

The Youth and Innovation Forum event, co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal, with the United Nations Global Compact Ocean Stewardship Coalition and the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA), in cooperation with CEiiA, the Municipality of Cascais and Nova School of Business and Economics (NOVA SBE) and supported by UN DESA, is the flagship opening event of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. The Forum will be held June 24-26, 2022 and include an innovation hackathon at the beach of Cascais.

During the 24-hour Innovathon, 150 selected youth delegates from all over the world will be working together to address critical challenges founded in UN Global Compact's [5 Tipping Points](#) for a Healthy and Productive Ocean. Through this the youth will also be given the opportunity to contribute to the political process of the UN Ocean Conference by facilitating inputs to the [eight interactive dialogues](#). There will also be a live streamed SDG media zone at the beach to open up for dialogue and interviews giving youth the opportunity to present initiatives and ideas.

**WHAT:** United Nations Ocean Conference Youth and Innovation Forum, Innovathon

**WHEN:** 24-26 June 2022

**Additional High Level Speakers including Head of State to be announced.**

**Confirmed Speakers:**

Shannon Cosentino-Roush, Chief Strategy Officer, Finless Foods

Pauline Owiti, Youth Policy Advisor, Sustainable Ocean Alliance