



Commemoration of the African Day of Seas and Ocean

25 July 2023

1400h-1530h UTC

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Theme: Sustainable Futures: Preserving African Seas and Oceans

Protecting the ocean is everyone's business – and so the responsibility of every African. The AU at its 22nd summit in January 2014, set a period from 2015 - 2025 as the 'Decade of African Seas and Oceans' and the date 25 July as the "African Day of Seas and Oceans".

In this regard, the IOC's Sub Commission for Africa & the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA) of UNESCO, the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Africa node and the Africa Union Commission are holding a virtual event in commemoration for the day.

Proposed Agenda

Time (UTC)	Activity	Responsible
1400-1413	Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Address by a high-level representative from the IOC UNESCO• Keynote Address from AUC- Blue Economy and Ocean Governance in Africa	Prof. Kouadio Affian, Chair IOCAFRICA AUC Rep
1413-1435	Presentations: Marine Resources Management and Conservation in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine Biodiversity Conservation & the role of ECOPs in Africa• Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture• African Indigenous Knowledge and Marine Heritage	Dr. Isah Elegbede Dr. George Uwem Ubong Ms Naya Sena
1435-1440h	Short video on the Decade in Africa	Moderators



1440-1445h	Presentations: Ocean Governance and Related Programs in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Economy and Ocean Governance in Africa • Updates and Ongoing Processes for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) in Africa 	<p>Ms. Barkha Mossae, AUC</p> <p>Dr. Jaqueline Uku, Africa OD Taskforce</p>
1445-1455	Discussions and Q&A	Moderators
1455-1500h	Short Talk	Clement Hochart: Founder Scoby Collective
1500h-1510h	Entertainment	Ndito Uforo Akwa Ibom Cultural Troupe
1510-1520h	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOPS Africa Node • IOCAFRICA 	<p>Antony Ndah, ECOP Africa Coordinator</p> <p>Mika Odido, IOCAFRICA Coordinator</p>
1520-1530	Summary of Key Outcomes and Next Steps	Moderators

Moderators: Sophia Laarissa, Promise Chris Nwachukwu and Edwin Mwashinga