

Concept Note

3rd Africa Blue Economy Week/High-level Africa Sustainable Blue Economy Conference

22- 25 July

Luanda, Angola

Theme: *"From Strategy to Action: Political Leadership for Africa's Blue Economy Transformation"*

1. Background

Africa commands one of the world's most consequential blue frontiers: 38,000 kilometers of coastline, over 13 million square kilometers of Exclusive Economic Zones, major river systems, and the world's two largest freshwater lakes by volume. These systems sustain fisheries and aquaculture, maritime transport, offshore energy, coastal tourism, deep-sea mining, and marine biotechnology sectors whose combined contribution to Africa's GDP remains far below their documented potential. The gap between resource endowment and realized economic value is not a structural inevitability; it is the product of identifiable and correctable governance failures: fragmented institutional oversight, chronic underinvestment in ocean observation infrastructure, weak enforcement against illegal exploitation, and climate adaptation deficits compounded by rising sea levels, increased storm intensity, and ocean acidification. IPCC AR6 findings confirm that Africa's coastal and marine systems face disproportionate climate risk, with projected losses in fishery productivity of up to 40% in some sub-regions by 2050, absent intervention. Closing this gap demands not incremental adjustments but a deliberate political realignment grounded in evidence, operationalized through investment, and anchored in the full ocean knowledge-to-impact value chain: observation systems generating data, data enabling knowledge, knowledge delivering services (forecasting, early warning, decision-support), and services translating directly into livelihoods, resilience, and economic growth.

The African Union has constructed a comprehensive policy architecture for the Blue Economy. Agenda 2063 identifies it as a primary driver of Africa's structural transformation. That strategic intent is backed by a set of operationally specific instruments each adopted at the highest continental level, each carrying concrete targets and implementation obligations that remain substantially unmet:

- The 2050 Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy (2050 AIM Strategy) formally adopted the strategy and its Strategic Plan of Action in January 2014, positioning the continent's blue economy as the "New Frontier of African Renaissance" (Doc. Assembly/AU/16(XXII) Add.1) establishing the continental maritime vision across six strategic axes including maritime safety and security, maritime economy, and ocean governance
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- The Africa Blue Economy Strategy (ABES) was endorsed in October 2019 by the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (STC-ARDWE) providing the integrated framework for sustainable use of ocean and freshwater resources, including blue carbon, marine spatial planning, and ocean data governance
- The Revised African Maritime Transport Charter (RAMTC) was adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Kampala on 26 July 2010, which formally entered into force on 14 August 2025 establishing the legal and institutional framework for maritime transport, port governance, and cabotage rights across the continent
- The Lomé Charter on Maritime Security, Safety and Development in Africa (2016) establishing enhanced cooperation among African states to strengthen maritime security, protect the marine environment, and foster a sustainable blue economy.
- The African Union Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (ABSAP) 2023-2030 a comprehensive framework endorsed by the 37th AU Summit in February 2024 to guide continental efforts in conserving biodiversity, restoring ecosystems, and fostering sustainable economic growth.

Together, these instruments constitute a robust continental policy architecture spanning maritime security, resource governance, economic integration, environmental protection, and Sustainable Blue Economy development. The problem is not the absence of a strategy. The problem is the structural gap between strategy adoption and program delivery, between ministerial commitment and invested capital, between continental vision and national budget allocation.

More than a decade after the adoption of the 2050 AIM Strategy, more than five years after the Africa Blue Economy Strategy, implementation remains fragmented, under-resourced, and largely disconnected from national planning cycles. The AU Commission and its partners have sustained coordination mechanisms and knowledge platforms. But coordination without capitalization does not move fishers away from artisanal gear, does not upgrade port infrastructure, and does not build the ocean-monitoring networks that governments need for evidence-based management. The translation gap — between adopted frameworks and investment-ready programmes, between political will and fiscal commitment is the defining structural constraint on Africa's Sustainable Blue Economy development at this moment.

Breaking this deadlock requires action on four fronts simultaneously:

- a) mobilizing investment at scale;
- b) empowering youth, women, and people living with disabilities as economic actors with access to capital and governance platforms, not merely as recipients of awareness programmes;

c) building the ocean knowledge infrastructure that connects observation systems to decision-support services;

d) asserting Africa's voice in the emerging global ocean governance architecture, including the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC), the BBNJ Agreement, and blue carbon markets. The ocean knowledge value chain observations generating data, data enabling knowledge, knowledge delivering services, services producing quantifiable livelihood and resilience outcomes must be treated as strategic infrastructure, not a research add-on. Where this chain is underfunded, Africa's coastal communities remain exposed, its fisheries unmonitored, and its climate early warning systems inoperative at the moments they are most needed.

It is against this precise diagnostic rich policy architecture, weak delivery, identifiable governance failures, compounding climate pressure, that the First High-Level Africa Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Luanda acquires its full strategic justification. This is not another policy dialogue. It is a decision-forcing event. Ministers come to Luanda to authorize, endorse, and commit: to endorse the Luanda Call to Action with time-bound sectoral targets; to validate investment pipelines for Heads of State-level visibility; and to establish the accountability mechanisms that will be reviewed twelve months hence. Three days of technical preparation will ensure that by the time Ministers convene, the analysis is complete, the options are costed, and the decisions are ready to be made.

The event will be held from 22 to 25 July 2026 in Luanda, Angola.

2. Objectives

The High-Level Africa Sustainable Blue Economy Conference aims to:

- Strengthen political leadership, policy implementation, and national ownership of Africa's Sustainable Blue Economy agenda by reinforcing high-level commitment among AU Member States to accelerate domestication and implementation of continental and regional blue economy frameworks, aligned with Agenda 2063, national development priorities, and climate adaptation strategies.
- Mobilize investment and scale financing for Sustainable Blue Economy transformation by catalyzing sovereign, multilateral, private sector, and philanthropic capital; advancing bankable, investment-ready programmes; and addressing regulatory, institutional, and risk-related barriers that constrain investment, innovation, and enterprise development across blue economy sectors.
- Enhance coordination, capacity building, knowledge sharing, and ocean data systems among AU Member States, RECs, and partners through strengthened cooperation, structured peer learning, exchange of replicable models and best practices, and strengthened ocean observation, data, science, and knowledge systems that support evidence-based planning, forecasting, early warning, and decision-making.

- Promote inclusive and sustainable participation in Blue Economy value chains by expanding economic opportunities and leadership roles for youth, women, and vulnerable groups as entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, and decision-makers, with improved access to finance, markets, technical skills, certification, and governance platforms.

3. Expected Outcomes

- Endorsement of The Luanda Declaration and Call to Action, articulating shared priorities and commitments to accelerate implementation of Africa's blue economy agenda,
- Strengthened political commitment and coordination among AU Member States, Regional Economic Communities, and other stakeholders.
- Expanded partnerships and investment engagement involving development partners, private sector actors, African Think Tanks, and innovation communities to support sustainable and inclusive blue economy growth.
- Increased participation of youth, women, and people living with disabilities innovators and dissemination of best practices and knowledge exchange.
- Enhanced capacity of Member States to operationalize ocean knowledge into services that directly benefit communities and productive sectors.
- Improved articulation of socio-economic outcomes, including job creation, increased incomes, reduced disaster losses from improved early warning, and climate resilience indicators enabling systematic tracking of implementation progress against Agenda 2063 milestones, and strengthened resilience.

4. Participants

The event will convene approximately 300 in-person participants, including:

- Ministers responsible for the blue economy from AU Member States
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- Technical experts from AU Member States
- African Union Organs and Specialized Institutions (AU-IBAR, AUDA NEPAD, AFDB, Afreximbank)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), International Seabed Authority, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), UNCTAD, and other UN Agencies
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- Guinea Current Commission
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- Private sector & Philanthropies
- African Think Tanks
- Regional and Sub-Regional Multilateral Development Banks
- Youth and Women Innovators
- Blue Economy Incubation Hubs and accelerators
- Academia and non-state actors.

5.Format and Structure

The High-Level Africa Blue Economy Conference will be convened over four (4) days and structured to combine technical deliberations with high-level political engagement, ensuring that expert inputs inform ministerial decision-making and continental commitments.

The first two days will comprise technical sessions that bring together experts from AU Member States, Regional Economic Communities, development partners, the private sector, local communities, and other stakeholders and the third day will be the Ministerial session. These sessions will review progress in implementing the Africa Blue Economy policy frameworks and related initiatives, examine investment plans and ongoing programs, identify challenges and lessons learned, develop recommendations, and draft a revised Declaration and Call for Action for ministerial consideration.

The third day (i.e., 25 July 2026, which is the 11th African Day of Seas and Oceans) will consist of a ministerial segment that also presents the LUANDA DECLARATION AND CALL TO ACTION for endorsement. The segment will culminate in the endorsement of key outcomes and commitments that will guide future implementation.

In parallel with the main sessions, the event will feature exhibitions and showcase innovations, technologies, and best practices from Member States and partners, women and youth entrepreneurs, and provide networking and visibility opportunities. The program will also include recognition and awards for selected youth and women blue economy innovators across the continent.

The conference will be delivered through a combination of official ceremonies, plenary discussions, thematic sessions, exhibitions, and networking engagements designed to foster dialogue, partnership-building, and knowledge exchange among participants.

Draft Agenda

Day 1: 22 nd July 2026-Technical experts' segment		
Time	Section	Speakers/Presenters
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants	-
Anthems and Cultural Performance Lead: Ministry of FMR, Angola; Master of Ceremony: Dra Joaquina Santos Drafting team: AU-BE team		
9:00 - 9:05	Angola National Anthem	
9:05 - 9:10	African Union Anthem.	
9:10 - 9:20	Cultural Performance	
9:25 - 9:30	Statement from AUC	Harsen Nyambe Nyambe , Director, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC
9:30 - 9:35	Statement from SADC	Mr. Fahari Gilbert Marwa , Director for Food Agriculture and Natural Resources, SADC
9:35-09:40	Statement from UNDP	Ms. Denise Antonio , Resident Representative, UNDP Angola
9:40-9:45	Official opening of the technical segment of the ABEW 2026	H.E. Alvaro Cunha , Secretary of State of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Angola
SESSION 1: Setting the scene Session lead: AUC BE Division; Moderator: AUC		
09:45 – 10:05	Presentation of the State of Africa's Blue Economy in 2026	Director Harsen Nyambe , Director, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC
10:05 – 10:30	Group photo and health break	ALL
SESSION 2: The role of regional cooperation in blue economy transformation Session leads: AUC, UNDP, Moderator: Madeleine Nyiratuza, Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP; Rapporteur: Linda Etta, AUC		
10:30-11:10	Panel discussion	- Maria de Lourdes Sardinha , Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Convention Secretariat - Georges Mba Asseko , Special Advisor of the President and Permanent Secretary of the National Sea Council, Gabon - Alexander Shula Kefi , Project Coordinator, Profish Blue Project, SADC - Terence Crea , Director, Department of Blue Economy, Seychelles - Eshete Dejen , Programmes Manager, IGAD
11:10-11:20	Interaction with the audience	Madeleine Nyiratuza, Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	
SESSION 3: Digital technologies, data systems and science to policy Session leads: IOC-UNESCO, GWPSA; Moderator: Shamiso Kumbirai; Partnerships Specialist, GWPSA		

Rapporteur: Linda Etta, AUC		
13:30-13:35	Framing of the session	Moderator: Shamiso Kimbirai , Partnerships Specialist, GWPSA
13:35-13:50	-Digital innovations in the Blue Economy Sector in Africa	Immaculee UWIMANA , Senior Blue Economy Policy Advisor, AUC
13:50-14:00	Ocean observation, data systems and the UN Ocean Decade; role of IOCAFRICA in regional coordination	Ibukun Adewumi , Head of IOC-UNESCO, Africa and SIDS
14:00 - 14:10	Kalunga Programme Presentation	Filomena VAZ Velho , Director General of the National Institute for Fisheries and Marine Research (INIPM)
14:10-14:25	Short partner interventions (3–4 speakers, ~3 minutes each) highlighting practical tools, innovations and initiatives	Dr. Obakeng Molelu , Science-Policy Programme Manager, WIOMSA Leila Guici , Senior Advocacy Manager, GSMA (virtual) Oocheetsing Sadasing , Acting Principal Research Scientist, Mauritian Oceanography Institute Lillian Diarra , OPERA Project Manager, Mercator Ocean International
	Video interludes (2–3 minutes total)	Pre-recorded / Partner contributions
14:25-14:30	Interactive discussion on:	Moderator + Speakers + Audience
14:30	Summary and session close	Shamiso Kumbirai
14:30-14:50	Health break	
SESSION 4: Financing Africa's Blue Economy Session leads: WB; Moderator: Obinali Manessah Alagbaoso, Head, <i>Business Ecosystems and Sustainability</i> , BCB, Standard Bank Group; Rapporteur: Vianey Eloi, AUC		
14:50-15:50	Financing Africa's Blue Economy: Unlocking investments and accelerating implementation through innovative financing mechanisms	- Juliana Castano Isaza, Natural Resources Management Specialist at the World Bank Group's Eastern and Southern African Region - Kevin Ninkeu Mdjatou, Country Manager of Expertise France, AFD Group - Paul Akande, Aquaculture Development Expert, ECOWAS - Nefertiti Mushiya Tshibanda, Permanent Representative of OIF to Ethiopia and AU - Terence Crea, Director of Blue Economy, Seychelles
SESSION 5: Technical inputs to the Declaration and Call for Action Session leads: AUC, Ministry of FMR, Angola; Moderator: Director Harsen Nyambe; Director, Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy, AUC		

Rapporteur: Vianey Eloi, AUC		
15:50-16:20	Presentation of the draft declaration	Paul Akiwumi, Consultant
16:20-17:20	Delegation of inputs	
17:20-17:45	Consolidation	
17:45-17:50	Close of day	
Day 2: 23rd Jul 2026 -Technical experts segment		
09:00 – 09 :10	Cultural Performance	
09:10 – 09 :20	Recap of Day 1	AU Secretariat
SESSION 1: Validation of the AUC Project on blue economy governance and institutional capacity Session leads: AUC, UNDP; Moderator: Praise Nutakor, Partnerships Specialist, UNDP; Rapporteur: Linda Etta, AUC		
09:20 – 09:40	Presentation of the project document	Ivica Trumbic , Consultant
09:40- 10:00	Question and answers	Immaculee UWIMANA, Senior Policy Advisor-Blue Economy, AUC
10:00- 10:40	Project appraisal	Dr Matthias Naab, Director , UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa
10:40 – 11:10	Health Break	-
SESSION 2: Domestication of Multilateral Environmental Agreements Session leads: REC; Moderator: Eshete Dejen, Senior Programme Manager Blue Economy, IGAD; Rapporteur: Immaculee Uwimana, AUC		
11:10-12:40	Panel discussion focusing on Africa progress on the domestication of multilateral Environmental Agreements and other global frameworks on Blue Economy	- Linda Etta, Senior Policy Advisor-Blue Economy, AUC - Dr Madeleine Nyiratuza, Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP - Ibukun Adewumi, Head of IOC-UNESCO - Jared Bosire, Executive Secretary of Nairobi Convention Secretariat
12:40-13:00	Overview of environmental tools dedicated to ocean knowledge and preservation (BBNJ and MPAs in the High Seas)	Maximiliano Bello , Marine Policy Specialist, Blue Marine Foundation
13:00-14:00	Lunch & networking	
SESSION 3: Promoting blue products Session leads: AfCFTA Secretariat & UNDP; Moderator: Obinna Anozie, Fisheries Expert, Rapporteur: Linda Etta, AUC		
14:00-14:05	Framing of the	Obinna Anozie , AU-IBAR

	discussion	
14:05-14:25	Perspectives from Institutional/Country perspectives (4 minutes each)	-Barbara Awuor , Blue Economy Committee & Executive Office, Council of Governors, Kenya -Stella Mbabazi , Blue Economy Expert, COMESA -Mr. Allen Ezekiel , National Focal Point, Liberia -Dr Victor Siamudaala , Country Representative for WorldFish in Zambia -Usman A Iftikhar - UNDP Regional Center for Africa
14:25-14:45	Interactive discussion	-Lovin Kobusingye , President of AWFISHNET - Ms Shamim Wasii Nyanda , Community Manager, Africa, Hatch Blue, Tanzania - Stella Mbabazi , Blue Economy Expert, COMESA -Dr Victor Siamudaala , Country Representative for WorldFish in Zambia
14:45-14:50	Summary and closing remarks	Obinna Anozie
SESSION 4: Pathways to Prosperous Clean and Healthy Oceans Session lead: Raissa Ada Allogo AU Department of Infrastructure and Energy; Moderator: Raissa Ada Allogo AU Department of Infrastructure and Energy; Rapporteur: Paul Adjin-Tetty, AUC		
14:50-14:55	introduction to the session.	Moderator: Dr Raissa Julie Ada Allogo
14:55-15:15	Institutional perspectives (5 minutes each).	Speakers - Maria de Lourdes Sardinha , Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Convention Secretariat - Dr. Dola Oluteye , Senior Research Fellow in Energy and Transport Policy at UCL's Energy Institute - Oochesting Sadasing, Head of Blue Economy Unit, Mauritius - Dr N'gandi Jean Serge , Technical Advisor, Cote d'Ivoire Georges Mba Asseko, Special advisor of the President and Permanent Secretary of the National Sea Council of Gabon - Terrence Crea , director of blue Economy Seychelles -
15:15-15:35	Moderated dialogue on political priorities, challenges, opportunities and partnerships	- Maria de Lourdes Sardinha , Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Convention Secretariat - Dr. Dola Oluteye , Senior Research Fellow in Energy and Transport Policy at UCL's Energy Institute - Oochesting Sadasing, Head of Blue Economy Unit, Mauritius - Dr N'gandi Jean Serge , Technical Advisor, Cote d'Ivoire

		Georges Mba Asseko, Special advisor of the President and Permanent Secretary of the National Sea Council of Gabon - Terrence Crea, director of blue Economy Seychelles -
15:35-15:40	Summary of key recommendations and closing remarks.	Dr Raissa Julie Ada Allogo
15:40-15:50	Health break	
Session 4: Presentation of the AU theme of the Year 2026 and Africa Water Vision 2063 : “Assuring Sustainable Water Availability and Safe Sanitation Systems to Achieve the Goals of Agenda 2063 “ Session leads: AMCOW; Rapporteur: Paul Adjinn-Tettey, AUC		
15:50-16:20	Presentation on the Theme of year	Nelson Gomonda, Director of Programme & Ag. ES, AMCOW
16:20-16:30	Q/A	Audience
SESSION 5: The role of women and youth in Africa's blue economy transformation Session leads: COMESA, Ocean Hub Africa; Moderator: Ms. Shamim Wasii Nyanda, Community Manager, Africa - Hatch Blue, Tanzania; Rapporteur: Paul Adjinn-Tettey, AUC		
16:30-16:35	Framing of the session	Moderator: Ms Shamim Wasii Nyanda, Community Manager, Africa - Hatch Blue
16:35-17:00	Speaker introductions and opening question	- Stella Mbabazi, Blue Economy Expert, COMESA - Sesethu Jelwana, Community Engagement Associate at OceanHub Africa) - Thibault Eddie, MAQUA (Young entrepreneur) - Fatima Ali, Sulha Afrika (Woman entrepreneur) - Neferetiti Mushiya Tshibanda, Permanent Representative of OIF to Ethiopia and AU
17:00-17:20	- Blue Accelerator Programme for Women and Youth in Africa	Presenter: Immaculee UWIMANA, Senior Policy Advisor-Blue Economy, AUC
17:20-17:25	Synthesis and priority actions	Ms Shamim Wasii Nyanda
17:25-17:45	Recognition and Awards for youth and women innovators.	Ms Shamim Wasii Nyanda, -Director Harsen Nyambe , Directorate of Sustainable Environment & Blue Economy (SEBE), AUC - Dr Matthias Naab , Director, UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa (RCSA)
Day 3: 24 Jul 2026-Ministerial High-Level segment		

09:00 – 9:20	- Arrival and registration - Tour of the exhibition stands	-Ministers, Heads of Delegation, Partners
National Anthems and Cultural performance Leads: Ministry of FMR, Angola; Master of Ceremony:		
9.00 - 9:05	Angola National Anthem	
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9.10 - 9:20	Cultural Performance	
HIGH LEVEL OPENING SESSION Leads: AUC, Ministry of FMR, Angola; Moderator / Mestre de cerimonia: Dra Joaquina Santos		
9:20-9:25	Welcome Remarks by the host	Sr. Luis Da Fonseca Nunes , Governador da Província de Luanda
9:25-9:30	Statement by Seychelles	Mr Wallane Cosgrow , Principal Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Blue Economy, Seychelles
9:30-9:35	Statement by SADC	Ms Angele Makombo N'tumba , Deputy Executive Secretary- Regional Integration SADC
9:35-9:40	Statement by AUC	H.E Moses Vilakati , AUC Commissioner, ARBE
9:40-9 45	Statement by AfCFTA	H.E Wamkele Mene , Secretary-General, AfCFTA
9:45-9 :50	Statement by UNDP	Dr Matthias Naab , Director, UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa (RCSA)
9:55-10:00	Keynote address by EU	Mr Kestutis Sadauskas , Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission
10:00- 10:05	Statement from Norway	Mr. Bjørnar Dahl Hotvedt , Ambassador of Norway to Angola
10:05 – 10:10	Keynote address Global Environment Facility	Claude Gasco , Acting CEO, Global Environment Facility
10:10– 10:20	Official opening of the High-level segment of the ABEW 2026	- H.E. Carmen do Sacramento Neto dos Santos , Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Angola
10:20 – 10:30	GROUP PHOTO	
MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE 1: Strategic priorities and cooperation Leads: AUC, Ministry of FMR, Angola; Moderator: H.E. Amb. Josefa SACKO; Rapporteur: Immaculee Uwimana, AUC		
10:30 – 11:35	Ministerial roundtable: Roundtable I : Ministerial policy roundtable (40 mins) Title: From Policy commitments to implementation-strengthening cooperation, governance	- H.E. Carmen do Sacramento Neto dos Santos , Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Angola - H.E. Carlos Feijó - H.E. Miguel César Domingos Bembe , Embaixador Extraordinário e Plenipotenciário de Angola na Etiópia - H.E.Sidi Tiemoko Touré , Ministre des ressources animales et Halieutique, Côte d'Ivoire

		- Aimé Martial Massamba, Ministre de la pêche, de la Mer et de l'économie bleue, Gabon - Mr Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission - Dr Matthias Naab, Director, UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa
MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE 2: Executive investment & partnerships roundtable Leads: AUC , Ministry of FMR, Angola; Moderator: Carlos Borges , Head of Advisory KPMG, Rapporteur: Vianey Eloí, AUC		
11:35-12:40	<u>Roundtable II:</u> <u>Executive investment & partnerships roundtable (40 mins)</u> <i>Title: Mobilizing investment, finance and partnerships for Africa's blue economy transformation</i>	- H.E. Vera Daves de Sousa, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Angola H.E. Ricardo Daniel Sandão D'Abreu, Minister of Transport - Dr. Arlindo das Chagas Rangel, Chairman of the Board AIPEX - HE Lamine Yahiaoui, Ambassador to AU and Ethiopia, Saharawi - Dr. Hon. Boolell, G.O.S.K, Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and fisheries, Mauritius - H.E Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA H.E. Abdel MS Hassan, Minister of Marine Resources
MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE 3 : Inclusive blue economy leadership and employment opportunities (40 min) Leads: AUC , Ministry of FMR, Angola; Moderator: H.E. Carmen do Sacramento Neto dos Santos , Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources; Rapporteur: Linda Etta, AUC		
12:40 – 13:45	Private sector growth, jobs and economic opportunity as well as Inclusive political leadership for transformation Building inclusive business models that promote social inclusion	- Mr Wallace Cosgrow, Principal Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Blue Economy, Seychelles - H.E. Rui Miguêns de Oliveira, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Angola - H.E. Márcio Daniel, Minister of Tourism, Angola -

	and sustainable economic growth.	- H.E Moses Vilakati, Commissioner, ARBE, AUC - -Mr Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission - Amy Mara Dieye, Minister of Maritime and Fisheries, Senegal - H;E Ahmed Hassan Adam, Minister of Fisheries and blue Economy, Somalia -
13:45-14:45	LUNCH	
14:45 – 15:45	Presentation, Consideration and Adoption of the Luanda Declaration and Call to Action	Presented by H.E Commissioner Moses Vilakati (AUC) Ministers, RECs, AU Institutions, DPs
16:30 – 16:45	Closing of the Ministerial Segment	-- Dr Matthias Naab, Director, UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa - Mr Wallace Cosgrow, Principal Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Blue Economy, Seychelles - H.E Moses Vilakati, Commissioner, ARBE, AUC - H.E. Carmen Santos, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Angola
19h300 Gala Dinner		
Day 4, 25 July: Field visit programme Showcasing national capabilities in marine science, fisheries training, sustainable coastal tourism, and the blue economy		
	Group 1: Marine Science & Fisheries Capacity Development	Group 3: Blue Economy Business & Investment Track
8:00-9:00	-Joint assembly of delegations and departure for the field visit programme. Lead institutions: MINPERMAR Participants: All delegations	Joint assembly of delegations and departure for the field visit programme. Participants: Business Delegations
9:00-11:00	- "Technical Visit to the Port of Luanda" Lead institution: MINTRANS/MINPERMAR	Visit to FILDA 2026 – Luanda International Trade Fair: business, partnership, and investment opportunities in the Blue Economy sector. Lead institutions: MINPERMAR · ARENA Participants: Business Delegations

	Participants: Technical delegations	
11:00-11:30	Transfer to CEFOPESCAS	Break and transfer between exhibition pavilions.
11:00-13:00	Visit to CEFOPESCAS – Fisheries and Aquaculture Training Centre : presentation of technical and vocational capacity-building initiatives for the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Lead institution: MINPERMAR Participants: Technical delegations	Continuation of the FILDA visit- thematic exhibition areas and B2B networking sessions Lead institutions: MINPERMAR · ARENA Participants: Business Delegations
13:00-13:30	Interpretive stop and official group photograph	Official institutional stop and commemorative photograph. Lead institutions: MINPERMAR · Ministry of Tourism Participants: Delegations
15:00	Logistical closure and return of delegations to hotels and departure points.	Logistical closure and return of delegations to hotels and departure points.