

2021-2022 MILESTONES

High level technical meeting hosted in Nairobi

Foundational high level meeting is convened by IUCN. and brought together WIO countries, CEO's of INGOs, COP26 High Level Climate Champions and the Government of France. The Great Blue Wall (GBW) is then included in the WCC's Marseille Manifesto as one of its 10 Key Action Commitments, endorsed by all WCC parties

IUCN's World Conservation

Congress

UNFCCC COP26

Global launch of the GBW with the participation at Minister level of Kenya, Seychelles, Mozambique, Tanzania, France, UK, Sweden, Portugal, Ireland, and USA and with the participation of the co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, UNSG's Special Envoy for the Oceans, COP26 High Level Climate Champion, IUCN's Patron of Nature Sylvia Earle, Seychelles former President James Alix Michel, and high level representatives of the private sector

High level representatives from Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Seychelles mandate IUCN to establish an official

secretariat for the GBW

High Level Political Forum on Sustainable **Development** Presentation by African

Countries of ARFSD's Kigali Declaration and GBW as key outcome of the forum and co-hosting of an offical high level event by UNECA and IUCN's leadership with high level rparticipation from GBW countries and the World Bank

African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)

GBW endorsed by all parties attending ARFSD and subsequently included in the Forum's outcome document, the Kigali Declaration

UN Ocean Conference

High level event that included the annoucement of President Ramkalawan of Seychelles's official endorsement, former President of Seychelles Danny Faure's full support, several large funding commitments by public and private institutions, as well as the annoucement of Mozambique's Northern Seascape and Tanzania's Tanga-Pemba Seascape.

UNFCCC COP27

Heads of State event showcasing African Leadership, annoucing commitments and mobilise strategic partnerships

COP27 African Finance Roundtable

5 GBW projects are selected (out of 200 submitions and 18 selected projects) and presented as key mechanisms to be accelerated and supported by COP27's Presidency and High LEvel Climate Champions in order to mobilise ambitious political commitments and financial support

African Protected Area Congress

GBW presented and identified as key initiative to accelerate large scale people-positive ocean conservation efforts in Africa

Official forums' endorsments

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