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Ocean health: the lever for a sustainable and inclusive blue economy

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FOMACO, the leading voice for conservation in West Africa!

Every two years, the Regional Marine and Coastal Forum (FOMACO) brings together key stakeholders from West Africa's coastal and marine areas. As a flagship conservation event in the region, it provides a space for dialogue where policymakers, scientists, and communities jointly develop practical solutions for the oceans.

At each edition, more than 500 participants come together to share experiences, strengthen synergies, and build strong consensus and sustainable strategies in support of marine and coastal ecosystems.

FOMACO is an initiative of the Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone in West Africa (PRCM), in 2004.

A Multi-Stakeholder Forum

The Forum brings together a wide range of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, including:

- ✎ Policy makers and parliamentarians
- ✎ Private companies and financial sector
- ✎ Regional and international organizations
- ✎ Research institutes and universities
- ✎ NGOs and community-based actors
- ✎ Donors and funding partners

The 2026 edition: A crucial step towards a sustainable blue economy

Given the growing pressure on marine and coastal ecosystems, this edition places a strong emphasis on sustainable and regenerative development models that can restore habitats, support local communities, and drive responsible economic growth. The Forum provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, stimulate innovation, and co-create practical solutions, placing ocean health at the heart of regional strategies and public policies.



Themes and sub-themes

« Ocean health: the lever for a sustainable and inclusive blue economy »

- **Sub-theme 1:** Governance and integrated management of marine and coastal areas
- **Sub-theme 2:** Conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems
- **Sub-theme 3:** Nature-based solutions in response to global change
- **Sub-theme 4:** Sustainable, equitable, and resilient fisheries
- **Sub-theme 5:** Sustainable and innovative financing
- **Sub-theme 6:** Social and solidarity based blue economy

An exceptional venue for a unique gathering

The [Sheraton Hotel in Nouakchott](#), modern and welcoming, provides the ideal setting for large-scale events. It has been carefully designed to host the discussions and activities of the **12th edition of FOMACO**.

Designed spaces for exchange and impact

- High-level plenary sessions
- Thematic side events
- Technical workshops
- Regional exhibition
- Field visits and more

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