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Connection oceans, science, society and the UNFCCC - raising ambition on climate mitigation and adaptation

Friday 6th December, 15:00-16:30, Room 4

Climate-related ocean stressors, have widespread effects on marine ecosystems which impact human wellbeing. There is an urgent need for international collaboration to promote mitigation of, and adaptation to these stressors in policy, regulations and funding streams.

CHAIR:

Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, International Oceanography Commission, Assistant Director General, UNESCO

SPECIAL ADDRESSES:

1. H. E. Julio Cordano, Chief, Department of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile, and *Because the Ocean*
2. H.E. Peter Thomson UN Secretary General Special Envoy for the Ocean
3. Gideon Henderson, Chief Scientific Advisor, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

PANEL:

1. **The ocean-climate-society nexus: raising ambition** - Carol Turley OBE, Senior Scientist, Plymouth Marine Laboratory
2. **Advancing the oceans and climate agenda at the UNFCCC** - Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum
3. **A Nordic perspective on oceans and climate change** - Georg Børsting, Nordic Council of Ministers and Policy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
4. **Nature-based mitigation and adaptation focusing on blue carbon** - Mai Fujii, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
5. **Impact of ocean stressors in a climate change context on the environment and communities in the Pacific** - Sylvia Goyet, Director, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, Pacific Community
6. **News from the negotiations: opportunities for the ocean at COP25** - Taholo Kami, Special Representative for the Ocean Pathway, COP 23 Presidency Secretariat, Fiji

Open discussion, questions and interjections from the floor



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