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SUNDAY, 17 MARCH

OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO

19:00 | 21:30

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

Welcome address

Cocktail reception with standing buffet

MONDAY, 18 MARCH

OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO

9:15 | 9:30

WELCOME ADDRESS

by **HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco**

SESSION #1

9:30 | 10:45

OCEAN PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE – SUCCESS STORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PAST 15 YEARS, AND GOALS FOR THE DECADE TO COME

This session will take stock of the progress made over the last 15 years in favor of a better-recognized and better-preserved Ocean (IPCC Special Report, BBNJ Agreement, Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Agreement on harmful fisheries subsidies, creation of Marine Protected Areas) and set the course for priority actions to be taken in the coming decade to face emerging challenges (protection of the Southern Ocean, deep-sea mining, etc.).

KEYNOTE SPEECH: The Hon. Mr Jean-François Ferrari, Designated Minister and Minister for Fisheries and the Blue Economy, The Republic of Seychelles

Moderation

Dr Sebastian Troeng, Executive Vice President, Conservation Partnerships, Conservation International, Belgium

Panelists

Ms Minna Epps, Director Global Marine and Polar Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Switzerland | **Prof Enric Sala,** Explorer in Residence, National Geographic, U.S.A. | **Dr David Obura,** Chair, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services | **Dr Mahlet Naomi Mesfin,** Deputy Assistant Secretary for Ocean, Fisheries and Polar Affairs, Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S.A.

Dialogue with participants

10:45 | 11:05

GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK

SESSION #2

- 11:05 | 11:10 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: Mr Sun Shuxian**, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources, and Director General of the State Oceanic Administration, People's Republic of China (Video message)
- 11:10 | 11:20 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: H.E. Mr António Costa Silva**, the Minister of Economy and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Portugal
- 11:20 | 11:30 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: Ms Charlina Vitcheva**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission, Belgium
- 11:30 | 12:35 — **A SUSTAINABLE AND REGENERATIVE BLUE ECONOMY - THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DRIVE THE SHIFT TOWARDS A RESILIENT OCEAN**
Major players from the world of business and finance will share their experience in reconciling economic activities and ocean preservation, and their vision of a blue economy that respects - and regenerates - marine ecosystems and the communities who rely on them.
- Moderation** — **Mr Alexis Grosskopf**, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Hub Africa & Edinburgh Ocean Leader, South Africa
- Panelists** — **Dr Bud Darr**, Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, Mediterranean Shipping Company Group, Switzerland | **Ms Anne-Laurence Roucher**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Head of Private Equity & Natural Capital, Mirova, France | **Mr Francesco Prazzo**, General Manager, Monaco and Global General Managers Head, SBM offshore | **Ms Sylvie Goulard**, Co-Chair, International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits and Professor of practice, Bocconi University, Milano, Italy, Former Second Deputy Governor at Banque de France | **Mr Olivier Le Nézet**, President of the Comité national des pêches maritimes et des élevages marins, France
- **Dialogue with participants**
- 12:35 | 14:00 — **LUNCH**

SESSION #3

14:00 | 14:10 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: H.E. Mr Christos Stylianides**,
Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic

14:10 | 15:20 — **THE ROLE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
IN ACHIEVING 30X30**

This session will delve into the conditions for implementing and ensuring the success of the 30x30 roadmap (Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) in the Mediterranean, and in particular the role of Marine Spatial Planning and economic players.

Moderation — **Mr Maher Mahjoub**, *Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature Mediterranean Cooperation Centre, Spain*

Panelists — **Ms Leila Chikhaoui**, *Minister of Environment, Tunisia and President of The MedFund* | **Mr Karmenu Vella**, *Former European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Advisor, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta* | **Ms Dona Bertarelli**, *Philanthropist, Co-Chair, Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy, Switzerland* | **Mr François Houllier**, *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ifremer, France* | **Dr Alessio Satta**, *Executive Director, WWF Mediterranean & Lead of the Mediterranean Marine Initiative, Italy*

Dialogue with participants

15:20 | 16:00 — **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION UPDATE

16:00 — **UPDATE ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON DEEP SEA MINING**

Mr Elie Jarmache, *Former member of the Legal and Technical Committee of the International Seabed Authority, 2012-2022, France*

UPDATE ON THE PLASTIC TREATY

Ms Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, *Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution, Kenya*

UPDATE ON THE AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES SUBSIDIES

Mr Yuvan Beejadhur, *Senior Adviser to Director-General Okonjo-Iweala, World Trade Organization*

UPDATE ON OUR OCEAN CONFERENCE 2024

Dr Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, *Greek Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Our Ocean Conference 2024 Coordinator*

UPDATE ON THE 2025 UN OCEAN CONFERENCE

H.E. Mr Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, *Special Envoy of the President of France for the UN Ocean Conference*

CLOSING ADDRESS

17:00 | 17:15 — **Mr Robert Calcagno**, *Chief Executive Officer, Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco*

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

17:15 — **END OF THE 15TH MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE**

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