



Regenerative Ocean Week (2nd Edition)

Science-to-Solution for a Regenerative Blue Economy

Powered by
Ocean Innovation Africa
with regional partners and
supporting institutions

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Mombasa, Kenya



What is ROW?

Regenerative Ocean Week (ROW) is a collaborative summit accelerating nature-positive, climate-positive, and people-positive ocean solutions across Africa and the Western Indian Ocean.

Bringing together science, community insight, innovation, investment, and policy, ROW creates shared pathways toward a regenerative and resilient blue economy. Powered by OIA and delivered together with our partners, it connects knowledge with action.





Purpose and Theme

With its theme “Science-to-Solution”, ROW aims to ensure ocean science directly informs innovation, business, investment and policy. Outcomes include:

- More deals, projects & partnerships
- Evidence-based ocean decision-making
- Scaling of regenerative blue economy models
- Stronger alignment between communities, scientists & industry



Collaborative Impact

As in the 2025 edition, OIA brings entrepreneurship expertise; IUCN anchors science; the Ocean Climate Platform drives policy alignment. Together, ROW 2026 will provide:

- A multi-stakeholder space to break silos
- Mechanisms to turn research into implementable solutions
- High-level science-policy dialogues
- Innovation showcases and workshops
- Regional commitments for regenerative action

The Our Ocean Conference is a key global platform advancing ocean protection, including the goal to safeguard 30% of the ocean by 2030, under the theme Our Ocean, Our Heritage, Our Future. Since 2014, it has mobilised over 2,900 commitments worth approximately USD 169 billion.

Regenerative Ocean Week (ROW) takes place in the lead-up, grounding global ambition in African and Western Indian Ocean realities by convening leaders across science, communities, innovation, investment, and policy to shape partnerships and priorities that strengthen commitments carried into the conference.



ROW 2026 Draft Programme



SUN 14 JUNE	MON 15 JUNE	TUE 16 JUNE
<p><i>Science-to-Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynotes• High-level panel discussions• Science-to-business showcases• Workshops• Exhibitions & B2B• Evening networking	<p><i>Science-to-Technology & Innovation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pecha Kucha sessions• Tech demonstrations• Commercialisation dialogues• Exhibition & B2B• Workshops• Evening networking	<p><i>Science-to-Policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coastal governance & community panels• Policy visioning sessions• Outcome presentations• Action plan setting• Closing reflections



Turning Connection into Action Across Africa



The ENGAGE platform underpins OIA and ROW as part of a pan-African event series designed to move beyond conversation and enable meaningful, action-oriented collaboration.

As an all-in-one registration, networking, and B2B matchmaking platform, ENGAGE transforms events from passive gatherings into intentional connection ecosystems.



By enabling smart matchmaking, scheduled meetings, QR-based networking, and real-time data insights, ENGAGE ensures that innovators, investors, policymakers, communities, and industry leaders connect with the right people at the right time.

For OIA and ROW, this is critical: impact depends on catalysing partnerships, unlocking funding, and accelerating regenerative blue-economy solutions.

ENGAGE embeds structured networking, measurable outcomes, and post-event continuity into the delegate journey—ensuring relationships formed during the events translate into sustained collaboration long after they conclude.

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