



THE ONE PLANET SUMMIT FOR THE OCEAN

9, 10, 11 FEBRUARY 2022



A SUMMIT

TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR THE OCEAN

The ocean covers more than 70 % of the surface of our planet, yet too often remains on the sidelines of international events, including those dedicated to the climate and biodiversity. The ocean is a regulator of major environmental balances, a provider of resources, an important enabler of trade, and an essential link between countries and human communities. However, it is now being seriously threatened by the effects of climate change, pollution and the overexploitation of marine resources.

The time is now ; we must do our utmost to avoid reaching a point of no return in the degradation of oceans.

That is why, at the initiative of the President of the Republic, on 9-11 February 2022 an international summit on the ocean will be held in Brest. It will give a strong impetus to the international agenda on maritime challenges, in particular to finalize the multilateral negotiations that impact the ocean and provide material for the UN Ocean conference that will take place in Lisbon in late June 2022. Without dwelling on speeches, we need to take action

and make tangible commitments on our shared responsibility to the ocean, a common good, to raise the collective level of ambition of the international community.

This first One Ocean Summit (OOS) is being prepared in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank, as well as many public, private and civil society partners. Organized in the context of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, it will be an opportunity for the EU to reassert its key role as a balancing power in the international governance of the ocean, the improvement of knowledge about the ocean and the development of a sustainable blue economy.

A SUMMIT

TO MOBILIZE THE « INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNITY »

On 9 and 10 February, more than thirty events will be held ahead of the high-level segment. They will form a creative symposium to expand the action plans for the ocean and reawaken hope and ambition, by mobilizing all the key stakeholders : scientists, practitioners, multilateral players, government leaders and local governments, ensuring parity, geographical diversity and the inclusion of young people. This major international debate on the ocean will allow us to share knowledge and combine our approaches, in particular by incorporating climate change, in order to better anticipate ocean crises and technological, scientific and environmental transformations.

There will be around ten workshops at the One Ocean Summit, and these will offer avenues to take tangible action against the major maritime challenges, such as governance, science, the conservation of ocean resources, blue economy and finance, sustainable tourism, and mobilizing young people. Three of them will focus on specific areas : Europe, the Mediterranean and polar oceans. Each of the workshops will be held in hybrid format and run for two hours.

They will be written up on in a report and recommendations will be made to leaders during the political segment of 11 February.

Other events will enhance this programme, which will bring together more than 700 speakers and participants at the international level. They will include meetings of elected representatives of major coastal cities, port authority officials and key international stakeholders and museums of maritime heritage. A global university on the ocean will be organized at the initiative of the Campus Mondial de la Mer in Brest.

A SUMMIT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE THREATS TO THE OCEAN

The high-level segment of the One Ocean Summit will be held on 11 February. It will bring together a small but determined group of Heads of State and Government, leaders of multilateral institutions, business leaders, and civil society policymakers making ambitious commitments. Several important initiatives will be launched there.

Protecting maritime resources and biodiversity

The One Ocean Summit will provide the opportunity to help protect and regenerate the ocean, combining climate, biodiversity and ocean agendas. In particular, it should enable the creation or strengthening of the global network of protected marine areas, based on science, especially in the most sensitive regions, for example the south and tropical seas and the Mediterranean. It will launch a political initiative calling for a swift and ambitious conclusion to the UN negotiations on biodiversity in the high seas (the « biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction » or BBNJ treaty). The summit will also provide tangible measures for the protection of vulnerable marine species.

The event in Brest should also serve the goal of sustainable fishing. It aims to strengthen the legal instruments that help combat illegal, undeclared and unregulated fishing (IMO Cape Town Agreement on fishing vessel safety and the FAO Port State Measures Agreement) and develop fishing activity surveillance and transparency tools, in particular in the high seas and in protected regions.

Combating pollution, especially from plastic

The impact of human activities on the ocean often originates on land, and this concerns the entire global population and the hydrosphere. Protecting marine ecosystems also means transforming our modes of production and consumption. The One Ocean Summit will aim to accelerate the fight against plastic pollution, in particular by promoting governments' action to reduce plastic use and ensure management that is compatible with the principles of the circular economy, and by supporting the start of talks to adopt an international treaty on plastics.



An ocean of solutions to tackle climate change

While marine ecosystems and coastal areas will be highly affected by climate change, the ocean is also a source of solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the new carbon-neutral economy. The summit at Brest will provide an opportunity to promote the decarbonization of maritime transport, by accelerating investment, promoting a European environmental excellence label and regional initiatives to contribute to the alignment of this activity with the Paris Climate Agreement goal and the future international framework on biodiversity. New initiatives by public and private stakeholders will speed up investment in the protection and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems, helping mitigate climate change and improve coastal resilience to the effects of climate change.

Advancing ocean governance

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary this year of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed at Montego Bay, the ocean continues to be a new frontier for the expansion of cooperation and international law, and the theater of rising tensions. The summit at Brest must be an opportunity to revive the ambition of shared governance of the high seas and, more broadly, of cooperation for the sustainable management of maritime areas and activities.

MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

9:00-9:15

ONE OCEAN SUMMIT OPENING

9:15-10:45 Workshop

Ocean governance
responding to change

9:15-10:45 Forum

Achieving better
coordination of the
EU Vessels Fleet at the
service of Research

11:00-12:30 Workshop

Sustainable Tourism
in the Blue Economy

11:00-12:30 Forum

One Ocean Science at
the heart of the Ocean
Momentum

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 Workshop

Polar Oceans

14:00-17:00 Forum

The Ocean : one cultural
heritage

16:00-17:30 Workshop

What and whom are
we protecting ?

18:00-19:30 Workshop

Mediterranean 2030

18:00-19:30 Forum

Maritime industry and
sustainable sea

THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY

9:00-10:30 Workshop

The science we need for
the ocean we want

9:00-10:30 Forum

Greening Maritime
corridors

11:00-12:30 Workshop

The ocean provider
in 2030

11:00-12:30 Forum

Women voices for
the Ocean

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:30 Workshop

Invest in blue

14:00-15:30 Forum

Sea-Ties : Cities and
territories tackling
sea level rise

16:00-17:30 Workshop

Educate to the sea,
Ocean for youth

16:00-17:30 Forum

Port Cities' green
transition

18:00-19:30 Workshop

A Europe of the Ocean

18:00-19:30 Forum

Hey, Sailor!
A call to the Sea

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY

10:30-13:30

ONE OCEAN SUMMIT High level segment

13:30 - 15:00 LUNCH

15:30-17:00

Parliaments' Forum

15:30-17:00

Coastal Regions' Forum