

Marine-based Products and Services (MAPS) Expo

Exploring natural and alternative materials for SDG 14

Meet the Exhibitors

The Marine-based Products and Services (MAPS) Expo, held alongside the 5th United Nations Ocean Forum, serves as a platform to showcase innovative and sustainable solutions in the Blue Economy. Complementing the forum's focus on the nexus between ocean economy, trade policy, climate, and development, the Expo highlights natural and non-plastic product substitutes, alternative materials, and services that contribute to conservation, sustainable use of marine ecosystems, and support for coastal livelihoods.

The following exhibitors represent diverse organisations committed to mitigating plastic pollution, advancing frontier materials, and supporting ocean-friendly business models. These exhibitors bring real-world solutions that contribute to food security, ocean conservation, and economic resilience while fostering dialogue and partnerships that will shape the future of marine-based industries.

Busitema/TEXFAD

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Primary contact: Mr. **Kimani Muturi**, muturiza@gmail.com

Busitema/TEXFAD operates in the Sustainable Design sector and is based in Uganda. It focuses on developing innovative solutions using textile and agricultural waste. Committed to circular economy principles and sustainable practices, it will showcase products at the MAPS Expo made from repurposed textile waste. By transforming discarded materials into functional and high-value items, the initiative reduces land-based waste streams, tackling a key source of ocean pollution.

Catchgreen

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Catchgreen operates in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector and is based in South Africa. It is dedicated to developing plastics substitutes tailored for marine environments. At MAPS Expo, it will showcase BiodolomerOcean, a versatile substitute material for HDPE designed for ocean applications, including fishing gear, aquaculture equipment, and marine packaging solutions.

FAO GLOBEFISH

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FAO GLOBEFISH operates in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector and is based in Italy, at FAO, one of our partners. It focuses on marine-based initiatives, international cooperation, and technological development. Its mission at MAPS Expo is to contribute its expertise in global seafood market analysis and sustainable fish trade. It will showcase FAO GLOBEFISH Publications and Services at the Expo, including regulatory frameworks and market insights.





Fédération Nationale des Paniers de la Mer

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Fédération Nationale des Paniers de la Mer operates in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector and is based in France. It focuses on reducing food waste, social reintegration, and food aid. Its work includes collecting unsold fish from markets to prevent high-quality seafood from becoming waste, providing training and employment opportunities in fish processing for individuals facing hardships, and supplying food aid associations across France.

The Flipflop Project Foundation

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Primary contact: Mr. **Dipesh Pabari**, dipesh@theflipflop.com

FlipFlop operates in fishing communities in the Lamu Archipelago, Kenya. It focuses on circular economy principles and ocean conservation. At MAPS Expo, it will present solutions that repurpose coastal plastic waste into functional products. It will showcase its traditional chair, made from recycled plastic and other innovations from coastal waste.

GO!PHA

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Primary contact: Ms. **Saloni Sharma**, saloni.sharma@gopha.org

GO!PHA is a company based in the Netherlands that specialises in Frontier Materials and Packaging. Its primary focus is promoting and developing PHA (Polyhydroxyalkanoates) as a sustainable alternative to conventional plastics. At the MAPS Expo, GO!PHA will showcase the versatility and environmental benefits of PHA, along with various PHA-based materials and applications.

International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR)

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INBAR operates in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector and is an organisation based in China. It focuses on non-plastic substitutes and international cooperation. At MAPS Expo, it aims to present bamboo-based solutions as sustainable alternatives to plastic and showcase various bamboo-based products and innovations.

International Seaweed Association & Global Seaweed Coalition

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The International Seaweed Association (ISA) and the Global Seaweed Coalition (GSC) operate in the Frontier Materials and Packaging sector and are based in the USA and France. They bring together applied research institutions and industry players to advance sustainability in the seaweed sector. At MAPS Expo, they will showcase seaweed-related services, seaweed-based products, and promote the 25th International Seaweed Symposium, a leading platform for seaweed innovation.





Mananasi Fibre Ltd.

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Primary contact: Mr. **James Boyd-Moss**, james@mananasi-fibre.com

Mananasi operates in the Frontier Materials and Packaging sector and is based in Kenya. It focuses on non-plastic substitutes and sustainable material innovation. Its contribution to MAPS Expo centres on processing pineapple fibre into textiles and biodegradable products. At the Expo, it will showcase pineapple fibre-based textiles and sustainable fashion solutions.

Quelp

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Quelp operates in the Food and Nutraceuticals and Frontier Materials and Packaging sectors and is based in Chile. It develops sustainable biomaterials and foods using algae and technology. Its innovations include 100% compostable seaweed-based biomaterials as plastic alternatives and sustainable seaweed-derived foods. At MAPS Expo, it will showcase food packaging and biomaterials such as filaments, pellets, bags, and films.

Shellworks

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Shellworks operates in the Frontier Materials and Packaging sector and is based in the United Kingdom. It specialises in natural and non-plastic substitutes, pioneering biomaterials for sustainable packaging solutions. Its goal at MAPS Expo is to present Vivomer, a family of biodegradable materials designed to replace conventional plastics.

Uluu

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Uluu is based in Australia and operates in the Frontier Materials and Packaging sector. It specialises in marine-based biodegradable materials and non-plastic alternatives. At MAPS Expo, it will showcase its seaweed-derived polymers as sustainable replacements for synthetic plastics and showcase their use in multiple industries.

Zerocircle Alternatives

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Zerocircle operates in the Frontier Materials and Packaging sector and is based in India. It focuses on non-plastic substitutes and natural and marine-based solutions. At the MAPS Expo, it will introduce seaweed-based alternatives for single-use plastics and showcase its biodegradable films and materials for packaging applications.





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