



OCEANS ACTION DAY

11 November 2017

Overall Narrative

At the COP 23, the oceans community will address progress in action on the most pressing topics related to climate change and reflect on the diverse efforts of the ocean community to find and implement swift solutions. The COP 23 Ocean Stream will focus on action on the ground and showcase lessons learned, best practices and recommendations for replication and upscaling of successful experiences, documenting information useful for the Facilitative Dialogue in 2018.

Following a high-level opening plenary, a series of parallel sessions will be held under the leadership of partner organizations. A closing plenary will summarize the lessons learned of the Day and will build on three main avenues by which the Ocean Stream can contribute towards the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement:

- 1) concrete actions and commitments with a special attention to SIDS;
- 2) linkages of actions with NDCs and their implementation and revision process; and
- 3) specific requirements for capacity building.



Events

Time: 10:00 -11:15 Bonn Zone, Room 6	Oceans and Coastal Zones Opening Plenary: Oceans Actions and Charting Future Directions
Short Description This session will feature special addresses by high-level speakers on the imperative of addressing oceans and climate change and the way forward; report on oceans and climate action from the Roadmap to Oceans and Climate Action (ROCA) Initiative and from the Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance.	
Chair: Ms René Castro Salazar, Assistant Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	
Speakers: Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji, High-Level Champion for Climate Change Action H.E. Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs, and Fisheries Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum, and ROCA H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Seychelles to the United Nations Mr. Eric Banel, President, Ocean and Climate Platform, and Ms. Loreley Picourt, Head of Initiatives, Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance Mr. Matti Nummelin, Finland, and Mr. Mohamed Nbou, Morocco, Co-Chairs, Paris Committee on Capacity Building, UNFCCC H.E. Mr. Jochen Flashbarth, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany H.E. Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno, Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Indonesia Mr. Julio Cordano, Chief, Department of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile Ms. Laura Tuck, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank Mr. Taholo Kami, Special Adviser, Pacific Partnerships and International Civil Society, COP23 Presidency Secretariat	
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Time: 11:30 - 13:00
Bonn Zone, Room 11

**Ocean Energy and Offshore RE Technologies as Enablers of
Environmental/Economic Development of SIDS**

Short description

This event provides an update on the status and deployment opportunities of ocean energy and other renewable energy (RE) technologies in order to raise awareness and trigger engagement, explore the potential of and ways to accelerate their deployment to advance the global climate agenda.

Moderator:

Mr. Dolf Gielen, Director, Innovation and Technology Centre in Bonn, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Speakers:

Ms. Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Director, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Mr. Rémi Gruet, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe

Mr. Roland Roesch, Senior Programme Officer, IRENA

Mr. Berend Jan Kleute, Delft University of Technology, CTO and Co-founder, Bluerise

Mr. Thomas Siebenbrunner, Business Development, Swimsol GmbH

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Time: 11:30 - 13:00 Bonn Zone, Room 12	Resilience of Fisheries and Aquaculture to Climate Change: Food and Livelihood Approaches
Short Description This session describes on-the-ground action to foster adaptation and strengthen resilience of vulnerable fisheries and aquaculture-dependent communities; showcases guidance for policy makers on adaptation, disaster risk reduction/management, and gives examples of on-the-ground work by countries. Chair: Mr. Manuel Barange, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO Speakers: H.E. Mr. Oumar Guèye, Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Senegal Ms. Gabriella Bianchi, Norwegian Institute of Marine Research Ms. Sylvie Goyet, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Director, Pacific Community Mr. Ernesto Peñas-Lado, Principal Adviser to the Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission Mr. Angus Garrett, Head of Horizon Scanning and Long Term Issues, Seafish Mr. Yogi Yanuar, Head of National Marine Protected Areas Agency, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia	
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Time: 13:15-14:45 Bonn Zone, Room 11	Blue Carbon
Short Description This side event showcases the advances made in implementing blue carbon as part of countries' REDD+, NAMAs and other UNFCCC driven processes; discusses opportunities and needs for including coastal management actions in NDCs and shows synergies with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Chairs: Dr. Emily Pidgeon, Senior Director of Strategic Marine Initiatives, Conservation International and Blue Carbon Initiative (BCI) Ms. Kushla Munro, Assistant Secretary, International Branch Department of the Environment and Energy, Government of Australia, Coordinator of the International Partnership for Blue Carbon Speakers: Ms. Dorothee Herr, Manager, Oceans & Climate Change, Global Marine & Polar Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature and BCI H.E. Mr. Joshua Wycliffe, Permanent Secretary for Environment, Fiji	



H.E. Ms. Maria Victoria Chiriboga, Undersecretary of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador
Dr. Nur Masripatin, Director General, Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia
Ms. Madeleine Rose Diouf Sarr, Chef de Division, Chargée de Programme sur le Climat, Direction de l'Environnement et des Etablissements Classes (DEEC), Sénégal
Mr. Pascal Girot, Senior Policy Advisor on Climate Change to the Minister of the Environment of Costa Rica
Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, IOC/UNESCO

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Time: 13:15-14:45

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Accessing Financial Resources and Mobilizing Financial Institutions

Short Description

This event provides opportunities for donors, funders and stakeholders to showcase examples of effective implementation of measures to realize the Blue Economy while addressing the impacts of climate change; unveils a tracking mechanism for public expenditures on ocean and climate initiatives.

Chair:

Ms. Karin Kemper, Senior Director, Environment and Natural Resources, World Bank

Speakers:

Mr. Alastair Morrison, Water Sector Senior Specialist, Green Climate Fund

Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Mr. Torsten Thiele, Founder, Global Ocean Trust

Mr. Manuel Barange, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO

Mr. Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation, Portugal

Ms. Beverly Wade, Fisheries Administrator, Belize

H.E. Mr. Amedi Camara, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania

Mr. Peter Gilmer, Planet:Tech

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Time: 15:00-16:30

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Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in Ocean and Coastal Zones

Short Description

This session shares advances in ecosystem-based adaptation in ocean and coastal areas across the world; concrete experiences on the use of integrated approaches and ecosystem



features to enhance social-economic and ecological resilience; and perspectives for enhancing adaptation.

Chairs:

Dr. Isabel Torres de Noronha, Executive Secretary, Future Ocean Alliance

Dr. Adérito Santana, Government of São Tomé and Príncipe, SBSTA and LEG Rapporteur representing AOSIS

Speakers:

H.E. Prof. Jan Szyszko, Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Poland

Mr. Arlindo Ceita de Carvalho, Director General of the Environment, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe Islands

Mr. Ruel Yamuna, Director of the Climate Change Development Authority, Papua New Guinea

Mr. Chu Van Chuong, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Mr. Francisco Arias, Director General of Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras, Invemar, Colombia

Hon. Dr. Kedrick D. Pickering, Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour, British Virgin Islands

Mr. Manuel Barange, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO

Ms. Inger Andersen, Director General, IUCN (representing Friends of EbA group)

Ms. Elena Visnar Malinovska, Chefe de Unidade, Adaptação, Direcção-Geral da Acção Climática, UE, Adaptação de costa a costa: alterações climáticas, oceanos e interacções terra-mar

Ms. Tamara Thomas, Global Ocean Policy Advisor, the Nature Conservancy

Discussants:

H.E. Abdullahi Majeed, State Minister, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Maldives

Dr. Peter Ricketts, President and Vice-Chancellor, Acadia University, Canada

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Migration and Displacement: Risk reduction and Preparedness

Short Description

This session will examine lessons learned from past involuntary resettlement cases worldwide caused by natural disasters and other events; present experiences on livelihood restorations and support to displaced populations; and focus on disaster risk reduction methods and key steps to adaptation.

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Dr. Miko Maekawa, Team Leader/Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan
Mr. Carl Bruch, Esq., Environmental Law Institute, US

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Enele Sopoaga, Prime Minister, Tuvalu

Mr. David Stevens, Head, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Bonn Office

Dr. Koko Warner, Manager, Impacts, Vulnerability and Risks Subprogramme, Adaptation Programme, UNFCCC Secretariat

Mr. Kosi Latu, Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Mr. Filipe Nainoca, Director General, Fiji Red Cross Society

Prof. Walter Kaelin, Member, Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise of the International Law Association, Managing displacement risks in times of sea-level rise

Prof. Mikiyasu Nakayama, University of Tokyo, Prerequisites for smooth migration of climate refugees: Lessons learned from previous relocation cases in Asia

Mr. Atle Solberg, Head, Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

Ms. Dina Ionesco, Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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Time: 16:45-18:15 Bonn Zone, Room 12	Closing Plenary: Summary and Action Follow-Up
Short Description This session will summarize the outcomes of the seven sessions; provide high-level perspectives on the next steps and challenges for the oceans community; and hold the signing of the "Because the Ocean" declaration by governments supporting the declaration.	
Chair: H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Seychelles to the United Nations	
Speakers: Mr. Manuel Barange, FAO, and Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, Global Ocean Forum H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, Fiji, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean and President of the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly H.E. Mr. Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President, Republic of Palau H.E. Ms. Eva Svedling, Vice Minister for Climate, Sweden H.E. Mr. Anote Tong, Former President of Kiribati H.E. Mr. João Mira Gomes, Ambassador of Portugal in Berlin and former Secretary of State in charge of Ocean Affairs Hon. Dr. Thérèse Coffey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), UK H.E. Mr. Oumar Guèye, Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, Senegal Hon. Mr. Jay Inslee, Governor, Washington State, US Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan Mr. Philippe Vallette, Directeur Général, Nausicaá, France and World Ocean Network	
"Because the Ocean" Signing Ceremony	
Chair: Mr. Julio Cordano, Chief, Department of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile	
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