# The Great Blue Wall - Accelerating and upscaling Ocean Action in Africa

**5th September 2023, 08h00 – 09h00**  
Aberdare Room, KICC (next to Tsavo Rm)

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| 08h10 - 08h45 | Commitments to operationalize the GBW in the WIO Region  
Regenerative Seascapes - 2 million km² conserved  
1. Pejul Calenga, Mozambique (Inhambane Seascapes)  
2. Dorothy Asuza, Mission Inclusion (ReSea)  
3. Dr Samantha Petersen, WWF (SWIO investment commitment)  
Nature-positive World - 2 million ha of critical blue ecosystems protected and restored  
4. Julie Mulonga, Wetlands International (launch SOMN-3, incl. 1 min #Roots of Hope animation)  
5. Harriet Osimbo, Plan International, (COSME)  
6. Francis Okalo, IUCN (WIOCOR)  
7. Thomas Hickey, Pew Charitable Trusts (WIO seagrass)  
Regenerative Blue Economy - 2 million blue jobs  
8. Juliet Munro, FSD Africa (launch 2nd wave OVS)  
9. Alexis Grosskopf, OceanHub Africa (Blue Economy Incubators)  
10. Peter Manyara, IUCN - Announcing winners of the GBW Innovation Challenge (2 mins, WEF - UpLink video) | Barkha Mossaë, Blue Economy Expert, Moderator |                                   |
| 08h45 | Closing remarks                                                                                                                           | Rym Benzina, Blue Africa Summit |                                   |

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