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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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08h00 | 09h00

Welcome coffee  
Networking

09h00 | 09h10

Welcome address by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

09h10 | 10h30

Impact keynote  
Panel 1

#### PANEL 1

### The Ocean agenda after 2025: Staying the course, breaking the gridlock

- The session will unpack how the 2025 international milestones have reconfigured the ocean governance architecture, with a focus on what is materially changing for implementation across institutions, sectors and geographies.
- It will critically examine where political alignment and financial flows are genuinely accelerating, and where systemic inertia, fragmented mandates or geopolitical tensions continue to constrain progress.
- The discussion will aim to delineate a credible course of action towards 2030, identifying priority leverage points in a landscape increasingly shaped by competing global agendas.

**Speakers** will be announced soon

10h30 | 11h15

Group photo  
Coffee break

11h15 | 12h15

Political Keynote  
Panel 2

## PANEL 2

### Governing and financing the ocean in a fragmented world

- The panel will explore how overlapping and sometimes inconsistent governance frameworks are translating into operational constraints or opportunities for both public authorities and private investors.
- It will assess how regulatory uncertainty and geopolitical fragmentation are being priced into investment decisions, affecting capital allocation, risk management and long-term planning across ocean sectors.
- Particular attention will be given to high-exposure geographies and ecosystems, where governance gaps intersect with acute climate and biodiversity pressures, requiring more targeted and coordinated responses.

**Speakers** will be announced soon

12h15 | 14h00

Networking lunch, Standing buffet format

14h00 | 15h40

Keynote update  
Panel 3

## PANEL 3

### High Seas: The BBNJ agreement faces the test of implementation

- The discussion will take stock of the immediate implications of the BBNJ Agreement's entry into force, with a focus on the institutional, legal and operational steps required ahead of COP1.
- It will examine how to structure the end-to-end process of high seas MPA designation and management, from scientific identification to governance arrangements and sustainable financing mechanisms.
- The session will also address implementation risks, including political deadlock and capacity gaps, while exploring the enabling role of advanced data systems, monitoring technologies and emerging tools.

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## Thematic workshops on BBNJ: from agreement to implementation

These workshops will focus on the implementation challenges of the BBNJ Agreement in the lead-up to its first Conference of the Parties (“Ocean COP 1”), scheduled for January 2027.

- The role of technology, data, and artificial intelligence
- Impacts and adaptation for the private sector
- The high seas and deep seabed ecosystems
- BBNJ in the Mediterranean
- Priority areas and science-based approaches
- Lessons learned from other international agreements
- Implementation, compliance, and enforcement
- Financing the Agreement

15h40 | 16h30

Coffee break

16h30 | 17h30

### Closing session

Political keynote

Workshop wrapup in a fireside-style on-stage discussion between the moderators.

17h30 | 19h00

Private tour of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

Free time

19h00 | 22h00

MBI-BEFF networking cocktail reception in the

Aquarium of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

Registration desks open to BEFF’s participants for badges collection

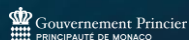
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