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## Leveraging ocean resources for sustainable development in the Pacific

*The 2020 Ocean Conference – What's in it for SIDS?*

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**SUSTAINABLE  
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## 2017 UN Ocean Conference (New York, 5-9 June 2017)



THE  
**OCEAN  
CONFERENCE**  
UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 5-9 JUNE 2017

"Our Ocean, Our  
Future: Call for  
Action" - A concise,  
focused,  
intergovernmentally  
agreed declaration

Co-chairs'  
summaries of 7  
partnership  
dialogues

Nearly 1,400  
voluntary  
commitments for  
the  
implementation of  
Goal 14



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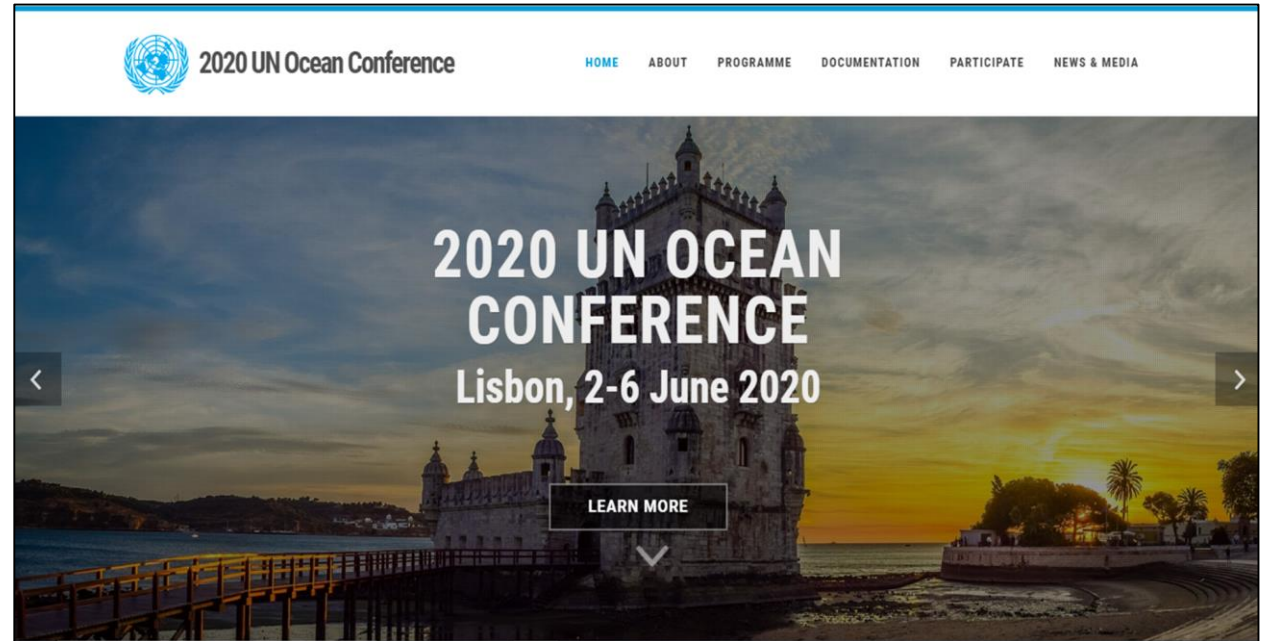


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## 2020 UN Ocean Conference (Lisbon, 2-6 June 2020)

- "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions"
- What is new?
  - Update on the implementation of VCs made in the context of the 2017 Ocean Conference
  - Share ongoing efforts, successes and challenges between relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes
- A political declaration, Co-chairs' summaries of 8 interactive dialogues, new voluntary commitments



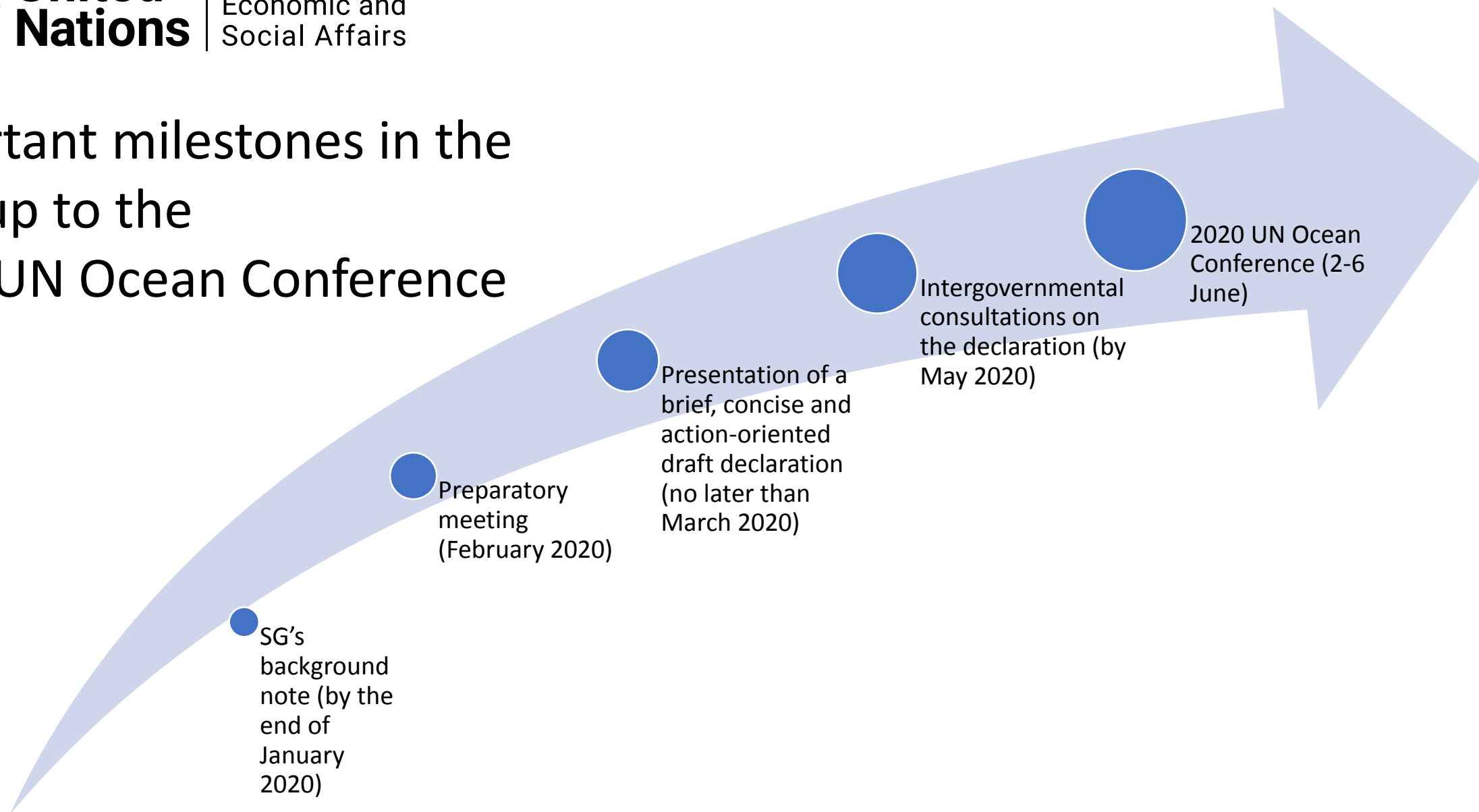
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# Important milestones in the lead-up to the 2020 UN Ocean Conference





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# What's in it for SIDS?

- Platform to articulate issues of key concern to PSIDS
- Blue continent
- Build partnerships



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**Thank you.**