

Our Ocean 2019, Oslo 23-24 October

The Our Ocean conference has been held annually since 2014, when the first conference was hosted by then US Secretary of State, John Kerry. The conference brings together leaders from governments, business, civil society and research institutions. The aim is to trigger, amplify and accelerate action for clean, healthy and productive oceans. There is no negotiated document from the conference. Instead, the main outcome is in the form of voluntary commitments under the following six areas of action: marine protected areas, climate change, sustainable fisheries, marine pollution, sustainable blue economy, and maritime security.

Previous conferences have resulted in nearly one thousand commitments. At this year's conference, participants are encouraged to announce new and far-reaching commitments to the best of our oceans. Commitments should have significant impact, be measurable and have a clear timeframe. You can follow the conference at www.ourocean2019.no

Registration

If you and your delegation wish to attend the conference, please send an email to ourocean2019@medvind.no. You will then receive a link to an online registration form and an information portal with information about travel, visa application procedures, accommodation, the venue and more. We would kindly ask you to confirm your attendance by registering before **15 August**. In order to benefit from concessionary hotel rates, we encourage registration before **1 August**.

Participants

Due to the high level of interest in the conference, and to ensure a balanced representation of all delegations, this invitation is intended for the minister plus two additional delegates.

Agenda and speaking roles

The agenda is under development and will be published on the website. Speaking roles are primarily linked to the announcement of significant commitments, and are strictly non-transferrable. The conference sessions will mainly be organised as armchair conversations. For questions regarding the agenda and commitments please contact ourocean2019@mfa.no

Social events

Prime Minister Erna Solberg will invite ministers to a high-level welcome dinner on 22 October, the evening before the conference. Minister of Foreign Affairs Ine Eriksen Søreide will host a reception for all delegates on the evening of 23 October.

Accommodation

The conference will take place at [Clarion Hotel The Hub](#), in central Oslo. **Please note that concessionary rates for the conference are only available until 1 August** and by booking rooms via the information portal.

Bilateral meetings

There will be a limited number of meeting rooms at the venue that will be available for bilateral meetings.

Language

The conference will be conducted in English. There will be simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish.