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PARTICIPATION GUIDE

- This virtual Q&A will be recorded. The recording will be shared with all Blue Zone side event organizers.
- Links to the presentation and relevant information will be uploaded to the [Google Folder](#).
- Questions/Comments? – Please, use the chat boxes and Q&A session at the end of this briefing.



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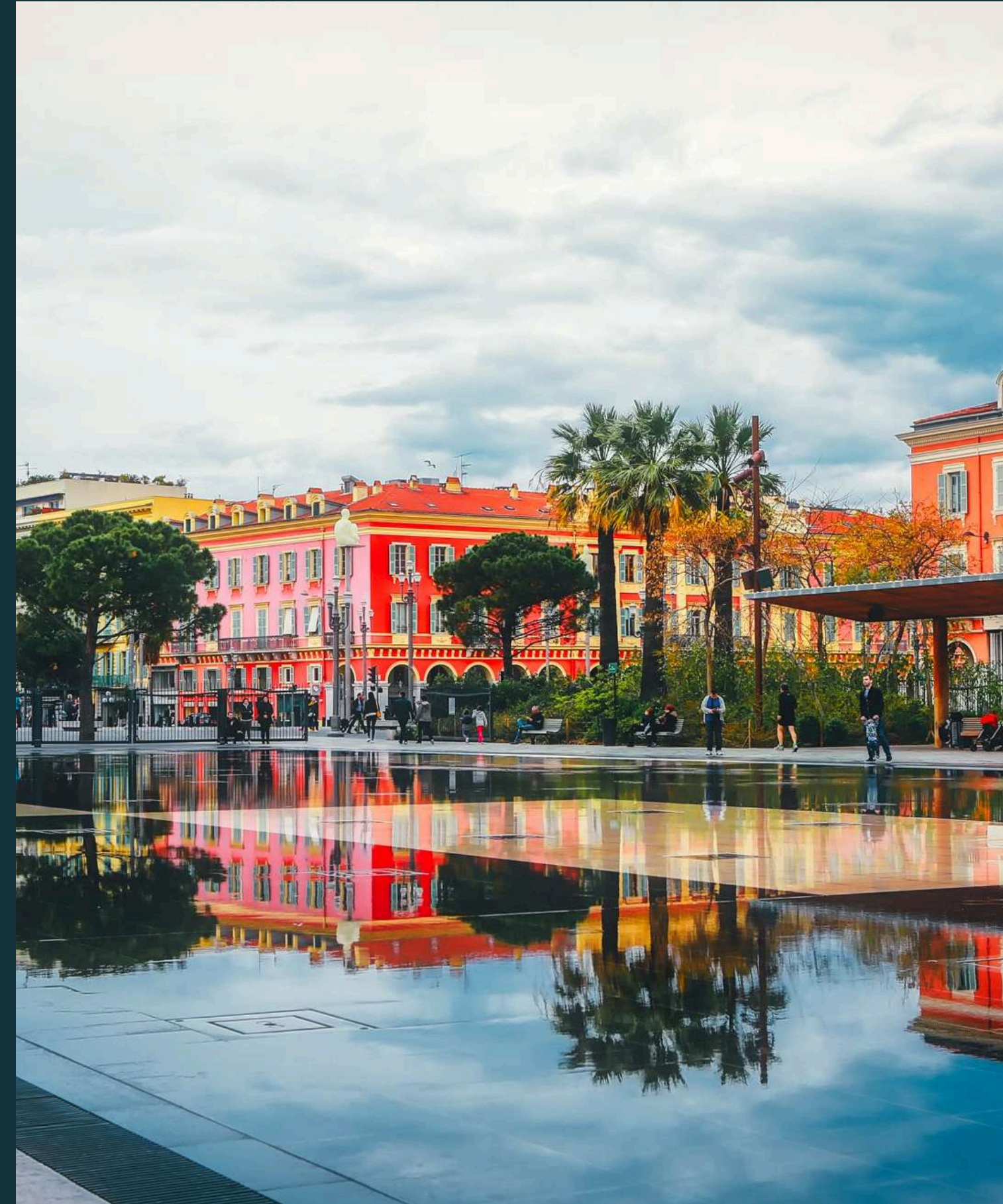
UNOC3 Conference

- 9-13 June in Nice, France
- Theme: “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean”
- Conference website:
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025>
- Information Note for participants is now online

01 Opening and closing sessions

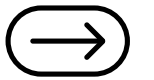
10 Plenary sessions

10 Ocean Action Panels





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The Conference is open to:

- All States Members of the United Nations; Members of the Specialized Agencies and Parties to UNCLOS
- IGOs, International Financial Institutions and other International Bodies
- Associate members of the Regional Commissions
- Specialized agencies and related organizations
- UN Secretariat, Funds, Programmes, Regional Commissions & other entities; **19 May 2025**
- Non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders; **19 May 2025**
- Media

**EACH CATEGORY HAS A DIFFERENT
REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!**

Check the deadline for each category here:

<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/participate>



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- To enter the Conference venue, all participants, as well as organizers, moderators, speakers and organizing staff must be **duly registered and in possession of a Conference badge to the UNOC3 Conference.**
- Side events hosted inside the Conference venue will be open to all participants attending the Conference, taking into consideration that the maximum occupancy of each room cannot be exceeded at any time.
- Organizers of closed events or by-invitation-only events aiming for an exclusive audience are advised to obtain alternative locations.
- All side events are open on a first come, first serve basis.



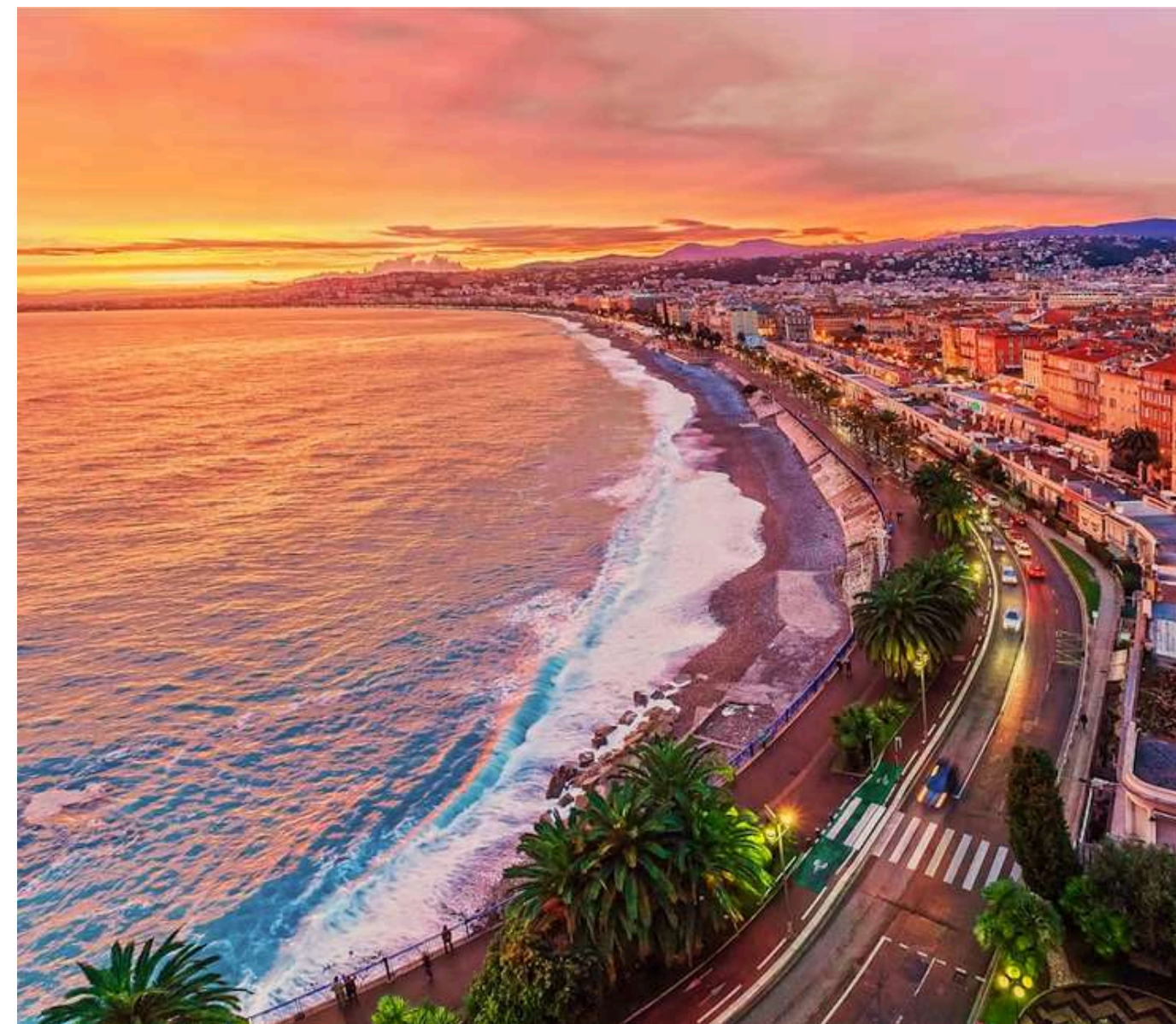
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Access to the perimeter around the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) venue requires to successfully complete both (i) the official United Nations registration process and (ii) the Host Country Registration Form accessible through the following external link which is not a United Nations link: <https://www.unoc-registration.fr>

In order to access the premises of the Conference and the perimeter around the Conference venue, all participants must successfully complete **BOTH** the official United Nations registration process and the Host Country Registration Form.

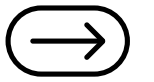
The Host Country reserves the right to verify the Host Country registration forms and to refuse access to the perimeter around the Conference venue to any individual who has not fulfilled the above-mentioned requirements, without liability for any inconvenience thereby caused.

Host country security regulations for access to the perimeter around the Conference venue





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UNOC3 Side Events

- Open Call yielded 1250 applications!
- Side events will be organized by Member States, IGOs, UN System and duly accredited organizations
- **135 side events inside the Blue Zone**
 - Detailed programme will be published by the beginning of next week
 - Changes can be made till **Friday 30 May**
- Hundreds of off-site side events across Nice and virtually
 - Detailed programmes will be published soon

More information: <https://bit.ly/UNOC3SideEvents>



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SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME INSIDE THE CONFERENCE VENUE

9 JUNE - 13 JUNE 2025

For more information, please visit:
<https://bit.ly/UNOC3SideEvents>

This programme was updated on 14 May 2025. All information on side events was provided by the organizers. The United Nations Secretariat is not responsible for the content provided by the side event organizers or their partners in this programme or in the respective events. The Secretariat reserves the right to delete any content from the programme (including webcast links) that is not aligned with the UN Charter or the principles and purposes of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference. For the latest information, please refer to the official conference website.





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MONDAY 9 JUNE, 10:30-11:45

Event ID	Room	Organizers	Title of side event	One line description	Public contact email
ID 1	Room 1	Ministry of Natural Resources of the People's Republic of China (MNR), NMDIS, NMEFC, China Deep Ocean Affairs Administration, MOI, GOOS, IOI, BMKG, UMT, AASTMT, HKUST, UOE, IOCAFRICA, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries of Egypt, University of Tokyo	Approaching an intelligent and inspiring ocean: new science-based actions for sustainable futures	It aims to enhance capabilities in marine data intelligent fusion, ocean early warning and service, and deep-sea digital simulation, through innovation and application of ocean big data, AI and etc.	julia_yu_nmdis@163.com, fangfww15@sina.cn
ID 2	Room 2	Government of Antigua and Barbuda Department of the Blue Economy, National Ocean Technology Center (NOTC), Ministry of Natural Resources, People's Republic of China, China Oceanic Development foundation (CODF)	Blueprints for the Future: Marine Spatial Planning, Ocean Data-Driven decision-making & Global Cooperation	Blueprints for the Future: Marine Spatial Planning, Ocean Data-Driven decision-making & Global Cooperation.	Dean.Jonas@ab.gov.ag
ID 3	Room 3	Permanent Mission of Belize, Tonga, Seychelles, Tuvalu, Dominica, St. Lucia Ministry EDU, SD, IS&T &VT, Austria SIDS DOCK Secretariat, SIDS DOCK Foundation, IWON, UNIDO, PCREEE (SPC), CCREEE	Critical Services SIDS and Coastal Developing Countries Need from the Ocean to Achieve SDG14 and Strengthen Economic and Physical Resilience to Climate Change	As a follow-up to the ABAS, the side event will discuss how renewable energy and circular economy solutions can support the green-blue economy and climate resilience aspirations of SIDS.	secretariat@sidsdock.org
ID 4	Room 4	Government of Spain Minist. Agric., Fishery and Food Spain, Sp Institute of Oceanography, Univ.San Francisco Quito, Public Inst. for Aquaculture and Fisheries Research, Iberoamer.Research Network for the Sust. Use of Fishery Resources, National Federation Fishermen Guilds Spain	MARINE RESERVES OF FISHING INTEREST: A KEY TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES	Marine reserves of fishing interest benefit local populations ensuring food security and protected commercial networks. They are marine laboratories, essential for science-based fisheries management.	bzn-sgajuridicosgpi@mapa.es
ID 5	Room 5	Mercator Ocean International, Government of France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Spain	A new intergovernmental organization for digital Ocean systems and information services	Copernicus Participating States, the European Commission and UN partners will celebrate the opening for signature of the Convention of Mercator International Centre for the Ocean.	igo.secretariat@mercator-ocean.eu

Blue Zone Side Events

- From Monday 9 June till Friday 13 June
- From 8:45 am - 18:45 pm
- 30 minutes transition between side events
- In parallel to official sessions of the Conference. The official programme is available here:
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/programme>
- All side events are **75 minutes**
- Organizers should arrive 10 minutes before the start of their side event to the designated side event room
- Participants come on a first come, first serve basis
- Open to all participants attending the UNOC3 Conference, taking into consideration the maximum capacity of each room





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SIDE EVENT ORGANIZERS RESPONSIBILITIES

PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE NOTE CAREFULLY

Set up dedicated event webpage with updated information, including:

- Save the Date
- concept note
- agenda
- speakers
- other relevant information

Confirmation of registration

Organizers are responsible for confirming the registration status of speakers, panelists and supporting staff.

Event Summary

After the side event, all organizers should provide a brief summary to the Conference Secretariat by Monday 30 June. A template is available in the Google Folder

*****The time allocated for any side event is 75 minutes. It is the organizers' responsibility to adhere to this timeframe, to avoid delays in the agenda of other side events. Side events will have to start and end on time with no exceptions.**



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- **Charging fee is prohibited**
- **The Secretariat does not share list of participants of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference**



→ **The sale of printed materials or goods is prohibited inside the Conference venue**

→ **No interpretation, no live-streaming**

→ **Strive to be paper-free, QR codes are encouraged**

→ **No food & beverages are allowed inside the side event rooms**

→ **High level participation (Heads of State, Heads of Government, and Ministers)**

Organizational arrangements

Communication materials & social media

- The Conference Secretariat has created a [Trello Board](#) with communications materials for the UNOC3 Conference
- Templates for side events digital cards are uploaded to the Trello Board
- The Secretariat will not promote individual side events
- All official side event organizers are allowed to use the UNOC3 Conference logo for outreach purposes. Please note that using the UN emblem for outreach is strictly prohibited (by non-UN system)
- The Secretariat encourages all organizers to use the hashtag #SaveOurOcean and #UNOC3 to spread the word about the UNOC3 Conference

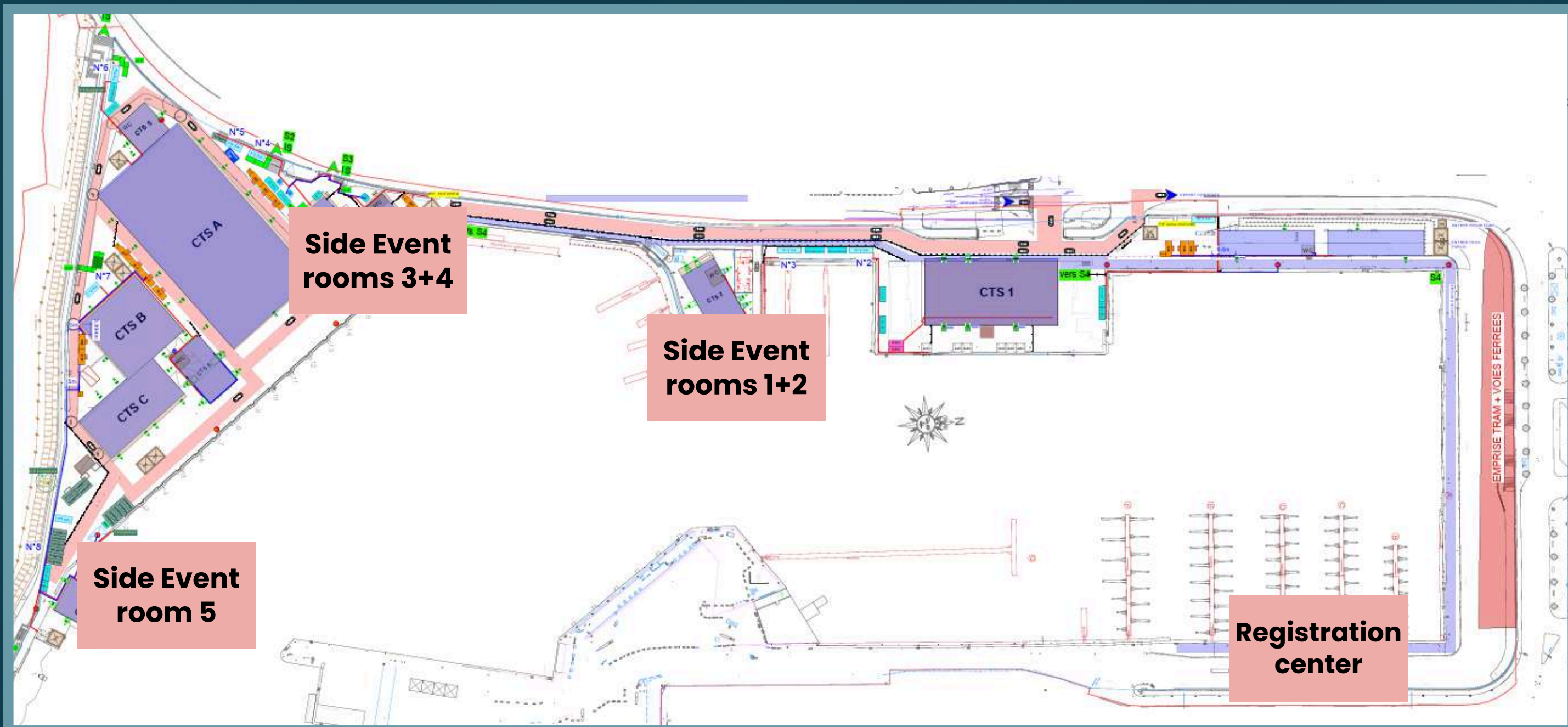
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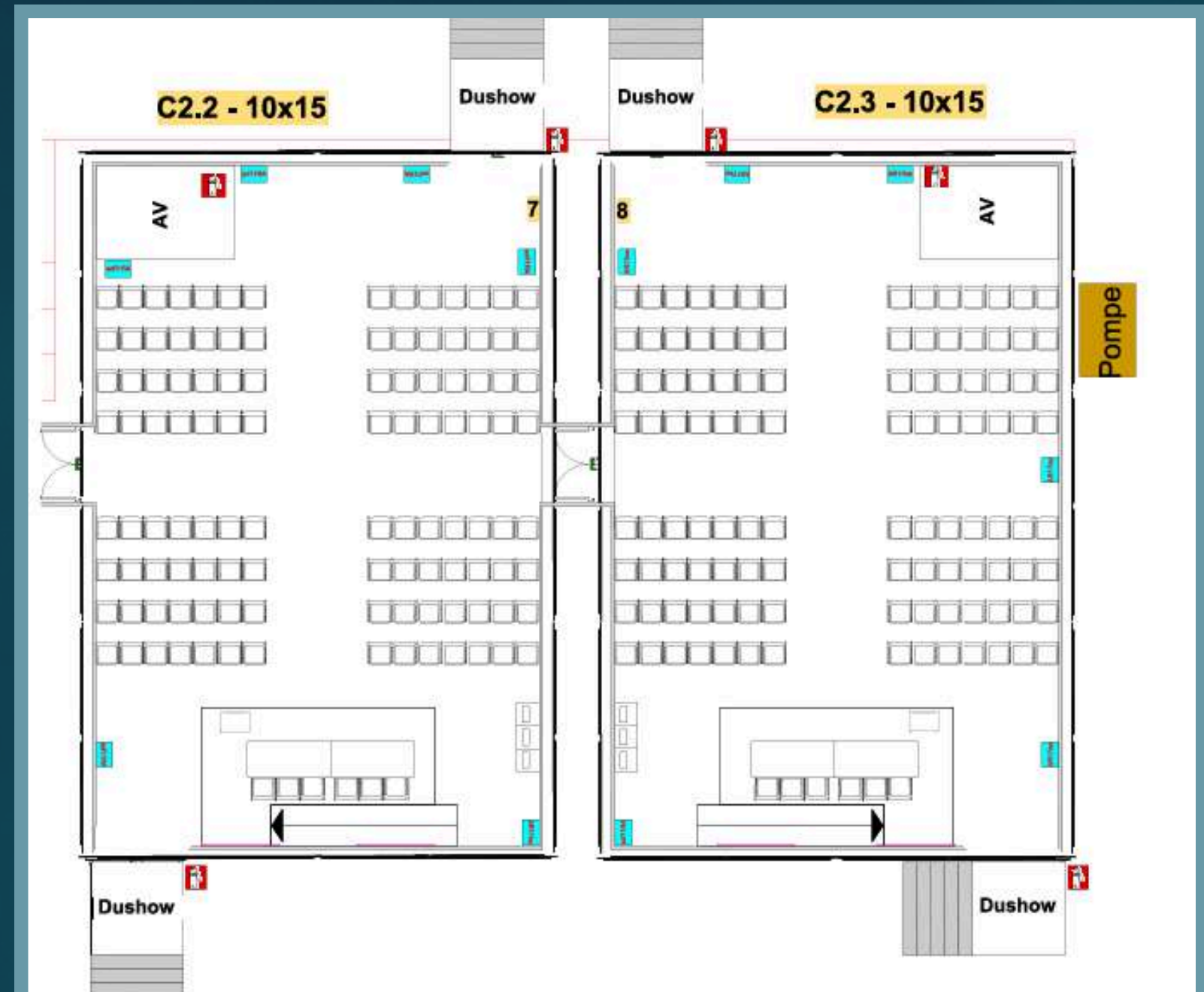
ROOM LOGISTICS

- 5 dedicated Side Event Rooms in the Blue Zone
- All rooms are free for approved organizers
- Changes to the layout are not allowed
- **Floor plans are provisional and may be subject to change**



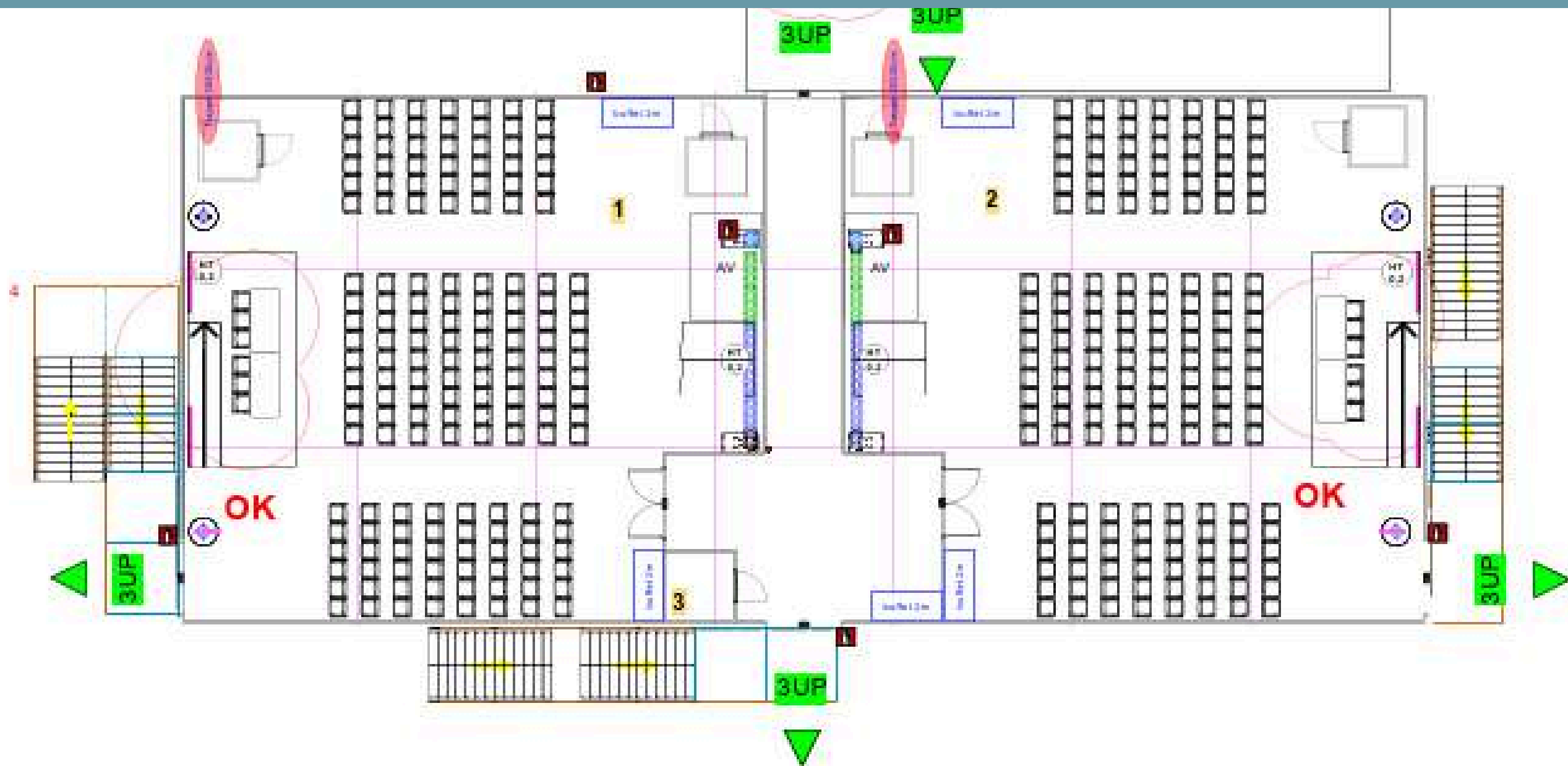
SIDE EVENT ROOMS 1-2

- Estimated room capacity for **112 participants**
- Theatre style/classroom arrangement of chairs, with table at the front
- The layout cannot be changed. The layout is fixed to enable a number of side event presentations to be carried out in each room, one after the other
Keeping to a set layout enables us to segue from one side event to the next, with a short 30-minute break in between
- Projector and screen available, wired microphones available
- Please bring your own paper name plates, if needed



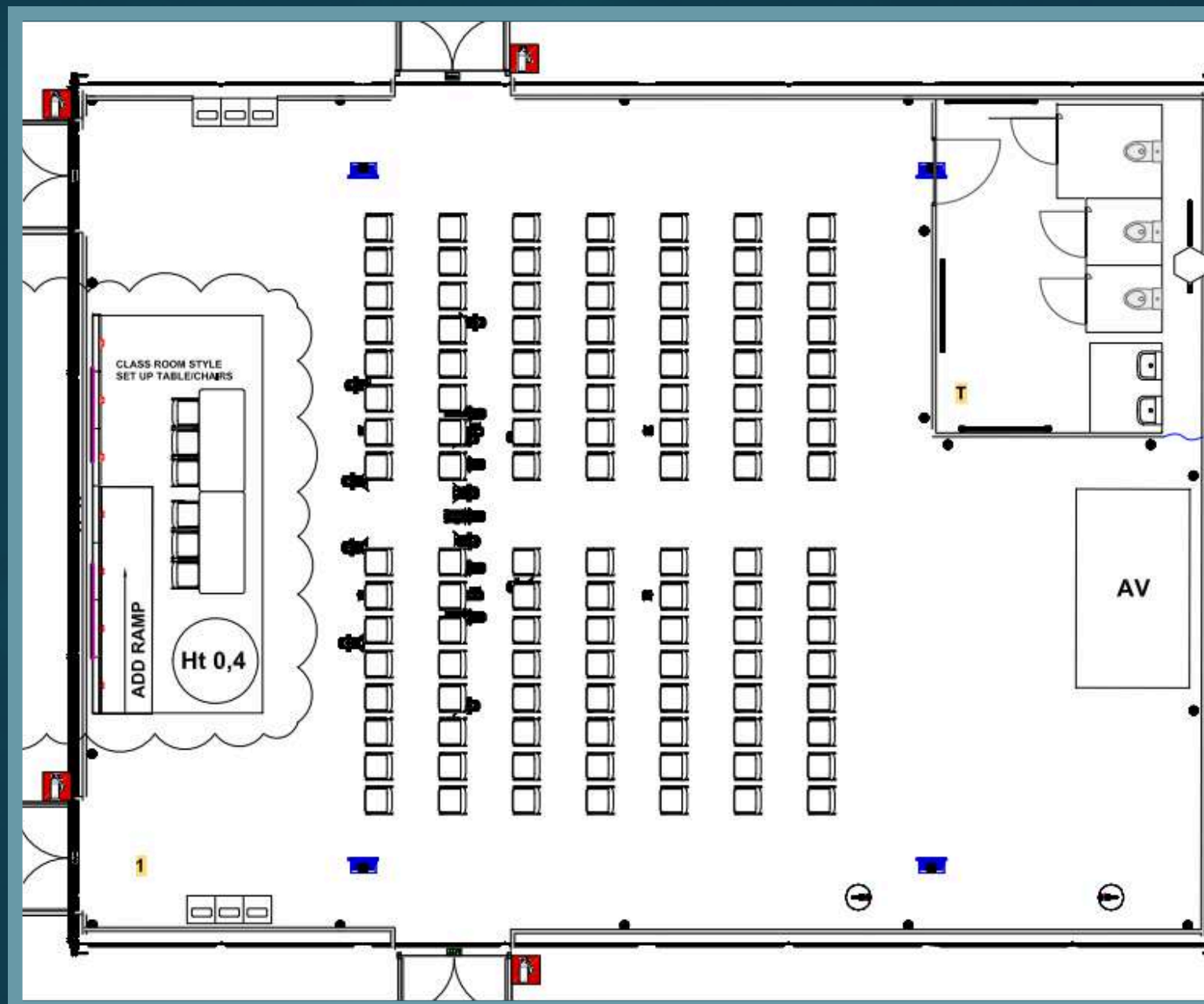
SIDE EVENT ROOMS 3-4

- Estimated room capacity for **162 participants**



SIDE EVENT ROOM 5

Estimated room capacity for **112 participants**





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Q & A

Please raise your hand or use the chat box



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THANK YOU!

For more questions, please send an email to unoc2025@un.org with [side events] in the subject and your unique event ID number (mentioned in this [Google Sheet](#))

This PPT + recording will be shared in the [Google Folder](#)