1012588/>. Registration also grants access to the Marine-Based Products and Services Expo, on the theme “Exploring natural and alternative materials for Goal 14”, which will take place in parallel with the Forum. Further inquiries regarding registration should be addressed to [rafe.dent@unctad.org](mailto:rafe.dent@unctad.org). All communications concerning registration should be sent to the UN Trade and Development secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org).

## Logistics

The Oceans Forum will be held with physical participation in room XIX of the Palais des Nations, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations. Those who cannot attend in person will be able to listen to the live audio stream. The link to listen live will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one hour before the start of the meeting.

Participants will receive a digital badge consisting of their photo, a quick response (QR) code and the name and date of the meeting. The digital badge will be sent to each participant by email once they have been accredited by the meeting organizer and should be downloaded to a mobile telephone or other mobile device. Participants may also print the digital badge in order to use the QR code. Participants are also requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to scan their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

## Further information and contact details

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