

14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



The UN Ocean Conference 2017: Trade-related aspects of SDG 14

UNCTAD Briefing on the Fisheries regulatory
framework at the multilateral level

Geneva, 20 March 2017



The Ocean Conference



- * **Main theme:**

Our oceans, our future: partnering for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

- * **Key objective:**

Support the implementation of SDG14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

- * **Dates and venue:**

5 to 9 June 2017, United Nations Headquarters, New York
To be kick-started by World Environment Day on 5 June

Official events



- * 8 plenary meetings
- * 7 partnership dialogues
- * special event commemorating World Oceans Day on 8 June

Parallel events and activities:

- * Side events
- * Exhibitions
- * Off-site events
- * Ocean village

Expected outcomes



1. **"Call for Action"** - A concise, focused, intergovernmentally agreed declaration by consensus.
2. Co-chairs' summaries of **seven partnership dialogues**.
3. List of **voluntary commitments** for the implementation of SDG 14.

Ocean Conference Registry of Commitments:

<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/>

Call for Action



1. Very concise, action-oriented and easy to understand, capturing common vision for the future and actions needed to preserve world oceans and sustain oceans' economy.
2. A Zero Draft was prepared under the responsibility of the Co-facilitators (Singapore and Portugal) and is already available.
3. Intergovernmental consultations are on-going (20-22 March).

Themes for the partnership dialogues



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1. Addressing marine pollution.
2. Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems.
3. Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification.
4. **Making fisheries sustainable.**
5. **Increasing economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets.**
6. Increasing scientific knowledge, and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology.
7. Enhancing the conservation **and sustainable use of oceans and their resources** by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Voluntary Commitments



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Register Voluntary Commitment for implementation of Goal 14

BASIC INFORMATION

Title/name of voluntary commitment

Lead entity name

Lead entity type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> United Nations entity | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Major groups & other stakeholders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental organization (NGO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil society organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific community | <input type="checkbox"/> Private sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Other relevant actor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | | | |

CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

First name	<input type="text"/>
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Description of voluntary commitment (objectives, implementation methodologies, follow-up mechanisms, governance, etc) up to 500 words

Ocean basins targeted by commitment (multiple options, optional)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Global | <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Pacific | <input type="checkbox"/> North Atlantic | <input type="checkbox"/> South Atlantic | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean |

Deliverables

Please add at least one, and up to four, tangible and time based deliverable(s).

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Resources mobilized towards commitment

Type of resource	Details
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<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/register/>

Some trade-related issues raised at the Preparatory Committee in February 2017



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1. Enabling sustainable fisheries and the transitioning to a blue/oceans economy in developing countries, specially in SIDS and LDCs;
2. Address fishery subsidies and phasing-out of IUU fishing in light of SDG 14.6 and 14.4, respectively;
3. Working *in tandem* with the WTO on discussions on fishery subsidies;
4. Call for ratification of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement (2009);
5. Explore options to expand access to markets and resources, especially by SIDS and LDCs; and
6. Recognition of UNCTAD's work on sustainable fisheries, as fishery products are main exports for 14 LDCS and SIDS.

Cross-cutting issues



1. The “fundamental” role of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
2. Effective partnerships and voluntary commitments;
3. Education and awareness raising;
4. Coordinated, coherent and integrated approaches at all levels; and
5. The need for increased scientific research, data collection and data sharing, including to support decision making.

Advisory Group of the Co-conveners (Fiji and Sweden)



7 Informal Preparatory Groups:

1	Marine Pollution including from land based activities	14.1
2	Sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems and strengthening resilience	14.2
3	Climate change, ocean acidification and impact reduction on marine biodiversity and ecosystems (Cross cutting)	14.3
4	Sustainable management of fisheries and the elimination of fisheries subsidies that contribute to overfishing and IUU. Also recognizing the need to provide market access for small-scale artisanal fishers.	14.4, 14.6, 14.b
5	Marine Protected Areas and effective management plans	14.5
6	Blue growth and increasing economic benefits for SIDS and LDCs from the sustainable use of marine resources including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.	14.7,
7	Means of Implementation including financial resources, capacity building and technology transfer and enhance conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS.	14.a, c

IPWG-4 (Targets 4,6 and b) outcomes



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UNCTAD and FAO worked as co-conveners of this informal working group, which involved more than 20 international leading experts from IGOs, CSOs, academic institutions, WTO, UNEP, FAO and UNCTAD.

Outcome report launched today presents:

- * Main trends
- * Challenges, gaps & opportunities
- * Proposals on new partnerships
- * Recommendations
- * Future actions to accelerate the implementation of relevant targets of SDG 14

<http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ditc-ted-210317-Fish-Summary-Documents-UNCTAD-v9.pdf>

