

AGENDA

UN OCEANS SIDE EVENT AT UNFCCC COP25 RAISING AMBITION ON CLIMATE AND THE OCEAN

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| DATE & TIME | Saturday: 07.12.2019 1130 to 1300 |
| VENUE | Room 6 |
| PARTNERS | DOALOS/OLA, WMO, IMO, FAO, IOC-UNESCO, UNCTAD, OHCHR, UNFCCC secretariat |

BACKGROUND

UN Oceans is an inter-agency coordination mechanism that seeks to enhance the services provided to Member States by competent organizations of the United Nations system and the International Seabed Authority in relation to oceans, seas and coastal areas. It is mandated to strengthen and promote coordination and coherence of United Nations system activities related to ocean and coastal areas along with facilitating inter-agency information exchange, including sharing of experiences, best practices, tools and methodologies and lessons learned in ocean-related matters.

Under the ambit of the UN Oceans mandate, and at the beginning of the Decade of Ocean Science, the UN Oceans side event brings together representatives from member organisations to further inter-agency exchange with the overarching objective of raising ambition(s) on climate and the ocean, offering diverse perspectives and raising awareness about relevant activities within the UN system.

OBJECTIVES

As identified in the IPCC report on “The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate”, the ocean faces particular challenges both in relation to supporting mitigation goals and in adapting to the impacts of a warming climate. The objectives of the side event are to highlight ways in which UN Oceans Members can strengthen their synergies with a view to implement solutions to these challenges:

- Further the discussion on and implementation of science-based solutions to challenges facing climate and the ocean;
- In that context, discuss mitigation options; and
- Discuss adaptation options.

FOCUS

The remarks and discussion during the side event will use a three-pronged focus:

- **Enhancing Ambition**
- **Promoting Implementation**
- **Providing Support**

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares**, Focal Point for UN Oceans; United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel (or his representative)
- **Mr. Peter Thomson**, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

PANEL DISCUSSION

- *Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (DOALOS/OLA)*
Ms. Valentina Germani, Senior Legal Officer (Programme Advisor)
- *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*
Mr. Manuel Barange, Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division
- *Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO)*
Mr. Ariel Troisi, Chair of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- *International Maritime Organisation (IMO)*
Mr. Camille Bourgeon, Technical Officer, Subdivision for Protective Measures, Marine Environment Division
- *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*
Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, TLB, Division on Technology and Logistics
- *World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)*
Dr. Agnes Kijazi, Vice President of WMO, WMO's Permanent Representative for Tanzania, and Director General of Tanzania Meteorological Authority
- *Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*
Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What are the research and capacity needs of States to implement solutions that are science-based and foster ocean-based adaptation and mitigation action, with a view to raise ambition on oceans and climate?
- How can UN Ocean Members enhance their support in this regard?

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