



Overview

The United Nations Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition is hosting the *High-Level Ocean of the Future Meeting* on the occasion of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. This meeting will take place on 23 September 2024 from 8:30-10:00 am at United Nations Headquarters (405 E 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017).

The United Nations Global Compact is convening heads of state, heads of UN agencies, ocean industry CEOs and the finance community to determine key enablers for the public and private sectors to deliver on sustainable ocean management and to support a sustainable ocean economy. The *High-Level Ocean of the Future Meeting* aims to strengthen the cooperation between the public and private sectors to ensure the protection and sustainable use of one of the world's greatest common goods and to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable ocean economy.

For more than two decades, the UN Global Compact has worked to build bridges between industry leaders, governments, NGOs and the UN. We know this collaboration can spur an ambition loop where bold government policies and private sector leadership reinforce each other to push action to the next level.

Context

A healthy and productive ocean is essential to all life on Earth. From the production of food, to the provision of energy, the ocean holds critically important solutions to help us fight the polycrises of climate change, biodiversity loss, health and poverty. A resilient ocean that is protected and well managed, provides the basis for a thriving sustainable ocean economy providing new employment opportunities and economic benefits. A systemic transformation is required to get there.

This session aims to strengthen cooperation among government representatives, heads of UN Agencies, academia and the private sector, who together will unpack some of the solutions in ocean-related industries. High level speakers will provide perspectives on what it will take - from a finance, policy, and innovation perspective - to achieve fully decarbonised shipping; sustainable deployment of 2000 GW capacity of offshore wind energy; six-fold sustainable increase of food production from the ocean, and ocean plans for 100 per cent sustainably managed marine resources by 2050.

Agenda

08:30-08:40	Welcome remarks from Sanda Ojiambo , Assistant-Secretary General and CEO of the United Nations Global Compact <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Role of private sector in driving a sustainable ocean economy at the heart of the SDG agenda, ambitions and expectations from UNGA
08:40-09:00 Energy	High level remarks on the role of the sustainable ocean economy in providing energy security around the globe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks from one government representative• Remarks from the European Commission• Remarks from 2-3 CEOs• Remarks from the Head of a UN Agency
09:00-09:25 Trade	High level remarks on the role of decarbonized shipping and green ports in providing trade security around the globe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks from one government representative• Remarks from 2-3 CEOs• Remarks from the Head of a UN Agency
09:25-9:50 Food	High level remarks on the role of sustainable blue food systems in providing food security around the globe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks from one government representative• Remarks from 2-3 CEOs• Remarks from the Head of a UN Agency
09:50-10:00	Closing Remarks