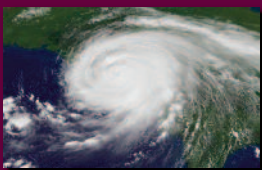




GLOBAL OCEANS CONFERENCE 2010

ADVANCING INTEGRATED OCEAN GOVERNANCE AT
NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL LEVELS

May 3–7, 2010, UNESCO, Paris, France

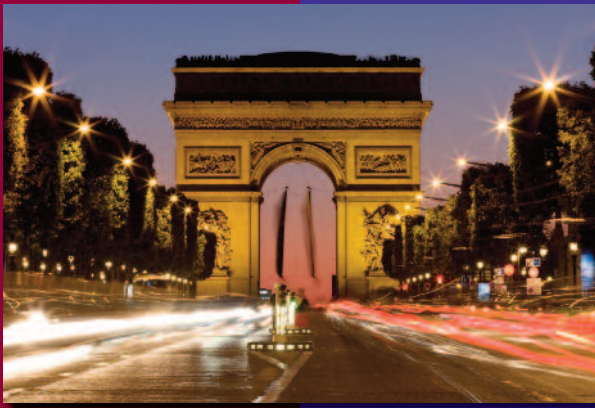


Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO
Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity 2010

The Global Oceans Conferences provide the major opportunity for all sectors of the global oceans community-- governments, international agencies, nongovernmental organizations, industry, and scientific groups-- to address the major policy issues affecting the oceans at global, regional, and national levels and to make progress in advancing the global oceans agenda.

2010 is a year of major importance for the world's oceans. It is the year when:

- Nations around the world are expected to have met major international targets set by the world's heads of state at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development:
 - applying integrated, ecosystem-based approaches to the governance of oceans and coasts
 - halting biodiversity loss by 2010
- The international community will be addressing the challenges and opportunities posed by the emerging international consensus on a new climate regime (as developed through the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Copenhagen, December 2009). Mitigation, adaptation, and financing issues will profoundly affect oceans, coasts, and Small Island States which are at the front line of climate changes.
- The international community will be celebrating 50 years of advancement of ocean science and policy through the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, also charting the agenda ahead.



Major Conference Themes

- Oceans, Climate and Security: Major Issues in Mitigation, Adaptation, and Financing
- Integrated Marine and Coastal Policies: Best Practices at National and Regional Levels
- Progress Markers in Achieving Integrated Ecosystem-Based Management by 2010, Including Linkages to Freshwater
- Marine Biodiversity (2010) and Networks of Marine Protected Areas (2012), and celebrating the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity
- Next Steps in Building Consensus on Integrated Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Enhancing United Nations Capacity to Respond to Cross-Cutting Issues in Ocean Governance
- Mobilizing to Support Capacity Development in Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Mobilizing the Public and the Private Sector for Global Ocean Stewardship

Conference Participants

- High-level national officials concerned with oceans and climate
- United Nations officials
- Leaders of Small Island Developing States
- Heads of regional ocean entities
- Leaders of international Non-Governmental Organizations
- Ocean and coastal policy experts
- Industry leaders
- Ocean scientists
- Leaders of museums and aquaria
- Media



Conference Organizers

Main Organizers

- Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands
- Global Environment Facility
- United Nations Development Programme
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO
- European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Government of France: Secrétariat Général de la Mer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, French Marine Protected Areas Agency, French National Assembly
- Government of the United States of America, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Government of Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Government of Indonesia, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
- Government of the Netherlands, Department of Nature
- Government of Vietnam, Vietnam Administration of Seas and Islands
- Lighthouse Foundation, Germany
- World Ocean Network
- NAUSICAA, Centre National de la Mer, France
- Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), France
- Commission Peripherique des Regions Maritimes, Europe (invited)
- The Nature Conservancy
- Luso-American Development Foundation, Portugal
- Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association, Tanzania
- World Ocean Observatory
- Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware, USA
- Centro EPOMEX, Centro de Ecologia, Pesquerias, y Oceanografia del Golfo de Mexico, Campeche, Mexico



Conference-at-a-Glance

May 3 and 4

Technical Symposium on Ocean Governance

Policy, science, and technical aspects of advancing integrated oceans governance and responding to climate change in oceans, coasts, and SIDS, including: A science and technology component of special relevance for the ocean/climate issues; reports from allied conferences; developments in public/private mobilization for global oceans stewardship

Welcome Reception, May 3

May 5

High-level National Officials Roundtable

The Roundtable will be organized by a developed and developing country, following up, in part, on the 2009 World Ocean Conference.

Meetings of Special Networks:

- The Ocean Parliamentarians
- Local and Regional Authorities

Meetings of Global Forum Working Groups

Reception, May 4

May 6 and 7

The Policy Conference

Plenary Sessions

Concurrent Policy Dialogues

Charting the Course for the Next Phase

Farewell Reception, May 7

Post-Conference Developments

Following the Global Conference 2010, leaders of the world's museums, aquaria, and other public outreach organizations will meet in the international gathering of the World Ocean Network at NAUSICAA in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.

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About the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands

The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands was first mobilized in 2001 to help the world's governments highlight issues related to oceans, coasts, and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on the agenda of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), and was later formalized at the WSSD in Johannesburg. The Global Forum is a response to perceived needs:

- for fostering cross-sectoral dialogue on ocean issues among governments, NGOs, international organizations, and the private and scientific sectors
- for constant advocacy for oceans at the highest political levels
- for taking an ecosystem-based and integrated approach to oceans governance at national, regional, and global levels

Since 2001, the Global Forum has involved ocean experts representing all sectors from 105 countries to advance the global oceans agenda by: 1) promoting the implementation of international agreements related to oceans, coasts, and SIDS, especially the goals emanating from the 2002 WSSD; 2) analyzing new emerging issues such as improving the governance regime for ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction and addressing the impacts of climate change; and 3) promoting international consensus-building on unresolved ocean issues.

The Global Forum has organized four Global Conferences (in 2001, 2003, and 2006 at UNESCO in Paris and in 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam); organized the Ocean Policy Summit in Lisbon in 2005 documenting experiences with integrated oceans governance in countries and regions around the world; prepared a number of "report cards" on the implementation of the WSSD ocean targets and of the 1994 Barbados Programme of Action for SIDS; reports on ocean issues in island states; reports on capacity development needs on ocean and coastal management in different world regions; and provided a series of Internet information services, including periodic newsletters.

In late 2006, the Global Forum began a strategic planning effort in collaboration with governments, United Nations agencies, NGOs, industry, and scientific groups, to advance the global oceans agenda over the ten-year period to 2016. Twelve Multinational Expert Working Groups, involving 254 experts from 72 countries, are considering the major global oceans issues, identifying strategic opportunities for advancing the global goal/target in the next decade, and recommending priority action steps for implementation by national and international decisionmakers.

See <http://www.globaloceans.org>