

PROGRAMME

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The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation at the UN Ocean Conference 2022



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The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation will participate in the 2nd United Nations Ocean Conference (UN Ocean Conference), co-organised by Portugal and Kenya. The Conference will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 27 June-1 July 2022, covering the overarching theme of "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions". We are pleased to announce our partnership in the following events and invite you to join us virtually, or in person in Lisbon.

Prior to the UN Ocean Conference

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Thursday, 16th June, 14h00

ONLINE EVENT

Sparknews Media capacity building webinar "The ocean-climate nexus: Let's take a dive in"

[Invitation only](#)

Webinar session designed to connect journalists with key experts and activists worldwide in the run-up to the UN Ocean conference. The session aims to spark interest in the media regarding the ocean issues and in taking a more constructive approach when covering the topic. The session will also focus on perspectives from a global network of journalists, reflecting on the challenges and opportunities associated with scientific reporting and public engagement on the ocean.

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Saturday, 25th June – Sunday, 26th June Morning

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

Workshop and Joint session "Meeting of the Scientific and Advisory Committee & meeting of the Initiative Governing Committee"

[Invitation only](#)

The CORDAP's Initiative Governing Committee, including representatives of the 17 G20 founding members and international organizations, such as UNEP, have decided to hold the first physical meeting of the Initiative Governing Committee and the Scientific and Advisory Committee in 2022 and do so in Lisbon in the days prior to the UN Oceans Conference, to have a strong presence at the conference.



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Sunday, 26th June, 15h00 – 16h30

PRAIA DE CARCAVELOS

ZSL OneLess Pollution Tracker Launch and Beach Clean Up

[Open Invitation](#)

Co-hosted by the EU Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and Oceano Azul, this event will see three tracker bottles (one named “Gulbenkian” tbc) being launched into the sea to track marine pollution. Includes a media briefing and speeches from ZSL (UK Branch partner) and a microplastic clean-up.

During the UN Ocean Conference

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All week long, 27th June – 1st July

PLANETARIUM

Blue carbon installation

The Gulbenkian Foundation – UK Branch supported the Blue Marine Foundation (BLUE) in the creation of the UK Blue Carbon Forum, a coalition of marine NGOs, policy makers and scientists focused on advancing domestic blue carbon climate solutions. The Foundation also funded BLUE’s immersive video installation at COP26 on blue carbon habitats, which is now on permanent display in the Gulbenkian Wing at the Lisbon Planetarium.

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All week long, 27th June – 1st July

CONFERENCE VENUE

Earth Journalism Network Ocean Media Fellowship Programme

[Invitation only](#)

The Earth Journalism Network (EJN) is a global network focused on enabling journalists from developing countries to report on environmental issues more effectively. The Gulbenkian Foundation – UK Branch is supporting EJN’s Fellowship programme to bring Lusophone and Anglophone media professionals from Global South countries to the UN Ocean Conference. The programme will build the journalists’ connections and capacity to report on ocean issues in and beyond their home countries. There has been huge interest in the programme: 120+ people applied from across the world and 10 were selected in 2020 through a highly competitive process.



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All week long, 27th June – 1st July

PORTUGUESE PAVILION, ONE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN, COMMS INC BOOTH

Ocean Visuals soft launch and stakeholder interviews

Free access with registration, [REGISTER HERE](#)

The Gulbenkian Foundation – UK Branch works with communications experts, including Communications Inc, and their networks of NGOs to deliver high impact, multi-stakeholder campaigns that spotlight the ocean's role in climate action and provoke international policy change. At UN Ocean Conference and throughout 2022, the UK Branch is supporting Communications Inc to raise awareness and accelerate ocean action through effective communications, including the launch of the Ocean Visuals photography competition to address the shortage of positive ocean imagery.

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Monday, 27th June, 12h15 – 13h00

PORTUGUESE PAVILION, ONE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN

Challenges & opportunities for start-ups in blue bioeconomy: The BlueBio Value experience

Free access with registration, [REGISTER HERE](#)

Blue Bio Value is a pioneer programme dedicated to bringing ocean-biobased, sustainable solutions to address the current climate, environmental and social challenges. This event, organized by Bluebio Alliance, will present the results achieved so far by the programme, showcasing the key role of Portugal in enabling the development of the blue bioeconomy as the richest country in Europe in terms of marine biodiversity, the raw materials fuelling the blue bioeconomy. The event will also focus on the potential of the Blue Bioeconomy in Portugal and worldwide, while giving the programme alumni startups the opportunity to share the main challenges of operating in the blue bioeconomy sector.

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Monday, 27th June, 16h45 – 18h00

PORTUGUESE PAVILION, ONE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN

Investing in the Portuguese blue carbon sink

Free access with registration, [REGISTER HERE](#)

Presentation and showcase of Gulbenkian Blue Carbon project that will map all marine and coastal ecosystems with the potential to sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in quantities greater than those of forests. Developed in partnership with CCMAR - Algarve University and ANP/WWF, the project will be the first in Portugal dedicated to offsetting the carbon footprint through blue carbon. This session marks the launch of the project and its public presentation within the framework of the UN Ocean Conference.



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Monday, 27th June, 18h15 – 23h00

SUD LISBOA

1000 Ocean Startups: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Networking Event

Free access with invitation, [REQUEST AN INVITATION HERE](#)

Event organised by 1000 Ocean Startups Coalition and Faber, bringing together the international and local community of startups, investors, accelerators and ecosystem partners driving ocean impact and climate action. The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation will participate in its capacity of one of the Blue Bio Value promoters, and be represented at this event by Filipa Saldanha, who will moderate the panel “How can Entrepreneurship Programs support startups for ocean impact”.

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Tuesday, 28th June, 18h30 – 21h00

CIÊNCIA VIVA COURTYARD

Conexões Oceânicas: Ocean Decade Networking Reception

Invitation only

This UN Ocean Decade event is an occasion for philanthropies, governments, non-profits, businesses, scientists, investors and other ocean stakeholders to come together to celebrate the achievements of the Ocean Decade and look together towards the future. A joint statement by the UN Ocean Decade Foundations Dialogue (called the ‘Bouknadel Statement’) will be announced at the event, highlighting the opportunities for global philanthropy in ocean action and inviting greater investment. The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a member of the Foundations Dialogue – a network of ocean-climate philanthropies – and is a signatory on the statement, and will support its wider dissemination.

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Wednesday, 29th June, 13h00 – 15h00

GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, AUDITORIUM 2

Art & Science: animating the voice of ocean science

Free access with registration, [REGISTER HERE](#)

Livestream available [HERE](#) with simultaneous interpretation (English / Portuguese)

The event will facilitate new conversations on links between art and the ocean, and the value of arts, culture, and effective communications in engaging the public on ocean-climate issues. The intuitive knowing that ocean is an interconnected whole is reflected in different cultures through the narrative of artistic expression. A parallel narrative in ocean science is evolving towards the recognition that social and natural sciences as well as alternative knowledge systems need to be coalesced to provide a foundation for governance of the Anthropocene ocean. How can the medium of art catalyse ocean advocacy and animate the voice of science to raise collective awareness of the need for action during the UN Decade of Ocean Science to ensure a sustainable ocean future?

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Wednesday, 29th June, 13h30 – 14h30

CONFERENCE VENUE, ALTICE ARENA, MEDIA CENTRE

Media capacity building

[Invitation only with Accreditation badge](#)

Sparknews brings together media stakeholders to provide training and promote solutions-focused environmental journalism. With the Gulbenkian Foundation's support, Sparknews has been working with journalists across the globe to understand the challenges in reporting on ocean scientific information and engaging the public. At the UN Ocean Conference, the Gulbenkian Foundation – UK Branch is working with Sparknews to inform more journalists and bring together media, scientists and NGOs to collaborate on potential solutions for these challenges on ocean journalism.

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Wednesday, 29th June, 14h30 – 16h00

GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, FOYER

Why are we not saving the ocean? Mainstreaming ocean-climate solutions through influence and engagement

[Invitation only](#)

Workshop discussion with funders and communications professionals in the ocean-climate space to progress support for strategic communications, public engagement and political influencing for ocean action. The event will promote the importance of investment in strategic communications, showcasing effective communication initiatives and collaboration with NGOs and policymakers in a joined message on ocean-climate action, as well as the role of foundations as catalysts and enablers of these initiatives.

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Wednesday, 29th June, 16h00 – 18h00

GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, AUDITORIUM 3

Ocean Innovators Platform

[Invitation only](#)

This event will connect decision makers, investors, and philanthropists with entrepreneurs, mobilizing an active community of economic actors interested in business opportunities related to ocean protection. Speakers include HSH Prince Albert II, Baroness Patricia Scotland, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, and Dona Bertarelli, UNCTAD Special Adviser for the Blue Economy.

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Wednesday, 29th June, 18h30 – 21h00
GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, 3RD FLOOR

Ocean Innovators Platform – Networking event

[Invitation only](#)

Networking event that will bring together funders, innovators, and other organisations to work on joint climate-ocean action initiatives and promote the best existing solutions and innovative approaches to increase the positive impact on the ocean globally. The event will also showcase the suite of Gulbenkian Foundation investments, programmes, and ocean-climate action approach through speeches from FCG representatives.

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Thursday, 30th June, 08h00 – 10h00
#SEATHEFUTURE RESTAURANT

Putting theory into practice: systems change as a tool for tackling ocean plastic pollution at source

[Free access with registration, REGISTER HERE](#)

Led by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), this panel event will bring together a diverse list of speakers and organisations with a broad portfolio of case studies, event, and tools looking at how ‘system change’ approaches at city, community, and business level can deliver scalable change. The event aims to encourage others in the conservation community and beyond to think about and adopt approaches that seek to change entire systems, and to create solutions that can be scaled and replicated across different geographical and social contexts and create the systemic change that is needed to speed up impact. The event will also present case studies, including the #OneLess campaign, which will help us achieve ocean-friendly cities.

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Thursday 30th June, 11h00 – 12h00
CIÊNCIA VIVA LIBRARY

Uncovering People’s Engagement with the Ocean: From Local to Global Perspective

[Invitation only](#)

Organised by Fundação Grupo Boticário and IOC-UNESCO, this event will launch the official results of a national survey carried out in Brazil to assess citizen’s engagement with the ocean. This innovative pilot survey will inform the implementation of the Ocean Decade communication strategy in Brazil and could offer a template for similar work in other countries. The event includes a roundtable discussion on the important of communication strategies to engage people with the ocean, including a speech from the Foundation’s UK Branch.

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Thursday, 30th June, 16h00 – 17h15

VENUE, ALTICE ARENA, ROOM 1

Blue Economy and Decarbonization to meet the climate crisis: An International Agenda Conference

[Free access with Accreditation badge](#)

Organised in partnership with Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the Portuguese Association for Business Ethics, and the Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere – IPMA, this event aims at reflecting about how to foster transatlantic cooperation for the blue economy and build an innovation ecosystem for the blue bioeconomy to promote decarbonization and sustainable growth.

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Thursday, 30th June, 19h00 – 21h30

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION, 3RD FLOOR

Garden Conversation for Corals

[Invitation only](#)

Closed-door event that will gather the Global Fund for Coral Reefs, UNEP, ICR (International Coral Reefs Society) and CORDAP (Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform).