

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

Preparatory Meeting

15-16 February 2017, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Logistic Note for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders

Venue and Programme

The preparatory meeting of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development – **The Ocean Conference** - will be held on 15 and 16 February 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room 4 (located in the basement of the UN building). Conference Room 3 will serve as an overflow room. The meeting will be webcast at webtv.un.org.

A detailed programme and other related information are available on the Conference website at: <https://oceanconference.un.org/preparatoryprocess>

Access to the UN premises

Registered stakeholder participants already in possession of a valid UN Grounds Pass can proceed directly to the meeting rooms after having passed through the UN security screening at 46th street and 1st avenue.

Registered participants *without* a UN Grounds Pass will be issued temporary 2-day event passes by the Conference Secretariat. These temporary event passes can be collected at the UN Pass and ID office (320 East 45th Street) **from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 14 February 2017, and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on 15 and 16 February 2017. Please bring your confirmation letter and government issued photo ID to pick up the event pass.**

Please note that all participants in possession of either a valid UN grounds pass or a temporary event pass will be required to go through security screening at the UN Visitors' Entrance at 46th street and 1st avenue to enter the building. The entrance will be open as of 8:30 a.m. on 15 and 16 February 2017.

A dedicated Ocean Conference information desk is available inside the UN visitors' entrance lobby.

Seating and speaking arrangements

There will be 12 seats with dedicated nameplates and microphones in Conference Room 4 for use by Major Groups and Other Stakeholders on a rotational basis. Each of the nine Major Groups will have a seat with a nameplate. In addition, 3 seats will be made available for other stakeholders. The use

of these seats will require special tickets that will be distributed during the Major Groups and Other Stakeholder morning meetings (for more information please see the relevant section below).

Additional seats for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders will be available in the gallery of Conference Room 4 on a first come first served basis. In addition, the proceedings can also be observed in Conference Room 3, which will serve as an overflow room.

There will be an opportunity for representatives of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders to make short and concise statements during the preparatory meeting sessions. All interventions should focus on the topics under consideration and not exceed 2 minutes. Those interested to make a statement are required to sign up using the following google form:

<http://bit.ly/2kvh681>

The co-facilitators will give the floor to speakers who have signed up to speak, subject to the availability of time. Preference will be given to statements that are made on behalf of groups of organizations. Please note that statements can only be made from one of the 12 seats with microphones for use by Major Groups and Other Stakeholders.

Major Groups and Other Stakeholder Morning Coordination Meetings

There will be morning coordination meetings for Major Groups and Other Stakeholders on 15 and 16 February 2017, from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., in Conference Room 12 (located in the basement of the UN building). These meetings will be used to share relevant information and provide updates to the participants. The meetings will also be used to distribute the special tickets for the 12 floor seats (1 for each Major Group and 3 for Other Stakeholders).

Side Events

A number of side events related to the preparatory meeting will be organized inside the UN premises from 14 to 16 February 2017. For a complete schedule please visit the Conference website. Please note that the temporary two-day event passes are not valid on 14 February 2017. If you do not hold a valid UN Grounds Pass but wish to attend a side event on 14 February, please contact the event organizers listed on the website for further information.

For additional information on logistical arrangements, please contact Ms. Nan Jiang (e-mail jiang2n@un.org, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations).