



# Treasure Trove



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## Roundtables at the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion

**Ongoing Discussion on Topline Messages**

Open to all to explore our new roundtable feature and engage in general discussions around the COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion.

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One of the key goals of the Virtual Ocean Pavilion is to engage ocean and climate enthusiasts from around the world and allow those unable to attend COP29 in-person a chance to understand emerging issues in the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus and share their opinions on how we can come together to

generate solutions. In support of this commitment, the Virtual Ocean Pavilion Team has launched a new feature this year: roundtable discussions.

These will be held during the live days of the Pavilion (6, 11, 12, 18, 21 November) and will provide a space for small-group discussions where ideas on how to promote the key messages of the Pavilion and address other ocean-climate-biodiversity themes will be equally exchanged by participants. Four roundtables will be organized by collaborating partners to explore the following themes through an ocean and climate lens:

- Blue Finance, organized by the University of the South Pacific
- Strategic Communication, organized by Communications INC
- Gender, organized by the Pavilion for People
- Cross-sectoral Governance, organized by the Global Ocean Forum

Be sure to register for the Pavilion [here](#) and join the discussions from the Pavilion Lobby or central navigation bar.

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## Stories from Under the Sea

*African Development Bank grants loan of over €24 million to improve fisheries and aquaculture sectors*  
A new initiative by the African Development Bank



The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group approved a loan of €24.63 million to Côte d'Ivoire to boost the development of fisheries and aquaculture value chains. This funding will enable the country, which has been undergoing rapid growth, to increase the sector's contribution to the blue economy, both nationally and locally.

Courtesy of this new project, fishing activities in coastal towns such as Sassandra will be able to expand significantly. The project will also help the establishment and implementation of integrated and participatory management plans for sea, lagoon and inland fisheries that prioritize small-scale commercial fishing species. Learn more about this exciting blue economy initiative [here](#).

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## Ocean & Climate Trivia



1. Which of the following are part of the key messages from this year's COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion?
  - a. Ocean Finance
  - b. The BBNJ Agreement
  - c. United Nations Ocean Conference 2025
  - d. All of the above
2. What is the largest river in the world?
  - a. Niger River
  - b. Lempa River
  - c. Amazon River
  - d. Senegal River
3. What percentage of the global ocean area is covered by the high seas?
  - a. 33%
  - b. 65%
  - c. 75%
  - d. 95%

Answers to the 6 November Treasure Trove Ocean & Climate Trivia: 1)B; 2)A

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## Upcoming Ocean and Climate Events at COP29

A full overview of Ocean events at COP29 is available on the [Pavilion platform](#) via the COP29 Ocean Events tab on the main navigation bar. Highlights of events coming up throughout COP29 (11-22 November) are included below.

### World Leaders Climate Action Summit

12-13 November, Blue Zone, COP29



During the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 29), the Azerbaijani Presidency will host the World Leaders Climate Action Summit, convening world leaders to present national statements on how they are advancing the Paris Agreement on climate change. During the event, the Presidency will co-host a methane and non-carbon dioxide (non-CO<sub>2</sub>) greenhouse gas (GHG) summit with the US and China.

The Summit aims to build consensus and momentum around the COP 29 plan to enhance ambition and enable action and demonstrate to all stakeholders a clear political will to deliver. Leader dialogues will address raising ambition for mitigation and adaptation through nationally determined contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and long-term low-emission development strategies (LT-LEDS), enabling action with the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate (NCQG), and other means of implementation and support.

Learn more about the summit and find the latest agenda [here](#).

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## Previous Treasure Trove Editions

Missed any of our previous treasure trove editions? Follow the links below to catch up on the latest COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion news.

- [6 November](#)
  - Highlighted Event: COP29 Virtual Ocean Pavilion Preview Event: From EEZs to the High Seas