



Under the Presidency of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, and co-organised by the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Government of Monaco, the Forum brings together changemakers and shapers of the new blue economy spanning the full range of **finance and insurance actors, corporates and innovators, experts and policymakers** from around the world.

Global Mobilisation

While the first edition of BEFF demonstrated that the ocean belongs on the balance sheet, this second edition aims to show that **solutions exist and are operational**, providing tangible proof that 'it works'. The strong participation of high-level private sector actors reflects the **growing momentum** across the ecosystem and helps lay the foundations for BEFF to become a key **annual rendez-vous** for the blue economy and finance community.



Building on its legacy, and delivering new pathways for action

The BEFF 2025 defined its role as a **solution demonstrator and an accelerator**, focusing on tangible opportunities. This approach yielded unprecedented mobilization of capital, mapping and identifying over \$25 billion in existing investments directed toward a regenerative ocean economy and securing firm new financial commitments totalling €8.7 billion by 2030. The 2026 edition featured high-level plenary sessions, thematic side-events and pitch sessions **highlighting innovative projects and technologies** helping pave the way toward a regenerative and sustainable blue economy.



Unlocking Ocean Finance
Across sessions, BEFF 2026 pushed beyond the question of whether the blue economy is investable and into ways to finance it at scale. Sessions explored how to **embed nature as a driver of cash flow** inside existing financial instruments and how to close the \$175 billion annual funding gap through **redirecting capital flows**, pricing previously invisible ecosystem services, and rethinking the underlying rules of financial decision-making. A highlight was the announcement of the **creation of Amundi with Credit Agricole of a full business line for natural capital** in the next 3 years to make preservation and restoration projects investable. Concrete mechanisms took centre stage throughout, from **resilience bonds** and **biodiversity credits** to **parametric insurance** and **outcome-based funds**.



Transforming the Maritime Industry
In a capital-intensive industry that operates over long cycles, the path forward combines adaptation of existing assets and **innovations deployed at scale**, such as wind propulsion, hull bubble technology, low-friction coatings, AI-powered routing, biofuels and alternative energy sources. These solutions will drive gradual **emission reductions** on board. Discussions around green corridors between ports, such as Shanghai and Hamburg, where only clean fuels are permitted, are emerging as a concrete lever. **Ports were identified as critical enablers**, with the opportunity to electrify operations, integrate nature-based solutions such as mangrove protection. Participants stressed that decarbonisation must go hand in hand with broader ocean stewardship, addressing underwater noise, ballast water management and impacts on marine biodiversity.



Scaling Sustainable Blue Food
With an ever growing world population, **food security** is becoming an imperative. Speakers agreed sustainable aquaculture must expand significantly to meet future protein demand, but that this growth must be accompanied by stronger environmental safeguards, particularly around feed production. Discussions also revolved around the importance of transparency in **building consumer trust**. The panel underscored the overlooked contribution of small-scale fisheries, which provide up to 60% of the protein consumed in the Global South, and explored innovative financing mechanisms such as **impact bonds** and **outcome-based finance** to support coastal communities, biodiversity conservation, and local value chains. The seaweed sector was highlighted as a **credible and growing asset class**, where investment is becoming profitable.

In parallel of panel sessions and side-events, the Forum highlighted **investment-ready ventures**. Through a dynamic dual-pitch format and an innovation corner, founders presented scalable solutions on ocean data and intelligence, restoration and protection, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, green shipping and yachting, and solutions to plastic pollution. The full list of companies is available [here](#).

US\$ 2.5 Trillion value generated by the marine economy

UNEP, Sustainable Marine Economy



“Only one thing now stands between the Ocean and the capital it needs: the decision to act. And a delayed decision is never neutral. The cost of waiting on the Ocean is documented, it is rising, and it is paid by those who come after us. Let me be plain: I will not ask whether the Ocean is investable. We have left that question behind us. I ask something harder. Invest in the Ocean now. Invest in it at scale. And invest in it as what it truly is – not a risk to be managed, but the defining opportunity of our time.”

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