



**UNFCCC COP29 – Baku, Azerbaijan**  
**UN-Oceans side event**  
**Saturday, 16 November 2024, 11:30-13:00**  
**(Room: SIDE EVENT ROOM 3)**

***Striving for Ambitious Ocean-Based Action: How UN-Oceans can support States in scaling up ocean-related actions, including in the context of the next round of NDCs***

**Programme**

<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Stephen Mathias, Acting Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, UN-Oceans Focal Point [delivered by Mr. Fernando Cabrera Diaz, Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA/DOALOS)]</b></p>
<p><b>Framing discussion, introduction to panel/s and format</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga, Director, Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat</b>  <b>Chair and moderator</b></p>
<p><b>Keynote</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Niall O’Dea (Canada) and/or Mr. Julio Cordano (Chile): Co-Facilitators, Ocean-Climate Dialogue</b>  <b>UNFCCC ocean and climate dialogue</b></p>
<p><b>Panel I</b>  <b>Raising ambition through ocean-climate action</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Jana Friedrich, Section Head, Radioecology, IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories, and Prof Nayerah Shaltout, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Egypt</b></p> <p><b>Capacity building on Ocean Acidification impacts and solutions for Africa’s coasts</b>  <i>A conversation highlighting the capacity-building program of the IAEA Ocean Acidification International Coordination Centre, with a focus on recent activities in Africa. Through a dialogue with a stakeholder from the region, the discussion will demonstrate success stories and lessons learned from a decade of ocean acidification capacity-building efforts and discuss the next steps crucial to respond to Sustainable Development Goal 14.3 to take action on ocean acidification</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Sainivalati S. Navoti I, Chief of SIDS Unit, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)</b></p> <p><b>SIDS Ocean Priorities under the new SIDS Agenda: The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS- A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity</b>  <i>UN-DESA will highlight the SIDS Ocean priorities emanating from the Outcome Document of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on SIDS (SIDS4)- the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS, A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity</i></p>

	<p><b>Mr. Roel Hoenders, Head, Climate Change and Clean Air Section, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)</b></p> <p><b>IMO's work in relation to climate change</b></p>
	<p><b>Mr. Fernando Cabrera Diaz, Legal Officer (OLA/DOALOS)</b></p> <p><b>The BBNJ Agreement and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation action under the UNFCCC</b>  <i>DOALOS will present on the BBNJ Agreement and how synergies can be leveraged between the BBNJ Agreement and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation under the UNFCCC</i></p>
<p><b>Panel II</b></p> <p><b>Scaling up ocean action in the next round of NDCs</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. James Leslie, Global Programme Manager for Food and Agricultural Commodities Systems, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</b></p> <p><b>Mainstreaming marine ecosystems in climate action: growing blue carbon ambition in the next round of NDCs</b>  <i>UNDP will highlight relevant lessons and programming supporting governments as they consider the role of marine and coastal ecosystems in NDCs</i></p>
	<p><b>Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</b></p> <p><b>Scaling up oceans action in the NDCs of Small Island Developing States</b>  <i>UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will highlight some of the key issues for consideration and provide an overview of related support by UNCTAD</i></p>
	<p><b>Ms. Elisa Morgera, Special Rapporteur on human rights and climate change</b></p> <p><b>Integrated climate-biodiversity co-benefits that also have benefits for human rights</b>  <i>The Special Rapporteur will discuss integrate evidence on documented and foreseeable negative impact on human rights from climate change and climate change measures, in order to prevent them. She will also cover the guidance developed by the mandate on intersectionality &amp; on access to information to ensure integrated and participatory approach on effective ocean climate action with co-benefits</i></p>
	<p><b>Ms. Xuechan Ma, Fishery Officer (Climate Change) of Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</b></p> <p><b>Opportunities and challenges for integrating aquatic food into NDCs</b>  <i>Discussion of the opportunities and challenges for integrating aquatic foods into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and also share the main findings of a recently launched publication on <a href="#">NDC-Fish guidelines</a> co-developed by several partner organizations</i></p>

	<p><b>Ms. Mirey Atallah, Chief of the Adaptation and Resilience Branch, UNEP, Climate Change Division</b></p> <p><b>Ocean-biodiversity-climate nexus for community resilience</b>  <i>This intervention will focus on scaling nature-based solutions (NbS) for coastal and marine ecosystems to combat climate change impacts, support biodiversity, and build community resilience. It will emphasize integrating these solutions into national and regional policies, fostering cross-sectoral cooperation, and enhancing blue finance to protect livelihoods and enhance climate adaptation efforts across vulnerable coastal areas.</i></p>
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Moderator</b>