

## PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- The 3rd High Level Conference of the Blue Belt Initiative-7th and 8th October
- The African consultation in preparation for the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference

### The 3rd High Level Conference of the Blue Belt Initiative – 7th and 8th of October

The conference, themed “Building a Foundation to Boost Blue Food and Jobs under a Blue economy Development Approach”, is organized by The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, and Water and Forest in partnership with the World Bank.

This 2 days event will begin with a scientific day on Monday 7th, covering various topics under the Blue Food and Blue Jobs scope. Insights from these discussions will form the basis for the ministerial meeting on Tuesday, October 8th.

Please confirm your registration on:

<https://bluebeltinitiative.com/participation/>

- **Monday October 7th (Day 1)**  
**Scientific Conference: The imperative of scientific knowledge on marine and coastal ecosystems to accelerate Blue food and jobs in Africa.**

This day will be dedicated to discussing and addressing various themes of blue food and jobs from a scientific and practical perspective. The focus will be on identifying challenges, exploring opportunities, and outlining concrete solutions and pathways based on scientific research and expert diagnosis and recommendations to enhance the development of blue food and jobs.

#### **Agenda: (detailed agenda provided in the concept note)**

09h00-10h00 Welcoming remarks

10h00-11h00 Status of Blue Economy in coastal African countries

11h00-11h15 : Coffee break

11h15-12h15 Unlocking the potential of Blue Food through scientific innovation under the blue economy development approach

12h15-13h15 Exploring high-growth Blue Economy sectors for job creation and workforce development in Africa

13h15-14h15 : Lunch break

14h15-15h15 Addressing challenges: towards building a resilient, climate-ready Africa

15h15-16h15 Fueling Blue Food and Jobs: Advancing Sustainable Growth through Regional Tools, Cooperation, Science-Based Mechanisms, and Policy for the Sustainable Use and Exploitation of Africa's Ocean

16h15-16h30 : Coffee break

16h30-17h30 Financing blue food and jobs projects and programs in Africa

17h30-18h30 Recommendations and closing remarks

**Format:**

The day is composed of 6 thematic sessions, each lasting 60 minutes.

Keynote speakers will introduce each topic, setting the stage for the roundtable discussions. Experts and scientists will deliver analytical presentations and case studies throughout these sessions. Following this, they will engage in dialogue to extract and convey the core messages, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of each topic.

**Technical guidelines for the contributions:**

- Each contribution should last less than 8 minutes/speaker
- If you have PowerPoint presentations, please make it concise ( 6 slides maximum) and provide us the presentations or the content you want to showcase before Sunday 6th October at 10am.

Kindly forward them to the following email addresses

- communication@inrh.ma ;
- rajaabelfaqih@gmail.com;
- nkassali@worldbank.org.

**Conference Venue:**

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**Interpretation:**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

**Social media:**

We are recommending using the following hashtags for your social media posts:

#BBI3 #BlueBeltInitiative #BlueEconomy #BlueJobs #BlueFood  
#OceanScience

**• Tuesday October 8th (Day 2)****Ministerial Segment dialogue of the BBI High-level Conference: Demands and oriented solutions to accelerate Blue Food and Jobs in Africa**

This day will highlight countries' contributions, potentials, and challenges in implementing blue food and jobs. It will provide an opportunity to accelerate south-south and multilateral cooperation. Under the Blue Economy strategy, a common declaration to promote blue food and jobs in Africa is expected

It is an opportunity to exchange on demands and potential oriented solutions adapted to African regions and countries to provide blue food and create blue jobs, considering the status of the oceans and the status of the Blue Economy in Africa. The solutions will concern mechanisms of cooperation and financial mobilization, in order to support science, governance policy and blue transformation in Africa.

**Agenda: (detailed agenda provided in the concept note)**

10h00- 10h45 Opening remarks

10h45 - 11h45 Session 1

- Expert Remarks on Science and Data
- Ministerial speeches

11h45- 12h35 Session 2

- Expert Remarks on Governance and policy
- Ministerial speeches

**12h35-12h50** Official ceremony: Restitution of scientific survey In Benin and Liberia

**12h50-14h30** Lunch break

**14h30-15h30** Session 3

- Expert Remarks on Finance
- Ministerial speeches

**15h30-16h30** Session 4

- Expert Remarks on Cooperation
- Ministerial speeches

**16h30-17h00** Recommendations and closing remarks

**Format:**

The day is composed of four expert-led panels will addressing key cross-cutting topics on implementing specific targeted solutions tailored to African context. The sessions will explore strategies to advance the Blue Economy with a focus on blue food and jobs creation. High-level keynote speakers deliver experts' and scientists' recommendations to set the scene for each panel, followed by ministerial speeches to further shape the dialogue.

**Technical guidelines for the contributions:**

- The contributions of Head of Delegations should last 8min
- All the speeches should be sent before Sunday 6th October at 10am. Kindly forward them to the following email addresses
  - communication@inrh.ma ;
  - rajaabelfaqih@gmail.com;
- Contributions can be in 5 languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese or Arabic.

**Conference Venue:**

Madina Conference Venue at Hilton Tangier Al Houara Resort and Spa

**Interpretation:**

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## The African Consultation in Preparation for the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference- 9th October

The Kingdom of Morocco, with substantive support of the United Nations, is organizing an African consultation in preparation for the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference on the 09th of October 2024 in Tangier, to ensure Africa voices are heard in the global dialogue. This consultation aims to align African member States priorities with the global agenda, create African momentum, while strengthening inclusive governance of marine spaces and taking into account the specificities of Africa, as well as uniting continental efforts to address crucial ocean issues collectively and effectively. This represents a strategic opportunity for Africa, for sustainable and inclusive development, and a profound reform of cooperation mechanisms towards greater solidarity.

**Please confirm your participation on:**

<https://africatounoc3.com>

**Agenda: (detailed agenda provided in the concept note)**

10h00-11h00 Opening Ceremony

11:00-12:00

- Session 1: Ocean Governance and Policy Frameworks
- Head of delegation declarations
- Messages of African experts and scientists

12:05-13:00

- Session 2: Science-Based Decision-Making and Research
- Head of delegation declarations

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:30

- Session 3: Cooperation and Financing Mobilization
- Head of delegation declarations
- Youth in Action: Messages from African Youth.

15:35 - 16:30

- Session 4: Capacity Development and Stakeholder Engagement.
- Head of delegation declarations

16:35-17:00 Closing Session

**Format:**

The day will consist of four expert-led sessions addressing key themes. High-level keynote speakers will provide recommendations to set the scene, followed by ministerial speeches. Ministerial speeches should address key messages, challenges, and priorities to be presented at the United Nations Ocean Conference.

**Themes:****1. Ocean Governance and Policy Frameworks**

Strengthening effective policies for sustainable ocean management within the framework of the emerging blue economy in Africa.

**2. Science-Based Decision Making and Research**

Promoting research and data-driven approaches to inform policies and practices for ocean conservation and management.

**3. Cooperation and Financing Mobilization**

Fostering cooperation and partnerships, promoting integrated solutions as well as mobilizing financial resources to support sustainable ocean best practices and to prevent marine pollution.

**4. Capacity Development and Stakeholder Engagement**

Enhancing skills, knowledge, and participation of local communities and stakeholders (including non-governmental organizations, Youth, ...) in ocean-related initiatives.

**Technical guidelines for the contributions:**

- The contributions of Head of Delegations should last 5mins
- All the speeches should be sent before Sunday 6th October at 10am. Please kindly send us at: [Communication@inrh.ma](mailto:Communication@inrh.ma) ; [Rajaabelfaqih@gmail.com](mailto:Rajaabelfaqih@gmail.com);
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**Interpretation:**

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**Social media:**

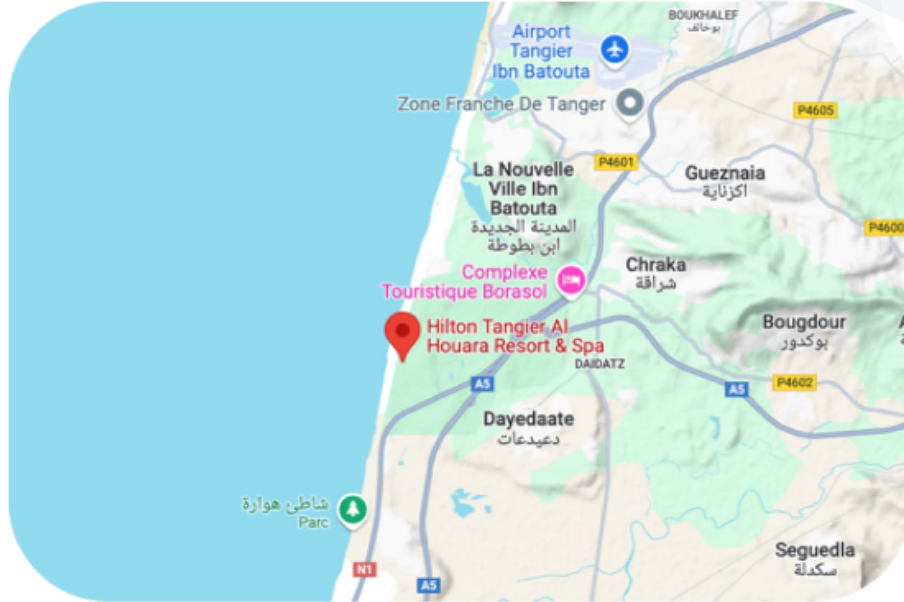
We are recommending using the following hashtags for your social media posts:

[#AfricatoUNOC3](#) [#UNOC](#) [#OceanAction](#) [#LifeBelowWater](#) [#SDG14](#)

# LOGISTICAL GUIDELINES

## Location:

Hilton Houara Resort and Spa, Tangier, Morocco



## Arrival and Transportation:

Upon arrival at the airport (Casablanca Mohammed V, Rabat, or Tangier), a representative will be on-site near an event roll-up banner to assist you in arranging transportation to the hotel, including options like private vehicles, vans, or a transfer to the TGV train station.

The event organizer will handle all transfers between the airport and hotel, both for your arrival and departure.

## Airport Contact:

Mr. Mohammed Jellal: +212 6 74 90 83 51

## Accommodation:

Participants will stay at the Hilton Houara Hotel in Tangier.

Upon arrival at the hotel, a dedicated team will be available to assist you with any needs.

For departure arrangements, please contact the accommodation team, who will coordinate with the transfer manager to organize your return transportation.

## Hotel Contact:

Mrs. Soukaina Zizah: +212 6 61 38 04 69

Mrs. Hanane Meziat: +212 6 61 33 43 72

## Technical and IT Facilities :

Access to wireless internet will be available throughout the venue. Password will be provided at the location.

The consultation is a paper free event. A limited facility will be provided to delegates to print documents.