

## PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Organizations that fall under the following categories will be able to request registration to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference:

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC ( <u>Special, General or</u> <u>Roster consultative status</u> ). You can check if your organization has consultative status by checking <u>here</u> .
<ul> <li>Organizations that have received special accreditation by the General Assembly to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference (please, read more about Special Accreditation for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference below):         <ul> <li>a. Outcomes of the first round of Special Accreditation to the UN Ocean Conference (December 2019) can be found <u>here</u>.</li> <li>b. Outcomes of the second round of special accreditation to the UN Ocean Conference (April 2020) can be found <u>here</u>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Organizations that were accredited to any of the following past Conferences and Summits (please click on the links for details):         <ul> <li>a. <u>The World Summit on Sustainable Development</u>;</li> <li>b. <u>The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development</u>;</li> <li>c. <u>The 2017 high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;</u></li> <li>d. <u>The intergovernmental conference on an internationally legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction;</u></li> <li>e. Previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Only organizations that fall within the above categories will be able to request registration of participants for the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. ECOSOC accredited organizations whose statuses have been suspended by the UN NGO Committee will not be allowed to request registration to the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, irrespective of previous accreditation to past UN Conferences.

## SPECIAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations whose work is relevant to the Conference that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC, or that have not been accredited to any of the Conferences and Summits listed above, must apply for special accreditation by **28 February 2022**.

Learn more: <u>bit.ly/ParticipateOceanConference</u> Apply for Special Accreditation: <u>bit.ly/AccredOceanConference</u>

Accreditation applications can only be submitted on behalf of relevant organizations or entities. Applications by individuals are not accepted.

Applications can only be done through the dedicate online form available here.

All applications for special accreditation will be reviewed by the Secretariat before they are presented to the General Assembly for decision. Please note that important supporting documentation will be required, such as an annual report, proof of legal status and motivation letter – please allow enough time to provide all these.

Special accreditation is granted to organizations or entities by the General Assembly on a non-objection basis. Following the Assembly's approval, the Secretariat will notify all organizations that have received special accreditation. Once an organization or entity has received special accreditation, it will need to register to attend the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.

Non-governmental organizations and other entities in consultative status with the ECOSOC do not need to apply for special accreditation.