

in anticipation for the Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean. The outcomes of the Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean will also provide a regional perspective to inform the 2020 UN Ocean Conference.<sup>2</sup>

## **PROGRAM**

The Third Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean will take place on 29 October 2020 in a virtual modality, broadcasting from the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. With the support of partner organizations, the program will offer a plenary discussion and four interactive dialogues, focusing on:

- a) Fostering tourism and fisheries for sustainable development;
- b) Sustainable maritime connectivity;
- c) Ocean accounts, data and statistics;
- d) Solutions for land-based marine pollution

A keynote speech from a high-level speaker will provide an overview of regional challenges and opportunities for the protection and sustainable development of the ocean. This will be followed by four parallel interactive dialogues. These events will consolidate perspectives gathered through virtual consultations organized prior to the Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean, and will support the identification of actionable proposals that can be integrated into the regional Decade Program. Finally, a plenary session will offer a space to collect feedback from each interactive dialogue, to develop a consolidated regional perspective.

## SPEAKERS/MODERATORS

- Host(s) and partner organizations co-hosting individual sessions
- Experts participating in the discussions, CSOs, organizations that submitted voluntary commitments

## TARGET AUDIENCE/PARTICIPANTS

- Civil Society Organizations (including the youth and ocean protection NGOs)
- Private sector companies
- Students and staff of educational and academic entities
- Scientific community
- Intergovernmental bodies and regional organizations



- Local and national governments

## **FORMAT**

- The event will be hosted virtually. (via Zoom). Access code/dial-in details will be sent to registered participant 48 hours before the event.
- The plenary sessions will be streamed live via YouTube.
- Participants will be able to choose the interactive dialogue session they want to join. These sessions will be recorded, and links will be shared publicly after the event.

WEBSITE REGISTRATION

https://www.unescap.org/events/third-asia-pacific-day-