



African Day of the Seas and Oceans 2021

Theme: “Transforming the Challenges of African Seas and Oceans to Opportunities”

Mahé Island, Republic of Seychelles

Commemoration on 6 August 2021

| Programme | | |
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| Friday, 6 August 2021 | | |
| 12:30 | 13:50 | Joining in of Participants |
| 13:50 | 14:00 | African Union Anthem and National Anthem |
| 14:00 | 14:45 | Opening Ceremony: Moderator – Seychelles <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcoming Remarks by Seychelles- Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)- Keynote Address by the President of Seychelles and Champion of the Africa’s Blue Economy (ABE) |
| 14:45 | 15:00 | Group Photo of Participants |
| 15:00 | 15:10 | Break |
| 15:10 | 16:10 | Virtual Panel Discussion: Best practices and Challenges of Africa’s Blue Economy (ABE) Moderator: H.E. Hermann Immongault, Ambassador of the Republic of Gabon and Permanent Representative to the African Union, and Chairperson of the PRC Sub-Committee on Environmental Issues African Union Member States: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Islands countries: Cabo Verde➤ Coastal countries: South Africa➤ Inland Waterways countries: Egypt➤ Land-connected (Land-Locked) countries: Ethiopia➤ African Lake / River Basin Organizations: Lake Victoria Commission➤ Private Sector – Women in Maritime in Africa (WIMA)➤ Blue Finance – Seychelles |
| 16:10 | 17:10 | READING / ADOPTION OF THE OUTCOME STATEMENT (MAHÉ ISLAND STATEMENT) - SEYCHELLES |
| 17:10 | 17:40 | CLOSING CEREMONY: Vote of Thanks by AUC Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) |