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## CONTEXT OF THE 16TH EDITION OF THE MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE

This edition will take place two and a half months before the 3rd UN Ocean Conference held in Nice, France, from June 9 to 13, 2025. It seeks to address key themes of the UN Ocean Conference and to prepare for the Blue Economy & Finance Forum (BEFF) which will be held prior to the Conference, in Monaco on June 7 and 8, 2025.

**SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2025**

**OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO**

**19:00 | 21:30**

### **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO THE MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE**

**Welcome address**

**Cocktail reception with standing buffet**

Guests will be given a sneak preview of the Oceanographic Museum's new scenography dedicated to the Mediterranean

**MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2025**

**OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO**

**9:00 | 9:10**

### **WELCOME ADDRESS**

by **HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco**

## SESSION #1

9:10 | 10:20

### HOW CAN WE SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION FROM A « MARITIME » TO A « REGENERATIVE BLUE ECONOMY », AND CHANGE SCALE TO PROTECT THE ECONOMY AND THE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS?

*Using sectoral examples - shipping, tourism, renewable energies, infrastructure, exploitation of living resources - this session will examine the conditions for a successful transition and the key roles of international cooperation and mobilization of the financial sector.*

Moderator

**Ms Robyn Curnow**, Broadcaster, foreign correspondent and speaker, U.S.A and South Africa

Panelists

**Mr Daniel Hooft**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Kelp Blue, The Netherlands | **Ms Daniela Fernandez**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sustainable Ocean Alliance, U.S.A. | **Mr Bertrand Charron**, Global Director of Research & Insights, Aquaculture Stewardship Council, United Kingdom | **Ms Barkha Mossae**, Regional Regenerative Blue Economy Manager at IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Office & Edimburgh Ocean Leader, Mauritius & Kenya

*Dialogue with participants*

10:20 | 11:05

### GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK

## FIRESIDE CHAT

11:05 | 11:45

### UPDATE ON THE BLUE ECONOMY AND FINANCE FORUM, JUNE 7-8, 2025, MONACO

*This session will provide an update on the Blue Economy and Finance Forum, its ambitions and deliverables, in the run-up to the United Nations Ocean Conference, and beyond.*

Moderator

**Ms Robyn Curnow**, Broadcaster, foreign correspondent and speaker, U.S.A and South Africa

Panelists

**Mr Pascal Lamy**, Co-Chair of the Blue Economy and Finance Forum and Chair of the Starfish Mission Board, France | **H.E. Ms Ilana Seid**, Co-Chair of the Blue Economy and Finance Forum and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States | **Mr Robert Calcagno**, Chief Executive Officer, Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco | **Mr Olivier Wenden**, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco

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11:45 | 11:50

— **KEYNOTE SPEECH: H.E. Ms Razan Al Mubarak**, *President, International Union for Conservation of Nature, United Arab Emirates (video message)*  
*One Ocean: Science, Governance and Finance.*

## SESSION #2

11:50 | 13:10

— **HOW CAN SCIENCE BETTER GUIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKERS IN PRESERVING, SUSTAINABLY MANAGING AND RESTORING MARINE ECOSYSTEMS?**

*A few weeks ahead of the One Ocean Science Congress, this session will analyze the conditions for dialogue between the scientific world and political, economic and institutional decision-makers, for effective management, conservation and restoration strategies for coastal, offshore and deepwater marine ecosystems.*

Moderator

— **Ms Robyn Curnow**, *Broadcaster, foreign correspondent and speaker, U.S.A and South Africa*

Panelists

— **Dr David Obura**, *Chair, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Kenya* | **Prof. Heather Koldewey**, *Programme Lead, Bertarelli Foundation's Marine Science Programme, Zoological Society London, Honorary Professor, University of Exeter, United Kingdom* | **Dr LEE Hyi-Seung**, *President, Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology, Republic of Korea* | **Dr Philippe Charvis**, *Deputy Director for Science, IRD, the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, France* | **Mr Olivier Le Nezet**, *President, National Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture, France*

— **Dialogue with participants**

13:10 | 14:30

— **LUNCH**

## SESSION #3

**14:30 | 14:40** — **FIRESIDE CHAT: Mr Guillaume Sainteny**, President, Plan Bleu, one of the Regional Activity Centres of the Mediterranean Action Plan, United Nations Environment Programme, France

*In the light of report “La Méditerranée à l’horizon 2050 : Une prospective du Plan Bleu”, what are the solutions to be implemented in the Mediterranean for a successful transition from a maritime economy to a regenerative blue economy?*

**14:40 | 15:50** — **HOW CAN WE ACCELERATE THE MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO MEET THE TARGETS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14?**

*While SDG14 “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources” remains one of the least financially endowed, the panelists will share their vision and initiatives for mobilizing the funds available within the corporate world, banks, major institutions and philanthropy.*

**Moderator** — **Ms Robyn Curnow**, Broadcaster, foreign correspondent and speaker, U.S.A and South Africa

**Panelists** — **Ms Sylvie Goulard**, Co-chair, International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits, France | **Prof. dr. h.c. mult. Frederik Paulsen**, Chairman Emeritus, Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Switzerland | **Ms Laurence Pessez**, Global Chief Sustainability Officer, BNP Paribas, France | **Mr Olivier Raybaud**, Managing Director SWEN Blue Ocean, SWEN Capital Partners, France | **Ms Marisa Drew**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Standard Chartered Bank, United Kingdom

**15:50 | 16:00** — **FIRESIDE CHAT: Ms Angela Ellard**, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization  
*Update on the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS), the challenges of its entry into force in support of SDG14 and the opportunities offered by UNOC3.*

— **Dialogue with participants**

**16:00 | 16:45** — **COFFEE BREAK**

## SESSION UPDATE

16:45 | 17:30

Moderator

**Ms Robyn Curnow**, *Broadcaster, foreign correspondent and speaker, U.S.A and South Africa*

**UPDATE ON OUR OCEAN CONFERENCE - BUSAN, 2025**

**Mr KIM Sungbum**, *Deputy Minister for Marine Policy Office, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea*

**UPDATE ON THE ONE OCEAN SCIENCE CONGRESS 2025**

**Mr François Houllier**, *President and Chief Executive officer, Ifremer & Co-chair of the One Ocean Science Congress, France*

**UPDATE ON THE 3RD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE OCEAN**

**H.E. Mr Olivier Poivre d'Arvor**, *Special Envoy of the French President for the United Nations Ocean Conference*

## CLOSING ADDRESS

17:30 | 17:40

**Mr Robert Calcagno**, *Chief Executive Officer, Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco*

**Mr Olivier Wenden**, *Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco*

17:40

**END OF THE 16TH MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE**



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