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Monaco Joins as Founding Member of Space4Ocean Alliance to Advance Ocean Conservation Through Space Exploration

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NICE, France, June 9, 2025 (EZ Newswire) -- The [Principality of Monaco](#) today officially launched the [Space4Ocean Alliance](#) (S4O) during the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference, held in neighboring Nice, France, and co-hosted by France and Costa Rica. This is another milestone in the Principality's growing engagement in space exploration as well as its commitment to sustainability, scientific innovation, and environmental stewardship under the leadership of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II.

This new international alliance aims to bring together space agencies, marine researchers, industry leaders and policymakers to leverage satellite technology and Earth monitoring tools to fill gaps in ocean observation and provide operational services in support of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 14: the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources. In other words, it aims to leverage the rapid growth and advances in space technology to provide a better understanding of the oceans and enable novel sustainability solutions.

"Monaco's tradition of scientific leadership dates back to Prince Albert I, a pioneer of oceanography and international cooperation," said Maguy Maccario Doyle, Monaco's Ambassador to the United States. "We strongly believe that advances in space exploration can serve the urgent mission of ocean preservation, and we are proud to join the Space4Ocean Alliance. Through this alliance, we are reaffirming our commitment to building a more resilient and sustainable future for humanity and the planet we call home."

The Space4Ocean Alliance, initiated by France's space agency CNES (Centre National d'Études Spatiales), is designed to foster connections and global partnerships that link space technologies with ocean stakeholders, including those in marine science, climate monitoring, maritime policy and sustainable fisheries.

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Through satellite data, predictive models, and advanced observation tools, the Space4Ocean Alliance will work to close critical gaps in ocean observation and monitoring; support countries most vulnerable to ocean and climate change impacts; promote open access to data and tools that inform decision-making and policy; build capacity through training and technology-sharing initiatives; and advance shared science to protect ocean health at both local and global scales. Members will participate in the signing of a joint declaration of interest at the UN Ocean Conference in Nice and contribute expertise through a global steering committee that will provide annual progress reports.

HSH Prince Albert II established the Office of Space Affairs in 2021, and through a strategic partnership between Astrolab and Monaco's Venturi Group, the Principality is currently home to the development and production of cutting-edge batteries that are part of the FLEX lunar rover and its deformable wheels are designed and produced by Venturi Lab in Switzerland. The Embassy of Monaco hosted a high-level forum featuring astronauts and scientists called "[Monaco's Leap to the Stars: Integrating High-Tech Innovations, Astronaut Perspectives, and Lunar Exploration](#) [↗](#)," on March 29, moderated by former NASA associate administrator and retired astronaut Robert "Bob" Cabana, part of the EARTH to SPACE: Arts Breaking the Sky Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

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Oceans Need \$150B — Monaco Hosting Blue Economy Forum to Address That (with Macron, Lagarde & Dalio)

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Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 1:12 PM

To: info@blueeconomynews.earth

Hi Susan,

I hope you had a nice weekend! BlueEconomyNews.Earth is a fantastic resource for this industry, and I'm a big fan of what you're doing. I wanted to make sure you were aware of a very special event happening in a few days: the [Blue Economy and Finance Forum](#) (BEFF) in Monaco, in case you're interested in an item.

As I'm sure you know, the world faces a critical funding gap in restoring ocean health, with only \$25 billion committed out of the \$175 billion per year required. This is a pressing concern, and the reason that Monaco is hosting the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF)—a UN Ocean Conference Special Event dedicated to unlocking the capital needed to transition toward a sustainable and regenerative blue economy. Under the leadership of HSH Prince Albert II and supported by France and Costa Rica, BEFF, which will take place on June 7 and 8—just ahead of the UN Ocean Conference in Nice—is designed to deliver concrete financial commitments and real innovations.

This high-level forum will convene global leaders in finance, government, multilateral institutions, and climate innovation to forge partnerships and unlock new funding to fill that gap. Speakers will include President of France Emmanuel Macron, President of the European Central Bank Christine Lagarde and legendary investor and founder of Bridgewater Associates Ray Dalio. There will also be an innovation hall featuring companies addressing challenges from plastic pollution to sustainable fisheries.

If you're interested in a deeper look at the Principality's vision for convening this forum, I'd be happy to connect you with high-level representatives from the Principality as well as the VP of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. In-person media accreditation is closing shortly (so let me know if there's interest!), and I can also share a full press release with more information, as well as materials after the conclusion of the BEFF.

Thank you for considering!

Best,

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Welcome back — and Monaco to launch Space4Ocean Alliance

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To: Samuel Skove <:sskove@politico.com>

Hi Sam,

I hope you're doing well and enjoyed your vacation! Wanted to flag some additional space news coming out of Monaco in a few days that I thought might be a good small item for you and really captures a big motivation behind the Principality's push into space:

On June 9, Monaco will officially launch the Space4Ocean Alliance (S4O) during the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference, held in neighboring Nice, France. This new alliance aims to bring together space agencies, marine researchers, industry leaders and policymakers to leverage satellite technology and Earth monitoring tools to fill gaps in ocean observation and provide operational services in support of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 14: the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources. It connects the Principality's growing engagement in space exploration with its longtime commitment to sustainability, scientific innovation, and environmental stewardship.

I'm happy to share a full press release with more information, and of course can connect you with the Ambassador and other high-ranking people in Monaco's space industry, including the leadership of its Office of Space Affairs. There will be great photos I can also share that will be taken on the 9th.

Thanks for considering!

Best,

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Monaco Takes Center Stage, Showcasing the Principality's Unexpected Role in Space Exploration with Series of Signature Events

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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Principality of Monaco, renowned for its commitment to sustainability under the leadership of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, showcased its growing role in space exploration with several events featuring renowned leaders in the space industry as part of the international **EARTH to SPACE: Arts Breaking the Sky** festival at the Kennedy Center, held from March 28 to April 20.

"Monaco's enduring commitment to scientific discovery, particularly in ocean preservation, has naturally extended to the cosmos," said Maguy Maccario-Doye, Monaco's Ambassador to the United States.

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The festival is part of an effort to inspire collective action to protect the planet and use the arts to stimulate fresh thinking about our environmental challenges, which aligns with the mission of Prince Albert II. It also spotlighted Monaco's increasingly important role in space as a source of cutting-edge technology and scientific expertise.

One of its main events was a high-level panel discussion, "*Monaco's Leap to the Stars: Integrating High-Tech Innovations, Astronaut Perspectives, and Lunar Exploration*," held on March 29 and moderated by former NASA Associate Administrator and retired astronaut Robert "Bob" Cabana. The discussion featured luminaries from the world of space, including Jaret Matthews, Founder and CEO of Astrolab, Ellen Stofan, Under Secretary for Science and Research at the

Smithsonian Institution and former NASA Chief Scientist, Bill Nelson, former U.S. Senator, astronaut and most recent NASA Administrator, as well as Commander Michael Lopez-Alegria, the chief astronaut at Axiom Space. A recording of this discussion is available at the Embassy's YouTube channel ([link here](#)), and various photos from Monaco's events at the festival can be accessed [here](#).

"Monaco's enduring commitment to scientific discovery, particularly in ocean preservation, has naturally extended to the cosmos," said Maguy Maccario-Doyle, Monaco's Ambassador to the United States. "As we've grown our space industry, we see tremendous opportunities for this technology to help us better understand and protect our natural world, ensuring that the future of exploration benefits not just humanity, but also the planet we call home."

In addition, Monaco participated in several other notable events showcasing the Principality's role in space, including:

- Displaying a prototype of the FLEX lunar rover, developed by U.S. firm, Astrolab, with state-of-the-art technology from Monaco's Venturi, recognized for its expertise in high-performance batteries and wheels.
- A group of schoolchildren from the aeronautics class at Monaco's renowned *Institution Saint François d'Assise - Nicolas Barré* joined NASA's World Weather Watchers Symposium on March 31.

"As we explore beyond Earth, it is imperative that we use the technologies and knowledge gained in space to create a better world at home," said Ellen Stofan. "Monaco's leadership and dedication in this area is inspiring, and we are proud to support their efforts to advance space exploration."

"The FLEX lunar rover shows the tremendous value of what Monaco brings to the table in space exploration," said Jaret Matthews. "Venturi has always been a leader in performance batteries and wheels, and it was a natural fit for Astrolab to partner with them to develop a best-in-class lunar rover. In this case, Monaco is truly supercharging space exploration."

The Monaco Office of Space Affairs (established in 2021 by HSH Prince Albert), as a founding member of the Space4Ocean Alliance, is now leveraging space technology to protect our ocean. This initiative launched with CNES, the Norwegian Space Agency, UNOOSA and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission will be formally introduced at the United Nations Ocean Conference to be held in Nice, France on June 9 – 13, 2025.

For more information, visit www.MonacoEventsUSA.com

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Long time — and the best kept secret in space?

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Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 1:46 PM

To: garrett.reim@aviationweek.com

Hey Garrett,

Long time, and hope you're doing well! I've been catching your byline more and more since moving to Florida a few years ago, where I definitely follow the space industry more closely (even if my work is mostly with tech/real estate/nonprofit clients).

On that note, I did just start with a client that is on your beat, and it's a fun one—the unlikely space powerhouse: Monaco. It's not just Formula 1, baccarat and fine dining, but Monaco is also providing state-of-the-art batteries and deformable wheels for lunar rovers, and continues to accelerate its space program in a variety of ways.

Monaco is putting on an event next Saturday at the Kennedy Center in DC called "Monaco's Leap to the Stars," featuring a panel discussion about the future of space with several luminaries—including former NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and Bob Cabana, who flew on four Space Shuttle missions. A prototype of the rover that Monaco's technology is part of will also be there.

The Principality is going to put out a release Monday and you and Irene will get it, but I wanted to flag this for you ahead of time if you're interested. I assume you're not in DC next weekend, but I'd be happy to connect you to Monaco's US Ambassador Maguy Maccario-Doyle, Dr. Ellen Stofan, Under Secretary for Science and Research, Smithsonian Institution and former Chief Scientist at NASA and/or Jaret Matthews, Founder and CEO of Astrolab and Founder and CEO of Venturi Astrolab Inc., the joint venture with Monaco's Venturi Group behind the FLEX lunar lander, if you're interested in an item. I will obviously make sure you get priority, too :)

I can share the release in advance if you're interested, and a bunch more information as well. Thought this was kind of a fun space story, and glad it gave me an excuse to say hi!

Hope to talk soon!

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