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08h00 | 09h00

Welcome coffee

09h00 | 09h15

Introduction and welcome to the Monaco Blue Initiative

09h15 | 10h30

Welcome address by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco  
Impact keynote  
Panel 1: Opening

PANEL 1

**The post-2025 ocean agenda:  
consolidating milestones and confronting blockages**

- 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

Keynote speech

10h30 | 11h15

Group photo

Coffee break

11h15 | 12h15

Panel 2: high level

## 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 | 16h00

## PANEL 3

### BBNJ and high seas MPAs – looking ahead

- 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 by table

One moderator per table and a roaming “Master Moderator” moving throughout the room

- The role of technology, data and AI
- Impacts and adaptation for the private sector (shipping, tourism, fisheries)
- High seas and the deep sea
- BBNJ in the Mediterranean
- Priority areas and science
- Lessons learned from other international bodies
- Implementation, enforcement and control
- Financing BBNJ

16h00 | 16h45

Coffee break

16h45 | 17h30

Fireside chat: workshop wrap-up & closing addresses

17h30 | 19h00

Private tour of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco  
Free time

19h00 | 23h00

MBI-BEFF networking cocktail reception in the  
Aquarium of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

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