



Nudging the New Ocean Society INVITATION

WHEN

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

11am - 3pm

WHERE

Palazzo Ducale, Piazza Matteotti 9

16123 Genova (GE), Italia

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The Ocean Race Summit Genoa will gather young ocean advocates and experienced leaders - from sailors to scientists, entrepreneurs, and policymakers - to imagine how a new ocean society can take shape through collaboration and fresh perspectives.

At The Ocean Race Summit Genoa, young voices take the stage alongside leading sailors, scientists, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to rethink how we care for the ocean together.

It's not a conference, it's a live conversation where questions flow both ways: from youth to leaders, and from leaders back to youth. Whether you sail, surf, study, or simply care deeply about the sea, this is your chance to be heard, to connect, and to be part of shaping a new ocean society built on collaboration, courage, and fresh ideas.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage, collaborate, and help shape the future of the ocean!

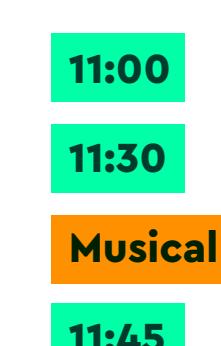
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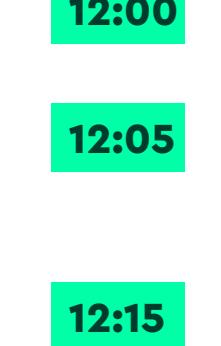
Actress & Environmental Advocate

SPEAKERS



SILVIA SALIS

Mayor of Genova *To be confirmed



MARCO BUCCI

President of Liguria Region, Italy



BIKRAM BAHADUR

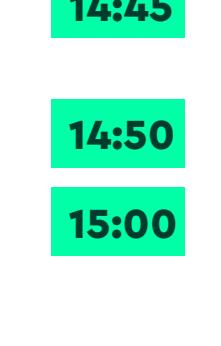
Ocean & environmental advocate



ELISABETTA BALZI

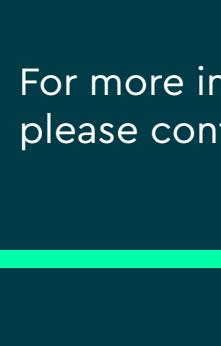
Active Senior, European Commission

DG Research and Innovation



MARIASOLE BIANCO

Marine Scientist, Communicator and President of Worldrise



SOFIA BONICALZA

Conservation biologist, IOC Young Leader



RICHARD BRISIUS

Race Chairman, The Ocean Race

ANTONIO DI NATALE

Marine Biologist, Secretary General

Fondazione Acquario di Genova

REBECCA GEIGER

Young Ocean Journalist

FRANCESCA GHIO

Councillor for Youth, People, Animals and Food, Comune di Genova

LUCY HUNT

Ocean Impact Director, The Ocean Race

CARMELO ISGRO

Founder and Director of the MuMa Milazzo Sea Museum

ARIANNA LICONTI

Marine ecologist & mediator, The Ocean Race Advisor

JETTE MAI

Magenta Mentee | Meteorology Student | Sailor

MONICA MONTEFALCON

Marine Ecology Professor at University of Genova

MANON PEYRE

49erFX Junior World Champion & Ocean Race sailor, campaigning for LA 2028 Olympic Games

FRANCESCA SANTORO

Senior Programme Officer, IOC-UNESCO

(Ocean Literacy for All)

ETTORE TRILLO

Deledda International School Representative

PROGRAMME

11:00

GUEST ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

11:30

EVENT START

11:45

INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME

Silvia Salis - Mayor of Genova (TBC)

Marco Bucci - President of Liguria Region

12:00

THE OCEAN RACE WELCOME

Richard Brisius - Race Chairman, The Ocean Race

12:05

KEYNOTE - THE STATE OF THE OCEAN

Mariasole Bianco - Marine conservation scientist

& President, Worldrise

12:15

GLOBAL OCEAN LEADERS QUESTIONED BY YOUTH - PANEL

Carmelo Isgro - Founder and Director of the MuMa Milazzo Sea Museum

Francesca Ghio - Councillor for Youth, People,

Animals and Food, Comune di Genova

Antonio Di Natale - Marine biologist, Secretary General

Fondazione Acquario di Genova

Elisabetta Balzi - Active Senior, European Commission

DG Research and Innovation

Francesca Santoro - Senior Programme Officer, IOC-UNESCO

(Ocean Literacy for All)

12:35

COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

SEASIDE CHAT - MARINE RESTORATION

Monica Montefalcone - Marine ecologist, Associate Professor

at University of Genova, Licentiate in Marine Biology

Luce Hunt - Ocean Impact Director, The Ocean Race

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CLOSING REMARKS

Lucy Hunt - Ocean Impact Director, The Ocean Race

14:50

RELAY FOR NATURE CEREMONY

15:00

LUNCH & NETWORKING

We look forward to seeing you!

For more info about The Ocean Race Summit Genoa, please contact summits@theoceancarace.com