

## UNFCCC COP27 Side Event Final Event Brief

**Title:** *Coordination and Collaboration towards Ocean Blue NDCs*

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, 15 November, 1:15 – 2:45 PM Egypt time

**Location:** Blue Zone (Room: Memphis - 300)

### Co-organizers:

Government of Fiji

Global Ocean Forum (International Coastal and Ocean Organization)

Réseau Océan Mondial (World Ocean Network), Belgium and Nausicaá Centre National de la Mer, France

Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University

Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States

French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)

Center for Coastal Studies

Acadia University

### BACKGROUND

Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) are commitments toward the mitigation and adaptation goals of the Paris Agreement. Together, the NDCs are intended to help achieve the mitigation necessary to keep the global temperature increase below the 1.5 ° and 2 °C warming limits. NDCs are also important means in accelerating ocean-based climate action. It has been shown that ocean-based solutions could reduce the emissions gap. Including ocean-based targets, policies and measures in NDCs can help coastal and island states enhance their ambition towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement (Northrop et al. 2021).

It is thus imperative for island and coastal countries (~148) to incorporate ocean action in their NDCs. As of November 2021, 54 out of 62 submissions from coastal countries that were analyzed, include at least one ocean element (Ocean Conservancy 2021). This side event provides an opportunity for Parties to share their experiences, constraints and identified needs in moving this forward. Various Party and Nonparty stakeholders will discuss their collaborative initiatives at various levels in support of this objective.


This event showcases how collaborative initiatives among various stakeholders support the incorporation of ocean action to strengthen the NDCs in response to identified needs. Speakers share how synergies at global, regional, national and sub-national levels promote national ocean-based adaptation and mitigation initiatives.



### AGENDA





1:15	Introduction to the event, <b>Mr. Richard Delaney</b> , Senior Policy Advisor, Center for Coastal Studies (Moderator) – 5 minutes
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	<b><i>Incorporating ocean-climate action in NDCs: Prospects and Opportunities</i></b>
	<b>Government Perspective</b>
1:20	<b>H.E. Mr. Satyendra Prasad</b> , Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations in New York and Fiji's Non-resident High Commissioner to Canada (5 minutes)
	<b>Financing Perspective</b>
1:26	Illustrative initiatives on nature-based and other coastal sustainable solutions and the links between ocean preservation and climate: <b>Mrs. Stéphanie Bouziges-Eschmann</b> , Secretary General, French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM) (5 minutes)
1:32	The strategic role and importance of startups: <b>Mr. Matthew Bray</b> , Co-founder and CEO, Brayfoil Technologies, a representative startup from OceanHub Africa (5 minutes)
1:38	Q&A, Moderator: <b>Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam</b> , President, Sustainable Oceans and Coasts LLC (15 minutes)
	<b>Collaborative Approaches</b>
2:00	Promoting collaborative ocean-based climate solutions - sub-national/regional perspective: <b>Mr. Tony MacDonald, Director</b> , Urban Coast Institute, on the Mid-Atlantic experience (5 minutes)
2:06	Promoting ocean-based climate solutions through universities and other academic and research institutions: <b>Dr. Peter Ricketts</b> , President, Acadia University (5 minutes)
2:12	The role and opportunities for the youth in promoting ocean-based climate solutions: <b>Ms. Anna Maria Marino</b> , Liaison Officer on Arctic and Oceans, Youth and Environment Europe (5 minutes)
2:18	Q&A, Moderator: <b>Mr. Richard Delaney</b> (15 minutes)
2:32	Wrap-up: <b>Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam</b> and <b>Mr. Richard Delaney</b> (2 minutes each)

## PANELIST BIOS AND PHOTOS

<b>Mr. Richard Delaney</b> 	<p>Richard Delaney has over 35 years of experience with the development and implementation of integrated coastal and ocean management plans and policies at all levels of government in the US and other countries. Formerly President and CEO of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, MA for 14 years, he was also the founding Director of the Urban Harbors Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston where he provided leadership for the creation of the first Marine Spatial Plan in the US; served as Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs and Director of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program where he played key roles in the restoration of Boston Harbor. He has served as the National Chair of the Coastal States Organization in Washington DC</p>
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	<p>representing the views of the 35 coastal states, Great Lake states and US territories and their Governors on legislative and budgetary matters before Congress. Mr. Delaney has served on the Board of Directors of the Global Ocean Forum (GOF) since 2002 He has a BS in Political Science from Harvard, has completed graduate studies in environmental planning and landscape architecture at the State University of New York College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry and completed a Certificate Program for Senior Executives at JFK School of Government.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam</b></p> 	<p>Dr. Indu Hewawasam is the President of Sustainable Oceans and Coasts LLC, a non-governmental agency with a mission of building capacity in less developed countries to govern ocean and coastal resources in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. She was formerly a Senior Environmental Specialist at the World Bank with 22 years of experience designing and managing projects in partnership with public, private and community representatives. Her work at the World Bank primarily focused on marine and coastal management in the Africa region. Her post-World Bank experience of over 10 years, as President of her company focuses on South and East Asia as well as Africa. She holds a doctoral degree in Marine Policy.</p>
<p><b>H.E. Ambassador Satyendra Prasad</b></p> 	<p>Ambassador Satyendra Prasad is Fiji's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and Fiji's Non-resident High Commissioner to Canada. He is also the Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) by virtue of the Government of Fiji assuming Chairmanship of PIF.</p> <p>Ambassador Prasad has previously worked as the CEO of the Papua New Guinea Governance Facility; a senior adviser in the World Bank and in UK's Department for International Development and has been an academic at Universities of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji; at the University College-Cork in Ireland and Ristumeikan Asia-Pacific University in Japan. Dr. Prasad studied at the University of the South Pacific (Fiji), University of New Brunswick (Canada), United Nations University (Tokyo) and Warwick University (UK).</p> <p>Ambassador Prasad in his role as Chair of Pacific Islands Forum advises Pacific Governments on climate and oceans issues both within UN processes; and in other multilateral settings such as the World Bank and the High-Level Panel on Oceans.</p>
<p><b>Mrs. Stéphanie Bouziges-Eschmann</b></p>	<p>Stéphanie Bouziges-Eschmann is Secretary General of the <i>French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM)</i>, since September 2018. AgroParisTech alumni, with 20 years of experience, mainly for the French Ministry of Economy and the</p>

	<p>French Agency for Development (AFD), she is specialized on development issues, and sustainable agriculture and energy sectors. She is devoted to reconcile environment preservation and development in an innovative way.</p>
<p><b>Mr. Matthew Bray</b></p> 	<p>Matthew has his MSc in Finance, with time at Goldman Sachs and BASF in London &amp; Hong Kong. He and his team co-founded Brayfoil based on decades of biomimicry research to design the next generation of offshore wind turbine blades. They have raised over \$2.3m to develop the concept, supported by global partners such as Creative Destruction Lab, the U.K. Net Zero Technology Centre, CleanTech Open and Katapult Ocean VC.</p>
<p><b>Mr. Tony MacDonald</b></p> 	<p>Tony MacDonald is director of the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute (UCI). He was previously the executive director of the Coastal States Organization (CSO) from 1998-2005. CSO, based in Washington, DC, represents the interests of the governors of the nation's 35 coastal states and territories on coastal and ocean policy matters. Prior to joining CSO, Tony was the special counsel and director of environmental affairs at the American Association of Port Authorities, where he represented the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) at the International Maritime Organization on negotiations on the London Convention. Tony has also practiced law with a private firm in Washington, DC, working on environmental and legislative issues, and served as the Washington, DC, environmental legislative representative for the Mayor of the City of New York.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Peter Ricketts</b></p> 	<p>Dr. Peter J. Ricketts is the 16<sup>th</sup> President and Vice-Chancellor of Acadia University, and a Full Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science. Dr. Ricketts earned his BA (Honours) degree in Geography at the University of Nottingham in 1974 and his PhD from the University of Southampton in 1982, and is Past-President and co-founder of the Coastal Zone Canada Association, having served as its President from 2002 to 2008, and again from 2012 to 2016. In June 2016, Dr. Ricketts was awarded the H. B. Nicholls Award by the CZCA in recognition of his leadership and significant contribution to integrated coastal and ocean management in Canada. Dr. Ricketts has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Coastal and Ocean Organization.</p>

<p><b>Ms. Anna Maria Marino</b></p> 	<p>Anna Maria Marino is the Liaison Officer on Arctic and Oceans at Youth and Environment Europe (YEE) and Youth4Ocean Forum member. She has obtained a Master's Degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs at University of Bologna and she is currently specialising in Arctic Studies. Passionate about international Climate and Ocean governance, she was part of YEE's UNFCCC COP26 and UNEA 5.2 Delegations, took part in European Maritime Day and the 2nd Ocean Conference in Lisbon representing the Youth4Ocean Forum, and is now a YEE Delegate to COP27.</p>
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