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About The Summit

The **MENA Oceans Summit** is the first dedicated forum in the MENA region focused on accelerating the pace of comprehensive clean ocean action, to conserve and restore ocean ecosystems, tackle climate change and ensure development of blue economies within sustainable frameworks. Convening on World Oceans Day and engaging under four key streams – **Blue Economy, Blue Governance, Blue Research, and Blue Collective**, the forum brings together a diverse range of stakeholders to address ocean health: **Day 1, 8th June**: global leaders, policymakers, researchers and the private sector who work at the forefront of clean ocean action will engage the audience through panel discussions and intense fireside chats on challenges, developments, and opportunities. **Day 2, 9th June**: the Blue Collective will be activated as an educational, awareness, and engagement platform; encouraging the youth and the wider community to be a part of critical dialogues and envision themselves as ocean ambassadors for save the ocean activities.

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MENA Oceans Summit Key Pillars

This summit is the first step in the lead-up to COP28, which intends to set the tone and pace for blue ocean actions through smaller working groups and the development of white papers documenting regional challenges, innovations and opportunities for ocean health initiatives.



ENGAGEMENT

Blue Economy

Billions of people depend on healthy oceans for their livelihoods, food security, health, and recreation. Under the Blue Economy stream, the focus lies on developing sustainable pathways for integrated development of sustainable ocean sectors, while prioritizing ocean health and marine resources management. This includes innovative Blue Finance schemes and strategies for mitigating the effects of unsustainable practices.



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Blue Governance

Policy and marine governance play a key role in fostering accountability amongst countries to ensure successful multilateral partnerships. This stream brings together leaders to discuss strengthening governance for an ocean conservation plan within and beyond national jurisdictions; promoting and facilitating joint scientific research; and establishing strict frameworks for blue economies.



ENGAGEMENT

Blue Science

Advancing research and scientific innovations helps tackle the impact of climate change and anthropogenic activities on marine and coastal ecosystems. Under the Research and Science stream we discuss key challenges like biodiversity loss, climate change, ocean plastic pollution, dead zones, and food insecurity as well as the outcomes of evidence-based innovative projects to address them.



ENGAGEMENT

Blue Collective

Engaging youth and communities through impact-driven awareness and educational sessions will prompt collective clean ocean action for ocean health. Take part in a curated masterclass, expand your knowledge by attending a Climate Fresk workshop – a gamified way to uncover the challenges, interlinkages, and solutions related to climate change -, or join us for a movie screening and a fireside chat with an inspiring clean oceans advocate!

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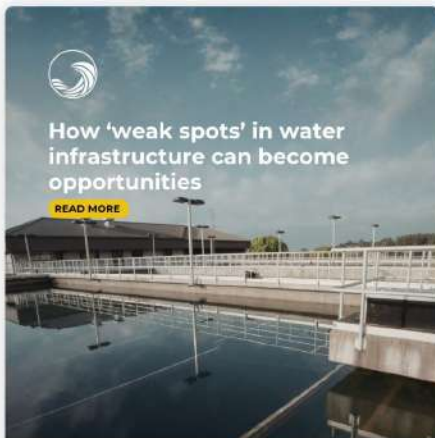


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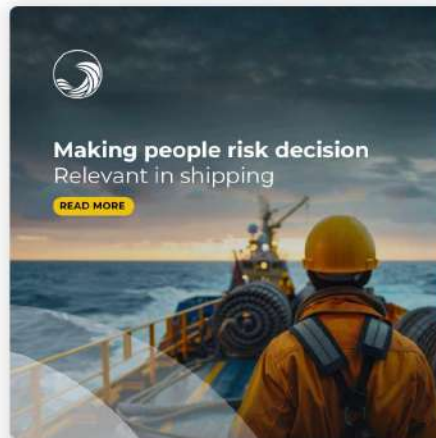


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