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**Press Release**

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**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR SOLA ENIKANOLAIYE, WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR, AT THE 11TH EDITION OF THE OUR OCEANS CONFERENCE (OOC11) MOMBASA, KENYA.**

The Honourable Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Sola Enikanolaiye, will represent President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, to participate in the 11th Edition of the Our Oceans Conference (OOC11) from Tuesday, 16th June to Thursday, 18th June 2026 at the Pride Inn Paradise Resort, in the coastal city of Mombasa, Kenya.

Since its launch in 2014, the Our Ocean Conference (OOC) has emerged as the world's leading voluntary ocean action platform, delivering strong value for money through high implementation rates, transparent tracking, and significant mobilization of public and private finance. Designed as a high-level mechanism to catalyze measurable action, OOC distinguishes itself from dialogue-focused forums by prioritizing accountability, implementation, and multi-stakeholder collaboration across governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, and coastal communities to advance sustainable ocean management.

With 38 African countries bordering the ocean and Africa's blue economy already employing more than 50 million people, the continent's future is inseparable from ocean health, security, and sustainability. Therefore, OOC11 convenes amid accelerating ocean degradation, rising geopolitical pressures, and growing demands for accountability, as warming seas, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, plastic pollution, and limited marine protection persist.

The conference will be delivered through a series of build-up activities, including an Investment and Finance Platform featuring blue economy investment forums, donor roundtables, innovative financing mechanisms, and public-private partnerships; alongside Youth and Community Engagement initiatives such as

**youth ocean leadership forums, women in the blue economy platforms, and indigenous and coastal knowledge exchanges. The core summit components will include:**

- High-level leadership track with Heads of State and ministerial plenaries, global policy dialogues, and multilateral commitment announcements.**
- Innovation and technology expo showcasing BlueTech solutions, climate adaptation innovations, and digital ocean systems.**
- Official side events and working groups comprising thematic workshops, regional cooperation dialogues, and technical policy clinics.**

**Nigeria is expected to speak on our activities as a major maritime nation in Africa, with sovereignty over extensive coastal waters and a vital stake in the Gulf of Guinea; harnessing the potentials of blue economy, climate change and ocean health, maritime security and regional cooperation, among others.**

**Signed:**

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