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KEY DETAILS

Dates: 23 November 2026
Location: Abu Dhabi, UAE
Convening scale: 250+ senior decision makers; from 12+ countries
Delegate profile: Senior representatives from government entities, UN agencies, conservation organisations, blue economy sectors; leading scientists and researchers; conservation leaders, civil society

Time	Format	Session
Opening		
08:30 – 09:30	Registration	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Majlis Welcome	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome Address	The MENA Ocean Action Agenda: Progress, Partnerships and the Road to 2030
09:35 – 09:45	Opening Address	National Commitments on Shared Seas: The UAE's Ocean and Water Agenda from COP31 to the UN 2026 Water Conference
09:45 – 09:55	Keynote Address	
Community-Led Coastal Stewardship		
09:55 – 10:05	Strategic Address	
10:05 – 10:45	Opening Panel	Maritime Culture, Communities and the Future of Coastal Stewardship
Transboundary Ocean Governance		
10:45 – 11:25	Panel Discussion	Mapping Global Momentum: From the Rio Conventions to a 2030 Stocktake
11:25 – 11:30	Strategic Address	Trade, Sustainability and the Future of Resilient Ocean Economy Sectors
11:30 – 12:20	Regional Launch	MENA Blue Economies for Coastal Resilience (BEFCR) Landscape Analysis and Regional Outlook Review

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12:20 – 13:00	Panel Discussion	Territorial Seas and EEZs: MPAs, Marine Spatial Planning and Transboundary Cooperation
13:00 – 14:00	**Networking Lunch**	
Blue Finance		
14:00 – 14:45	Panel Discussion	Financing Resilience: Pricing Ocean Risk and Identifying Priority Investment Frontiers
Blue Innovation, Science and Research		
14:45 – 15:00	Seaside Chat	The Innovations Gap and New Frontiers of Research
15:00 – 15:10	Launch and MoU Signing	MENA Oceans Venture Programme
15:10 – 15:50	Panel Discussion	Fuelling Innovation for the Blue Economy: From Emerging Technologies to Market-Ready Solutions
15:50 – 16:30	Panel Discussion	Research Expeditions and Ocean Observations in the Arabian Sea and Red Sea: Key Findings and Implications for Effective Ocean Governance
Ocean–Water–Food Nexus: Towards the UN 2026 Water Conference		
16:30 – 16:40	Strategic Address	
16:40 – 17:25	Closing Panel Discussion	Marine Environments, Water Security and Blue Foods: Consolidating Regional Positions on Ocean–Water–Food Linkages

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