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UN-Oceans Side Event

**Optimising the integration of ocean-related
issues in Nationally Determined Contributions
and National Adaptation Plans for the
achievement of Sustainable Development
Goal 14**

**Implementation of the UN-Oceans Voluntary commitment at the
2017 Ocean Conference**

13.15 – 14.45, 7 December 2018

Organizers

UN-Oceans members: Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat

Event structure

The event will be conducted as a roundtable discussion with experts. Experts will be invited to give a 2 minute overview in response to the question shown and the chair will lead discussion between the whole panel and the audience around the question for each of three mini dialogues

Agenda and presenters

13.15	Opening remarks	Miguel de Serpa Soares Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations Legal Counsel and UN-Oceans Focal Point (by video)
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13.35		Taholo Kami (tbc) Special Representative, Fiji, The Ocean Pathway Partnership
		Martin Frick Senior Director Policy and Programme Coordination, UNFCCC Secretariat
	Chair	Julio Cordano, UNFCCC Adaptation Committee
13.35	Dialogue 1	Fredrik Haag Head, Office for London Convention/Protocol & Ocean Affairs, International Maritime Organization (IMO)
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13.55	This dialogue explores the synergies between the climate change and ocean-related international regulatory and policy frameworks:	Regina Asariotis Chief, Policy and Legislation Section at United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
	❖ <i>How can knowledge of legal instruments and policy outcomes which</i>	



are relevant to SDG 14 and their synergies with the climate agenda be effectively relayed within the UNFCCC process, including through capacity- building?

Jeff Ardron

Commonwealth Blue Charter, Ocean Governance Advisor, Commonwealth secretariat

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Dialogue 3

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This dialogue will explore concrete and pragmatic ways that may be used to increase capacity to support resilience and sustainability through cooperation on oceans, including through NDCs

Manuel Barange

Director of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Yassir Eddebar

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, California

Kirsten Isensee

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)

❖ *How can action on SDG14 be scaled up and scaled out through NDCs?*

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Closing remarks

Julio Cordano

UNFCCC Adaptation Committee

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Dialogue 2

Taholo Kami

Special Representative, Fiji, The Ocean Pathway Partnership

Lisa Emelia Svensson

Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Branch, UN Environment

Guillermo Navarro

Director of National Meteorological Service of Chile and Permanent Representative of Chile, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

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14.15 This dialogue looks specifically at adaptation and integrating ocean-related issues into adaptation planning and implementation

❖ *How can adaptation planning processes take SDG14 better into account?*

Background

The side event builds on the ongoing discussions under the UNFCCC process on the importance of raising awareness on the role of oceans in climate and climate change, and interlinkages and synergies for action.

Specifically, the side event will provide an opportunity to showcase how oceans could play an increased role in providing solutions to the achievement of climate change commitments, including through the effective implementation of ocean-related international instruments. In this context, the event will focus on how ocean-related matters could be further integrated in NDCs and NAPs and how UN-Oceans can optimise support for countries to this end. It will also aim to provide information on ocean-related international regulatory and policy frameworks so as raise awareness of relevant legal instruments and policy outcomes.

The side event also seeks to highlight the UN-Oceans commitment to “deliver as one” on oceans and coastal related issues, including in support of the achievement of both SDG14 and the Paris Agreement.