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Embassy of Kenya
Rome

The 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference

Blue Talks – Bridges to Lisbon

Rome, 3 June 2022, 11:30 – 13:00

Hybrid Format

FAO Headquarters

*Organized by the Embassies and Permanent Representations of Kenya and Portugal,
with the support of FAO*

Event Summary and Programme

The ocean covers 70 percent of the Earth's surface, it is the planet's largest biosphere, and is home to up to 80 percent of all life in the world. It generates 50 percent of the oxygen we need, absorbs 25 percent of all carbon dioxide emissions and captures 90 percent of the additional heat generated from those emissions. It is not just 'the lungs of the planet' but also its largest carbon sink - a vital buffer against the impacts of climate change.

In May 2019, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 73/292, adopted by consensus, convened the second United Nations Oceans Conference for June 2020 in Lisbon, co-hosted by Portugal and Kenya, under the overarching theme "*Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions*". Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Conference was rescheduled to 27 June - 1 July 2022.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is uniquely placed to directly contribute to the achievement of a number of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 14 *Life below water*. SDG 14 spans the *four betters*, given the importance of supporting the sustainable expansion of aquaculture, investing in transformative and innovative fisheries management, transforming and upgrading fish value chains, making aquatic foods and indispensable component of food security and nutrition strategies, and ensuring the protection of the more than 600 million livelihoods that depend on fisheries and aquaculture.

With the United Nations Ocean Conference fast approaching, the Permanent Representatives of Portugal and Kenya, benefiting from FAO's crucial role in the United Nations system and looking forward to maximizing synergies, are organizing *Blue Talks* to raise awareness to the Conference.

This roundtable discussion aims at raising awareness and galvanizing high-level participation at the United Nations Ocean Conference. Importantly, it will serve to highlight the leading role the United Nations and in particular FAO are playing, at a very critical juncture for multilateralism, towards the achievement of SDGs through sustainable use of the Oceans.

As FAO continues to feed international reflections and works tirelessly for the full implementation of our shared Agenda for Sustainable Development, including SDG 14, Kenya and Portugal believe this event will help consolidate a positive and action-oriented dialogue that will stimulate collaborative partnerships and outcomes in areas of crucial importance for humanity and the planet aimed at transforming our world for the better by 2030.

The event will be in English only.



Agenda

The 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference

Friday 3 June 11:30-13:00hrs FAO Red Room/Zoom	Blue Talks – Bridges to Lisbon
Welcome and introduction	
Welcome & introduction	Mrs Vera Agostini (Moderator) <i>Deputy Director of FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division</i>
Curtain raiser	<i>UN Ocean Conference Launch video</i>
Welcome remarks	H.E. Jackline Yonga <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya to FAO</i> H.E. Pedro Nuno Bártolo <i>Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal to FAO</i>
Opening remarks	Mr QU Dongyu <i>Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i> H.E. João Gomes Cravinho <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal (video message)</i>
Video message	H.E. Peter Thomson <i>Fijian diplomat and United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean</i>
Scaling up Ocean action	
Roundtable	Mr Ben Ogutu <i>Ambassador and Special Advisor for the Government of Kenya on the UN Oceans Conference</i>
	Mrs María Carolina Carranza Nuñez <i>Alternate Permanent Representative of Peru to FAO, representing the Chair of the Steering Committee of the 2022 International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA)</i>
	Mr Tiago Pitta e Cunha <i>Chief Executive Officer of Fundação Oceano Azul</i>
	Mr Manuel Barange <i>Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</i>
Q&A	Mrs Vera Agostini (Moderator) <i>Deputy Director of FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Division</i>
Closing remarks	
Closing remarks	H.E. Macharia Kamau <i>Ambassador and Principal Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya (video message)</i>