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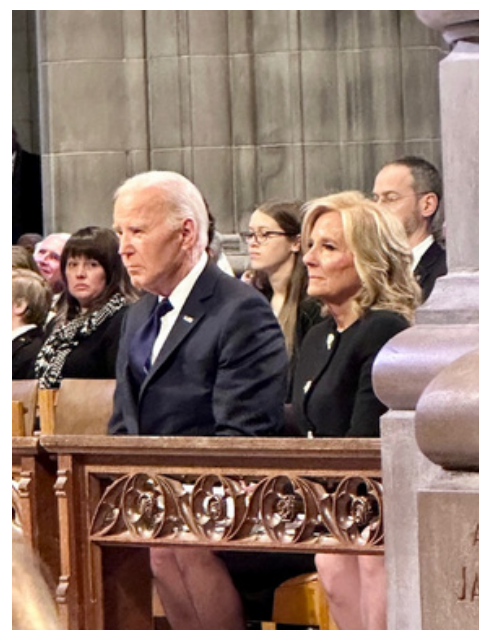
Monaco's Ambassador Represents H.S.H. the Sovereign Prince at President Carter's National Funeral

January 9, 2025



The Ambassador of Monaco had the honor of representing His Serene Highness the Sovereign Prince at the **national funeral of President Carter**, held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, in Washington, D.C., at the National Cathedral.

This solemn event brought together numerous distinguished figures, including the five living American presidents (Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, George W Bush and Bill Clinton). Also in attendance were representatives of heads of state, such as His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the Honorable Justin Trudeau, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, the Honorable John Kerry, and former Prime Minister of Japan, Yoshihide Suga. The ambassador had the privilege of paying respects to them on behalf of our Sovereign. The ceremony, rich in emotion, was marked by eulogies prepared by the late President and Vice President, Gerald Ford and Walter Mondale, and read by their sons.





Monaco's Ambassador Attends 60th U.S. Presidential Inauguration

January 20, 2025

The Ambassador of Monaco was among the distinguished guests at the U.S. Capitol to witness the **60th Presidential Inauguration**, where Donald J. Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States. The ceremony marked a significant moment in American politics, with President Trump outlining a vision for a "golden age for America" in his inaugural address.



In his speech, President Trump emphasized themes of nationalism, economic protectionism, and sovereignty, signaling a shift from previous administrations. His domestic policy agenda included declaring a national emergency at the southern border to address immigration issues. He pledged to deport undocumented immigrants with criminal records and reinstate strict immigration policies.

On energy and the environment, Trump announced the termination of the Green New Deal, advocating for increased oil and gas production as a means to boost economic growth and combat inflation. His economic strategy involved proposing tariffs on foreign imports and enhancing fossil fuel production to revitalize American manufacturing and ensure economic stability. Additionally, he expressed a desire to regain control of the Panama Canal, highlighting its strategic importance for U.S. infrastructure and trade.

In terms of foreign policy and defense, Trump criticized past management of international crises and trade policies, vowing to reform global trade agreements to prioritize American interests. He also reaffirmed his commitment to space exploration, specifically targeting Mars, to reestablish U.S. leadership in space.

Despite the tone of some parts of his address, Trump called for national unity, presenting himself as a "peacemaker and unifier." This appeal for unity received an unexpected ovation from former President Joe Biden and former Vice President Kamala Harris, both of whom were in attendance. In a move that sparked immediate debate, he proposed renaming the "Gulf of Mexico" to the "Gulf of America," reinforcing his nationalist vision.

Trump's inaugural address marked a departure from previous policies, focusing on nationalism, economic self-reliance, and a strong stance in both domestic and international affairs. While his presidency aims to redefine America's trajectory, the realization of these ambitious plans remains to be seen.





Annual Meeting of Monaco's North-American Consular Corps

March 28, 2025



The Embassy of the Principality of Monaco held its annual meeting of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the United States and Canada in Washington D.C., with a program combining diplomacy, innovation, and cultural engagement.

Jurisdictions represented (in person and virtually) included New York, Boston, New Orleans, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Las Vegas, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Vancouver and Montreal.

The gathering opened on Thursday, March 27, with a welcome dinner at Dogon, one of the top-rated restaurants in the capital. The following morning's consular session featured updates and presentations from representatives of Monaco's key philanthropic foundations and strategic partners, including the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation USA, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, and the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation USA. A special video address by H.S.H. Prince Albert II set the tone for a dynamic series of talks, which also included speakers from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation USA, Astrolab, TV5MONDE, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Throughout the program, participants enjoyed curated cultural and protocol activities, including a private dinner and fireworks viewing at the Watergate Hotel, an exclusive tour of the National Air and Space Museum, and a Capitol reception hosted by former Congressman Jack Fields.

The group also attended "Monaco's Leap to the Stars" panel and the EARTH to SPACE Festival at the Kennedy Center where the FLEX lunar rover – developed by Astrolab in partnership with Monaco's Venturi Space – was on display, demonstrating Monaco's growing role in space innovation.

The 2025 gathering reinforced the strength of Monaco's diplomatic network in North America while highlighting the Principality's leadership in environmental, technological, and cultural diplomacy.





Jean-Philippe Bertani Named Permanent Representative to ICAO

June 1, 2025

The Embassy is pleased to announce that the Government of Monaco appointed Deputy Chief of Mission Jean-Philippe Bertani as Permanent Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as of June 1, 2025.

Mr. Bertani presented his credentials to ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar on June 27th (pictured below) in Montreal. He will continue to serve as Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington DC and concurrently as Permanent Representative to ICAO.





A Princely Visit to New Orleans

February 9-11, 2025

From February 9-11, 2024, New Orleans had the distinct privilege of hosting H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco. This visit underscored his enduring dedication to climate resilience, cultural preservation, and fostering international collaboration.

The visit kicked off on Friday, February 9, with an exclusive luncheon organized by Robert Thomson, CEO of News Corp, and Josh Stinchcomb, Global Chief Revenue Officer of Dow Jones. This event gathered a distinguished audience for stimulating discussions on the intersection of business, culture, and sports, highlighting the strong ties between Monaco and News Corp. The warm hospitality and insightful exchanges reinforced opportunities for future collaboration.



Rod West, Group President-Utility Operations, Entergy Corp.; HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco; Robert Thomson, CEO, News Corp.



Amb. Maccario Doyle; Josh Stinchcomb, Executive VP & Chief Revenue Officer, WSJ & Barron's Group; HSH Prince Albert; Alexis Ohanian, General Partner, Founder, Seven Seven Six; Sam Walker, Former Deputy Editor, The Wall Street Journal; Jonathan Levin, Co-Founder and CEO, Chainalysis

Later that day, Prince Albert II with Ambassador Maccario Doyle and His delegation visited New Orleans' 9th Ward, a community He has supported since Hurricane Katrina's devastation. Nearly two decades later, His commitment to climate action, water resilience, and sustainable development remains unwavering. He engaged with local leaders and organizations dedicated to rebuilding and adapting to environmental challenges, aligning closely with the mission of the Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco.



Amb. Maccario Doyle, HSH Prince Albert & Helena Moreno, VP, New Orleans City Council & Candidate for Mayor of New Orleans



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A Princely Visit to New Orleans - Cont'd

February 9-11, 2025

The visit concluded with the excitement of Super Bowl LIX on Sunday, February 11, 2025, an event that captured global attention. The thrilling game ended with a victory for the Philadelphia Eagles, providing an exhilarating finale to an impactful weekend



A heartfelt thank you goes out to President Helena Moreno of the New Orleans City Council , the Pontchartrain Conservancy, Honorary Consul Calvin Fayard and his wife Frances, FPA CEO and VP Olivier Wenden, and the many dedicated individuals who made this visit so meaningful.



“Monaco’s Leap to the Stars” at Kennedy Center Showcases the Principality’s Unexpected Role in Space Exploration

March 29, 2025

The Principality of Monaco, renowned for its commitment to sustainability under the leadership of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, showcased its expanding role in space exploration at “**Monaco’s Leap to the Stars: Integrating High-Tech Innovations, Astronaut Perspectives, and Lunar Exploration**” forum on March 29 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. This forum, part of the international *EARTH to SPACE: Arts Breaking the Sky* festival, highlighted Monaco’s innovation and global collaborations in the space sector.

“Monaco is dedicated to fostering global partnerships that bridge science, technology, and the arts,” said Prince Albert II. “Space exploration is not just about discovery—it inspires creativity and cooperation across disciplines. “We are proud to contribute to this conversation and reinforce Monaco’s position as a hub for innovation.”

Convened by Monaco’s Ambassador to the United States, Maguy Maccario-Doyle, “Monaco’s Leap to the Stars” featured a dynamic panel discussion (pictured below) with:

- Jaret Matthews, Founder and CEO, Astrolab
- Ellen Stofan, Under Secretary for Science and Research, Smithsonian Institution, and former NASA Chief Scientist
- Bill Nelson, Former U.S. Senator, astronaut & most recently NASA Administrator
- Commander Michael Lopez-Alegria, Chief Astronaut, Axiom Space
- Robert “Bob” Cabana, Former NASA Associate Administrator & retired





“Monaco’s Leap to the Stars” at Kennedy Center - Cont’d

March 29, 2025

The EARTH to SPACE festival also featured scientists, entrepreneurs, and leaders shaping the future of space exploration. As part of the festival, attendees discovered a prototype of the **FLEX lunar rover**, developed by Astrolab with state-of-the-art technology from Monaco’s Venturi, recognized for its expertise in high-performance batteries and wheels.



“Venturi’s cutting-edge technology is driving space exploration forward,” said Jaret Matthews, CEO of Astrolab. “Monaco’s innovation in performance batteries and wheels made this partnership a natural fit for developing a best-in-class lunar rover.”

Since launching Monacosat-1 in 2015 in partnership with Turkmenistan’s space agency, Monaco has advanced its presence in the industry, from pioneering lunar rover battery and wheel technology to the development of its first domestically designed nanosatellite. In 2021, Prince Albert II established the Office of Space Affairs to further position Monaco at the forefront of the space economy.

As a founding member of the Space4Ocean Alliance, Monaco is leveraging space technology for ocean conservation. This initiative, launched in partnership with CNES, the Norwegian Space Agency, UNOOSA, and UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, was formally introduced at the United Nations Ocean Conference in June 2025.

Ballet Palm Beach Annual Gala

January 29, 2025



“A Night in Monte-Carlo” was this year’s theme for the Ballet Palm Beach gala held on January 29 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida. The Honorary Consul of Monaco in Miami, Mr. Tomas Abreu and Mrs. Maria Abreu, represented the Ambassador at the exclusive affair.

Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle conveyed her admiration for the organizers and participants. She praised the theme “A Night in Monte Carlo” as a fitting tribute to Monaco’s cultural legacy in dance, and thanked Honorary Chair Anka Palitz and the team for their dedication to the arts.

Tomas Abreu, Honorary Consul of Monaco in Miami with Anka Palitz, Ballet Palm Beach Gala Honorary Chair

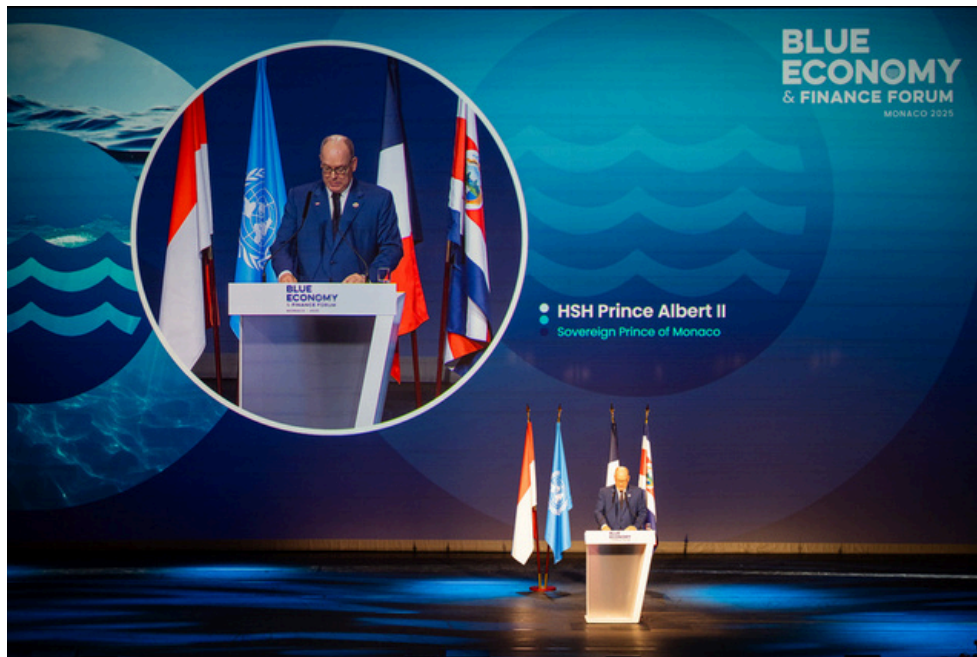


Monaco: A Catalyst for Ocean Action

June 7-8, 2025

At both the **Blue Economy & Finance Forum** in Monaco and the **United Nations Ocean Conference** in Nice, the Principality of Monaco assumed a central role in advancing ocean finance and strengthening global marine governance. The BEFF facilitated the mobilization of over €33 billion in commitments for sustainable blue economy initiatives, while UNOC3 witnessed the official launch of the Space4Ocean Alliance—co-initiated by CNES with the support of Monaco—to enhance ocean observation through satellite technology.

While these developments represent important progress, the principal challenge now lies in implementation. Monaco remains fully committed to transforming these pledges into tangible, lasting outcomes.



Organized on June 7–8 by the Princely Government, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, and the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco, with the support of France and Costa Rica, the **Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF)** brought together 1,800 participants from nearly 100 countries in Monaco, as part of the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3). Heads of State, business leaders, investors, philanthropists, development banks, NGOs... all responded to the call: to mobilize more financial resources to invest in a sustainable and regenerative blue economy.



H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco's 20-Year Reign: A Memorable Celebration

July 19, 2025

This year marks a historic milestone for the Principality of Monaco:
H.S.H. Prince Albert II's 20 years on the throne.



These two decades have been dedicated to serving His country, promoting environmental protection, and enhancing Monaco's global standing.

To celebrate this special occasion, a grand festivity took place on July 19th on the Place du Palais, bringing together the Princely Family and all Monegasques. The celebrations featured heartfelt tributes to the Sovereign's commitment to sustainability and innovation, reflecting the deep affection and respect the people have for their Prince.



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