

**PROGRAM OF THE 12th EDITION OF THE REGIONAL COASTAL AND MARINE FORUM
27 to 30 April 2026, Palais des Congrès – Nouakchott**

Ocean Health: a Driver for a Sustainable and Inclusive Blue Economy

DAY TO DAY

Time	Room	Code	Title	Interpretation	Session Type	Speaker
DAY 1						
Monday, April 27, 2026						
08H30 - 10H30			FORUM OPENING CEREMONY 1. Seating of participants 2. Screening of a short video (3 min)	AR, EN, FR	PLENARY	
			3. - Welcome remarks and speeches			Welcome remarks – MEDD / Mauritania
						Remarks by the Executive Director of PRCM
						Remarks by the Commissioner in Charge of the Environment at UEMOA
						Official opening speech: host country

			4. Group photo			
			5. Visit to the Exhibition			
10H30 - 11H00	COFFEE BREAK					
11H00 - 13H00	ROOM A		PLENARY LEADERS CONFERENCE PANEL 1: Towards integrated, transparent and inclusive governance of fisheries resources	AR, EN,FR	PLENARY	<p>Ms. Virginia Pires Correia, Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy in Guinea-Bissau</p> <p>Mr. Audun Lem, President of the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FITI)</p> <p>Ms. Dylai Bel Habib, Expert in combating IUU Fishing at Ecotrust (Canada)</p> <p>Ms. Merete Tandstad, Coordinator FAO EAF-Nansen Programme</p> <p>Mr. Dawda Saine, Secretary General of the African Confederation of Artisanal Fisheries (CAOPA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mohamed Lemine Naffa, Advisor for Blue Economy at MPEM (Mauritania)</p>

						Rapporteurs: Mohamed Mahmoudh Yehdih & Khady Sané
13H00 - 14H30	LUNCH BREAK					
14H30 - 16H00	Round Room		PLENARY MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE (BY INVITATION)	AR, EN,FR	PLENARY	
	Room A	SE3	Integrated project model for professional, technical, and economic capacity building of vulnerable communities in Senegal: Case of the professional skills and youth employability project in environment		Side Event (SE)	Cegep de la Gaspésie et des Iles
	Room B	SE4	Building Climate Resilience Along the East Atlantic Flyway		Side Event (SE)	Common Waddensea Secretariat
	Room C	SE16	"Co-designing our blue future – A regional dialogue on the FUTURO initiative"	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
	Room D	SE22	Mangroves, communities, indigenous knowledge, inclusive governance: Natur'ELLES, a replicable coastal resilience model in West Africa	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	SOCODEVI

	RoomE	SE29	Strengthening the capacity of island, coastal and ocean stakeholders: spotlight on ICO Solutions tools and perspectives with the RETCAO project		Side Event (SE)	Conservatoire du littoral
	Room F	AT1	Ocean Planning Tools and Governance		Technical Workshop (TW)	Ezza Jiddou
	Room G	AT2	Policies and consultation framework for ocean management		Technical Workshop (TW)	Racine Kane
16H00 - 16H30	COFFEE BREAK					
	Round Room		PLENARY MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE (CONTINUED)	AR, EN, FR	PLENARY	
16H30 - 18H00	Room A	SE26	PIQAAO / A new regional technological platform for ecosystem monitoring and management		Side Event (SE)	Centre de Recherches Océanographiques de Dakar-Thiaroye (CRODT)
	Room B	SE1	From scientific data to community action: Towards an inclusive management of marine and coastal biodiversity for sustainable blue economy		Side Event (SE)	BirdLife International

Room C	SE36	Unlocking Blue Carbon for coastal NbS financing in West Africa: Certification and funding pathways	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	UICN
Room D	SE23	Female environmental leadership and climate agency: the PLEAC program as a catalyst for transforming environmental governance in West Africa		Side Event (SE)	SOCODEVI
Room E	SE15	Discovering projects from the second call for proposals under the RESILAO project and immersion in the web platform		Side Event (SE)	PRCM
Room F	AT3	Biodiversity Conservation		Technical Workshop (TW)	Aissa regalla
Room G	AT4	Sustainable Mangrove Management		Technical Workshop (TW)	Saliou Diallo
Room B		CONSERVATION CINEMA			FAO - EAF Nansen Programme

DAY 2

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

08H30 - 10H30			PLENARY ROUND TABLE ON NbS	EN,FR	PLENARY	
10H30 - 11H00	COFFEE BREAK					
11H00 - 13H00	Room A		PLENARY DONORS ROUND TABLE	EN,FR	PLENARY	
13H00 - 14H30	LUNCH BREAK					
14H30 - 16H00	Room A	SE5	WASOP: structural support for regional and national initiatives for the restoration and conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in West Africa		Side Event (SE)	IUCN PACO
	Room B	SE12	From Information to Impact: Advancing Inclusive and Data-Driven Fisheries Management in West Africa	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)
	Room C	SE19	Reducing marine megafauna bycatch: the collaborative approach of the REDUCE project in the East Central Atlantic	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Centro Tecnológico do Mar - Fundación CETMAR (Vigo. Galicia. Spain).
	Room D	SE28	Transparency in fisheries: a lever for preserving ocean health and building a		Side Event (SE)	Commission Sous-Régionale des Pêches (CSRP)

			sustainable and inclusive blue economy in West Africa			
	Room E	SE9	RIOTERRA: «Popular education for engaged citizens and sustainable territories»		Side Event (SE)	Grdr Migrations-Citoyenneté-Solidarités
	Room F	AT5	Marine Pollution and Control Strategies		Technical Workshop (TW)	Ahmed Mohamed Moctar
	Room G	AT6	Coastal Bird Conservation		Technical Workshop (TW)	Geoffroy Cigeste
16H00 - 16H30	COFFEE BREAK					
	Round Room		PLENARY DONORS ROUND TABLE (CONTINUED)	EN,FR	PLENARY	
16H30 - 18H00	Room A	SE20	Electronic Monitoring opportunities for West African fisheries		Side Event (SE)	University of Barcelona
	Room B	SE8	From Mangrove Conservation to Regenerative Blue Economy: Community Solutions and Financial Innovations in West Africa		Side Event (SE)	Wetlands Intrnational Côte Occidentale et Golfe de Guinée
	Room C	SE17	The organizational development of NGOs for the protection of marine and coastal biodiversity: challenges and opportunities in West Africa		Side Event (SE)	PPI

	Room D	SE31	Strengthening inclusive Ocean Governance through territorial waters for coastal communities and transparency in West Africa	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Blue ventures conservation
	Room E	SE30	Advancing Area-Based Management Tools (ABMT) in West Africa: Knowledge Sharing and Action		Side Event (SE)	Blue Pangolin Consulting (on behalf of a European Commission project)
	Room F	AT7	Soft and Nature-Based Solutions		Technical Workshop (TW)	Mohamed Yahya Lafdal
	Room G	AT8	Community and Civic Engagement		Technical Workshop (TW)	Richard Dacosta
18H00 - 19H30	Room B	SC1	CONSERVATION CINEMA			ONG Biodivercités
DAY 3						
Wednesday, April 29, 2026						
08H30 - 10H30			PLENARY LEADERS CONFERENCE	EN,FR	PLENARY	Mr. Abou Bamba, Minister of the Environment and Ecological Transition in Côte d'Ivoire

	Room A		PANEL 2: From the coast to the high seas: governance, science and action for sustainable oceans			M. Gibrilla Camara, BBNJ focal point for Sierra Leone
						Mr. Martin Alessandrini, Head of Advocacy and International Cooperation at the Tara Océan Foundation
						Ms. Tabea Zwimpfer, Africa Marine Coordinator at Birdlife
						Moderator: Moustapha Kebe, Expert in Fisheries Governance
						Rapporteurs: Ly Djibril & Francois Simard
10H30 - 11H00	COFFEE BREAK					
11H30 - 13H00	Room A	SE6	Strengthening Collaboration through the EAF Community of Practice: Interactive Approaches and Tools for Implementation	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	FAO - EAF Nansen Programme
	Room B	SE27	From Knowledge to Action: Deep Dive into NbS knowledge resources	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	GFDRR/World Bank
	Room C	SE14	RESILAO – Regional call for proposals for coastal resilience: lessons learned		Side Event (SE)	PRCM

			from the first call for proposals			
	Room D	SE21	The WASOP blue wave: an integrated approach to ocean ecosystems and innovative blue financing for inclusive and sustainable growth		Side Event (SE)	Expertise France
	Room E	SE7	Capacity building for a living high seas		Side Event (SE)	IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature
	Room F	SE35	Regional Collaboration for Critically Endangered Atlantic Humpback Dolphins: Implementing the Convention on Migratory Species Single Species Action Plan		Side Event (SE)	CCAHD
13H00 - 14H30	LUNCH BREAK					
14H30 - 16H00	Room A	SE13	"Mangroves for the Climate and the Oceans": restoring ecosystems, supporting communities.		Side Event (SE)	PRCM
	Room B	SE25	Trust Funds and Marine Conservation in Africa		Side Event (SE)	Consortium of African Funds for the Environment (CAFÉ) – Réseau africain de fonds fiduciaires de conservation.

	Room C	SE10	Round table on a resilient and connected network of marine protected areas on the high seas in West Africa:	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Office français de la biodiversité (OFB)
	Room D	SE18	Bijagós Archipelago – Omatí Minhô: Marine biodiversity, climate resilience and opportunities for an equitable blue economy		Side Event (SE)	Institut de la Biodiversité et des Aires Protégées - IBAP
	Room E	SE34	Elevating Community Voices for Sustainable Fisheries	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Blue ventures conservation
	Room F	AT9	Species Knowledge and Monitoring		Technical Workshop (TW)	Alioune Kane
	Room G	AT10	Monitoring and Control of Fishing Activities		Technical Workshop (TW)	Alassane Sarr
16H30 - 16H30	COFFEE BREAK					
16H30 - 18H00	Room A	SE2	Strengthening coastal resilience through partnership: the SEDAD experience in West Africa		Side Event (SE)	Cégep de la Gaspésie et des îles-PRCM
	Room B	SE32	Shark and Ray Conservation in West Africa: Strengthening Regional Collaboration and Area-Based Approaches for Marine Management	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	Biosfera I - IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group

	Room C	SE11	Activities implemented under the IMROP-KfW partnership (COS project)		Side Event (SE)	IMROP
	Room D	SE24	Sustainable urban resilience based on innovative governance and financing mechanisms		Side Event (SE)	Société d'Aménagement du Littoral de Nouakchott (SALN)
	Room E	SE33	Marine Spatial Planning in West Africa: Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Action	EN,FR	Side Event (SE)	University of Santiago de Compostela
	Room G	AT11	Governance and Sustainable Fisheries Management		Technical Workshop (TW)	Mahfoudh Taleb Sidi
	Room F	AT12	Financial and Social Engineering for Coastal Resilience		Technical Workshop (TW)	Barthelemy Batiéno
18H00 - 19H30	Room A	SC2	CONSERVATION CINEMA			PNBA

DAY 4

Thursday, April 30, 2026

08H30 - 10H30			<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY LEADERS CONFERENCE PANEL 3: Looking to the future: From commitment to large-scale impact for sustainable development in West Africa</p>	AR, EN,FR	PLENARY	<p>Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</p> <p>Ms. Hyewon Jung, Deputy Representative of UNDP in Mauritania</p> <p>Ms. Fatou Ndoye, Executive Secretary of the Abidjan Convention</p> <p>Mr. Mamadou Diawara, Executive Director of the NGO Guinée Ecologie</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Charlotte Karibuhoye (Former Regional Director of the MAVA Foundation in West Africa)</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Khadijettou Mint Sneih & Pierre Campredon</p>
10H30 - 11H00	COFFEE BREAK					

11H00 - 12H30			FORUM CLOSING CEREMONY	AR, EN, FR		
13H00 - 15H30			PRCM GENERAL ASSEMBLY (RESERVED FOR MEMBERS)	AR, EN, FR		
16H00 - 18H00			VISIT TO THE NOUAKCHOTT COASTLINE			

Day 5