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Again, inter-agency cooperation could provide a means to do just that, by leveraging and combining existing mandates and resources to maximize the impact of ocean-related actions, to learn from past experiences, and to promote innovative solutions.

The mandates of UN-Oceans members focus on fields as diverse as economic and





Development Goal 14, with an emphasis on stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.

This side event provides an opportunity to take stock of the innovative and successful partnerships developed by members within the framework of UN-Oceans, focusing on case studies where inter-agency cooperation and partnerships have resulted in strengthened ocean-related action for the achievement of Goal 14.

It will highlight how inter-agency cooperation, including through UN-Oceans, can provide a means to address the cumulative challenges facing our ocean through engagement across the United Nations system.

It will emphasize the demonstrable benefits of such partnerships for Member States and other stakeholders. The case studies to be discussed include actions to improve the state of ocean science, and areas in which innovative solutions were developed.

The intention is not to look only to past successes, but also to engage with one another and with you, the audience, in a robust and forward-looking discussion on how UN-Oceans can more effectively contribute to ocean action through enhanced inter-agency cooperation? Considering the role of science for implementing Goal 14, what are the practical, implementable solutions and ideas to transform commitments into the action our ocean so desperately needs?

It is heartening to see more attention being played to the importance of our ocean and of the possibilities to be realized.



