

High Level and Strategic Ocean Events: 2019 - 2020

Date, Place	Event	Hosts, Comments
30 Sep -2 Oct 2019 Berlin, Germany	Marine Regions Reform 2019 – Achieving a Healthy Ocean – Regional Ocean Governance beyond 2020	Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance
1-4 October, Suva, Fiji	Pacific Ocean Alliance Meeting	Convened by OPOC to foster partnerships to scale-up regional action on implementation of the framework for Pacific Oceanscape
3 – 4 Oct 2019 Berlin, Germany	21st Global Annual Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans	Annual meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions including SPREP
23 – 24 October 2019, Oslo, Norway	Our Oceans Conference 2019	Importance of knowledge as the basis of our actions and policies to ensure protection of our oceans, responsible management of marine resources and sustainable future economic growth.
4 -8 November 2019 Montreal Canada	2020 Ocean Pathways Meeting	CBD Secretariat – members of Communities of Ocean Action to exchange experiences and lessons learned to support the implementation of voluntary commitments, and to discuss key priorities for the 2020 UN Ocean Conference and the CBD post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
2 -13 December, 2019 Santiago, Chile, 2019	25th UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties	Thematic focus on Oceans as the ‘Blue COP’
March 2020, Tokyo, Japan	World Ocean Summit	Brings together a global group of policymakers, business leaders, investors, scientists and entrepreneurs to debate and develop new ideas on how to balance growth and sustainability in the growing ocean economy.
20-24 April, 2020, Noumea, New Caledonia	10 th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas	Theme: ‘Nature Conservation Action for a Resilient Pacific’ with sessions on ocean related topics
First half of 2020 (TBC)), UN, New York	IGC4 on BBNJ	UN negotiations on a BBNJ treaty
2-6 June, 2020, Lisbon, Portugal	UN Oceans Conference 2020	High Level UN Conference to support implementation of SDG 14
Date TBC, 2020, Palau	2020 Our Oceans Conference	Government of Palau - An important event for the Blue Pacific providing a platform for governments, private sector, non-government and civil society organisations to make announcements and commitments to further the protection of the ocean
5 July – 10 July 2020, Bremen, Germany	14th International Coral Reef Symposium, (ICRS 2020)	International conference on coral reef science, conservation and management, bringing together leading scientists, early career researchers, conservationists, ocean experts, policy makers, managers and the public.