

UNFCCC COP28 – Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
(30 November to 12 December 2023)

**UN-Oceans side event**

Monday, 4 December 2023, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Room: SE Room 7

**Coordinating for greater ocean-based climate change ambition  
A UN-Oceans perspective**

UN-Oceans entities are coordinating for climate-smart, ecosystem focused and sustainable ocean management and planning. With the Global Stocktake GST and increased ambition in mind, this side event will showcase how UN-Oceans is building synergies at the national and international levels for ocean-based mitigation and adaptation.

**Programme**

<b>Opening remarks</b> 11:30-11:35a.m.	<b>Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares</b> , Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations Legal Counsel and UN-Oceans Focal Point (via video)
<b>Moderator framing the discussion</b> 11:35-11:40a.m.	<b>Ms. Gemma Nelson</b> , Adviser for the Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the United Nations, Ocean Voices Fellow
<b>Key Note</b> 11:35-11:45a.m.	<b>Mr. Niall O’Dea (Canada)</b> , Co-facilitator, UNFCCC ocean and climate dialogue
<b>High Level Segment</b> 11:45a.m.-12:05p.m.	<b>Mr. Jorge Moreira Da Silva</b> , Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNOPS <b>H.E. Gaston Browne</b> , Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda, Chair of the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States <b>H.E. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa’olelei Luteru</b> , Chair of AOSIS and Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations <b>Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin</b> , Executive Secretary, IOC of UNESCO <b>Mr. David Cooper</b> , Acting Executive Secretary, CBD
<b>Panel I</b> <b>Examples of building synergies for ocean-climate action</b> 12:05-12:20p.m.	<b>Enhancing ocean and coastal resilience through nature-based solutions</b> <b>Dr. Susan Gardner</b> , Director of Ecosystems Division, UNEP
	<b>Enhanced maritime law enforcement for ocean climate action</b> <b>Ms. Siri Bjune</b> , Head, Global Maritime Crime Programme, UNODC
	<b>Impact of Climate Change on Coastal and Underwater Cultural Heritage - prediction and mitigation</b> <b>Mr. Rasul Samadov and Ms. Ulrike Guerin</b> , UNESCO, Under Water Cultural Heritage
<b>Panel II</b> <b>Conversations with stakeholders</b> 12:20-12:45p.m.	<b>Unveiling the Power of Aquatic Food within the UNFCCC Ocean Dialogue</b> <b>Ms. Tarûb Bahri</b> , Fishery Resources Officer, FAO, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division <i>in conversation with</i> <b>Mr. Gabriel Muswali</b> , Programmes and Strategy Advisor, Eastern Africa Platform for Non-State Actors in Fisheries and Aquaculture (EARFISH)
	<b>IAEA-KISR collaboration on ocean acidification mitigation and adaptation research and capacity building</b> <b>Ms. Jana Friedrich</b> , Laboratory Head, Radioecology Laboratory, IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories, Department of Nuclear Science and Applications <i>in conversation with</i> <b>Dr. Montaha Behbehani</b> , Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait (KISR)
	<b>Climate resilient transport infrastructure</b> <b>Ms. Regina Asariotis</b> , Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD <i>in conversation with</i> <b>Mr. Crispin D’Auvergne</b> , Programme Director, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission.
<b>Q&amp;A</b> 12:45-12:55p.m.	
<b>Closing remarks</b> 12:55-1:00p.m.	<b>Ms. Gemma Nelson</b> , Adviser for the Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the United Nations, Ocean Voices Fellow