NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCE FORUM 2027

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F. Deadline for Submission

1. Submission of abstracts – **Friday 20 November 2026**
2. Notice of acceptance of abstracts – **At latest by the second or third week of December 2026**
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