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AI FOR OCEAN AND COASTAL TERRITORIES

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AI FOR OCEAN AND COASTAL TERRITORIES



MONDAY 1 JUNE 2026

9:10-9:30 am Warm up
Rhune Room 1

- Apnea Diver and Coexistence Founder Anne-Sophie Mouraud

9:30-9:45 am Opening
Rhune Room 1

- Jean-Baptiste Dussaussois Larralde, First Deputy Mayor and Community Councillor, City of Biarritz

9:45-10:10 am High-level institutional opening
Rhune Room 1

- Vincent Jechoux, Regional Director for the Environment, Planning and Housing in Nouvelle-Aquitaine

10:10-10:40 am Coastal Cities, Sustainable AI and the Ocean
Rhune Room 1

- M. Jean-Baptiste Dussaussois Larralde, First Deputy Mayor and Community Councillor - Biarritz, France.
- M. Seydina Issa Laye Sambe, Mayor - Yoff, Senegal.
- Dra. Ana Rita Venâncio, Municipal Director for Environment and Citizenship - Cascais, Portugal.
- Mrs. Maggie Mathias, Sister City Committee Member - Santa Cruz, California
- Director of Natural Heritage and Climate Change, Basque Government

10:40-10:50 am Break

10:50-11:45 am Thematic workshops

Wave Room 1 Sustainable mobility: Disruptive innovations in the maritime sector and the regulatory framework

- Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGAMPA) – Ministry for Ecological Transition, and Candela (Electric ferryboats)

Wave Room 2 Sustainable tourism and local communities: What data is needed to rethink a tourism strategy that is fit for the future?

- Damien Saint Pé, Departmental Tourism Agency 64

Wave Room 3 Water management: The Coastguard Cities project, a new approach to combating coastal flooding

- Camille Angué, CEO of the EDHEC Climate Institute
- Clémentine Fischer, Sustainability Engagement Lead, AXA
- Julia d'Astorg, Director of Science & Nature, AXA Foundation
- Sourav Kumar Biswas, Director of Sponge Collaborative
- Caroline Lapellerie, CEO of Floodframe

Wave Room 5 Biodiversity and public health: from science to policy, and on to the public the case of Surat, India

- Vishwa Patel, CEO of The Earthist
- Akash Bansal, founder of the Surat project
- Stefano Balbi, researcher at the University of Ikerbasque and the Basque Centre for Climate Change, and principal investigator of the ARIES project

meanwhile 10:50-11:45 am Roundtable: Digital twins for coastal adaptation (discussion in French)
Wave Room 4

- Mihir Sarkar, Head of AI R&D, ENGIE
- Michel Le Van Kiem, Director of Development and Innovation, Grand Port Maritime de Bordeaux
- SCOast-DT Project, CNES
- Digital twins of the Thau basin
- Moderator: Julia Herriot, Head of Digital Twin Partnerships (IGN)

meanwhile 10:50-12:40 am Business meetings and bilateral discussions
Rhune Room 2

11:45-12:40 am Tideline Startup Programme: Pitches from 20 blue-tech startups
Wave Room 1-5

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch and networking

2:00-2:15 pm Feedback session in plenary from the morning thematic workshops
Rhune Room 1

2:15-2:35 pm Roundtable: Financing coastal resilience (part 1) risk assessments
Rhune Room 1

- Matthieu Renard, Climate Risk Manager - Scientific Climate Ratings
- Nicolas Ziv, PhD, Lead Specialist, Transport Sector - Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
- Pierre-Emmanuel Noël, Head of Unit - European Investment Bank
- Andreas Galagutas, Data & AI Lead - Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- Moderator: Sarah Kieling, Blue Finance Lead - Waves of Change

2:35-2:40 pm Creative interlude
Rhune Room 1

2:40-2:55 pm Accelerating the Transition of Coastal Cities with AI: Testimonials from G7 Coastal Regions and Expert Reactions
Rhune Room 1

- Pierre Emmanuel Noel, Head of Unit, European Investment Bank
- Akira Yoshida, Akira Yoshida, Chief Disaster Management Solutions at Partner Ecosystem Success, SA, Japan
- Martinez-Ferrada, Mayor of City of Montréal
- Tiffany Wise-West, Sustainability & Resiliency Officer, City of Santa Cruz, CA

2:55-3:15 pm Break

3:15-4:10 pm Thematic workshops

Wave Room 1 Coastal adaptation in Senegal and biodiversity conservation

- Seydina Issa Sambe, Mayor of Yoff (Senegal)
- Robin Alauze, CEO of Lineup Ocean
- Yves Soufflet, CEO of Waves'n See

Wave Room 2 Biodiversity and public health: rebuilding a local seaweed industry on the Basque coast (Alg64 project)

- Speakers TBC

Wave Room 3 G7 Special Workshop: AI, a catalyst for transition in coastal cities

- Senior management representative, Urban 7 representative
- Pierre-Emmanuel Noel, Head of Unit, Western Europe Public Sector European Investment Bank(EIB)
- Mayor of Kobe or Deputy Mayor in charge of International Relations Los Angeles (tbc)
- Fabrice Klein, Head of innovation and partnerships, Port of Bordeaux
- Alain Blanchard, Executive Director, ANEL (French National Association of Coastal Elected Officials)
- Olivier Desbiey, Group Head of Foresight, Axa

Wave Room 4 Energy transition in Nouvelle-Aquitaine

- Franck Darthou, Regional Director, EDF
- Jean-François Escapil-Inchauspé, Head of Development,
- Philippe Bougeard, Head of Innovation for the Bordeaux-Gironde region

Wave Room 5 Waste management and the circular economy: AI solutions to improve waste management

- Divya Hegde, CEO, Baeru Coast Clear
- Startup from the Tideline programme
- Charline Meyer, Artificial Intelligence Project Manager, Ecolab, Ministry for Ecological Transition

4:10-4:30 pm Break

4:30-5:25 pm Workshops and thematic round-table discussions
Wave Room 2

- Biodiversity and Public Health (Alg64 project)
- Sustainable Mobility (DGAMPA)
- Sustainable AI (Hub France IA and Ministry for Ecological Transition)

Wave Room 3

Wave Room 1

meanwhile 4:30-5:25 pm Tideline Start-up Programme – Pitches from 7 start-ups working on:
Wave Room 4

- Energy transition
- Waste management

Wave Room 5

meanwhile 3:15-5:25 pm Business meetings and bilateral discussions
Rhune Room 2

5:25-5:45 pm Break

5:45-6:00 pm Feedback session in plenary from the afternoon thematic workshops
Rhune Room 1

6:00 pm Public lecture
Rhune Room 1

- Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Ambassador for Polar and Maritime Affairs (France)

8:00 pm Biarritz by night



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TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026

- 9:30–9:50 am** **Opening lecture – Cross-disciplinary perspectives: AI, the environment and coastal regions**
Rhune Room 1
- Jacques Sainte-Marie, Head of the ICT & Environment Programme, INRIA
 - Ana Margarida Ferreira, Head of Maritime Affairs - Cascais, Portugal
- 10:00–10:55 am** **360° Masterclass for start-up founders:**
Wave Room 3-5
- Marketing & Sales Strategy: Clément Chassain, Bpifrance
Legal aspects: Arnaud Giroire, PDGB
Marketing & Sales Strategy: Estelle Levacher, Levelle Consulting
- meanwhile**
10:00–10:55 am **Workshop: Transition talents tackling the challenges of plastic**
Wave Room 1
- Pirah Siyal, environmental chemist, Government of Sindh, Pakistan, and member of the Global Policy Talent Cohort at Waves of Change
 - Shellan Saling, Plastic Policy Lead & Global Policy Talent Cohort - Waves of Change
- meanwhile**
10:00–10:55 am **Workshop: Common Waves / Euskal Itsas Parkea Project**
Wave Room 2
- Coordination of maritime users and coastal stakeholders to preserve water quality and marine biodiversity
- Stefano Balbi, Researcher, Ikerbasque Basque Foundation for Science
 - Caroline Sarrade, Basque Country Urban Community
 - François Esnault, Pyrénées-Atlantiques Department
- meanwhile**
10:00–12:10 am **Business meetings and bilateral discussions**
Rhune Room 2
- 11:15–12:10 am** **Roundtable : Sustainable AI Coalition : AI for the Ocean - from needs to solutions**
Wave Room 1
- Emmanuel Lempert, VP Government Affairs, SAP
 - Andreas Galatoulas, Data & AI Lead, Global Green Growth Institute
 - Pauline Thévenot, Head of Marketing, Communications & CSR, IADYS
 - Stefano Balbi, Researcher, Ikerbasque Basque Foundation for Science
 - Moderator: Claire Dorville, AI, Data & Innovation Policy Officer, Ministry for Ecological Transition
- meanwhile**
11:15–12:10 am **Sustainable tourism and local communities – the 'Hydrospitality' project**
Wave Room 4
- Elmahdi Benabdeljalil, Amal Biladi Foundation
 - Mohammed Belayachi, Agua de Sol
- meanwhile**
11:15–12:10 am **Tideline Start-up Programme – Pitches of 8 start-ups working on waste management, biodiversity and public health**
Wave Room 2, 3&5
- 12:10–12:25 am** **Feedback session in plenary from the morning thematic workshops**
Rhune Room 1
- 12:25–12:40 am** **Keynote**
Rhune Room 1
- Alain Arnaud, Responsable du programme numérique, Mercator Ocean International
- 12:45–2:00 pm** **Lunch and networking**
- 2:00–2:25 pm** **Round table: Financing coastal resilience (Part 2) with science and data**
Rhune Room 1
- Sophie Coulon-Renouvel, Head of External Growth and Strategic Partnerships, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa
 - Adrian Bühner, Founding Partner, Übermorgen Ventures
 - Guillaume Bregeras, Managing Director and Head of Knowledge Management, 2050
 - Moderator: Camille Angué, Director – EDHEC Climate Institute
- 2:25–2:30 pm** **Creative interlude**
Rhune Room 1
- 2:30–2:50 pm** **Keynote: French public policy on sustainable AI**
Rhune Room 1
- Charline Meyer, Artificial Intelligence Project Manager, Ecolab, Ministry for Ecological Transition
 - Quentin Chenevriér, Head of the Data Office, Cosma
- 2:50–3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:15–4:10 pm** **Thematic workshops:**
Wave Room 1
- Sustainable Mobility: Ports in the cities of tomorrow
- Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DGAMPA)
- Wave Room 2 Water management
- Charline Schmit, COO of Planctolab
- Wave Room 3 Energy transition: the Smart Energy Hub project
- Patrick Groff, COO de Olenergies
 - Etienne Reynaud, CEO de SmartEko
- Wave Room 4 Waste management and the circular economy: the Coastal Loop project
- Mr Seydina Issa Laye Sambe, Mayor of Yoff (Senegal)
 - Medoune Ndoye, President of the Cercle de Réflexion et d'Action Citoyenne
 - Pierre Rousseau, Plastic Odyssey
 - Gaia Minopoli, Head of Staff & Operations, Ogyre
- Wave Room 5 Biodiversity and public health: Assessment of the environmental externalities of AI applications in the health sector
- MIT Sana, Henri Mondor Hospital and other associated partners
- meanwhile**
3:15–5:25 pm **Business meetings and bilateral discussions**
Rhune Room 2
- meanwhile**
4:30–5:25 pm **Tideline Start-up Programme – Pitches from 14 start-ups working in the fields of water management, the energy transition, waste management, biodiversity, public health and sustainable tourism**
Wave Room 1-5
- 5:25–5:45 pm** **Break**
- 5:45–6:00 pm** **Feedback session in plenary from the afternoon thematic workshops**
Rhune Room 1
- 6:00–6:15 pm** **Tideline Coastal Innovation Awards Ceremony**
Rhune Room 1
- Special Focus: AI, the Ocean and Coastal Regions
- 6:15–6:30 pm** **Closing remarks**
Rhune Room 1
- Ministry for Ecological Transition
 - Waves of Change
 - Hub France IA
- 7:00 pm** **Closing night**

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2026

Off-site – Bayonne Port

A day dedicated to visits, discussions and demonstrations with local partners, focusing on regional, coastal and maritime initiatives

