



Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2026 10–11 June 2026 Plenary Room New York, WCCB, Bonn Chaired by the Ocean Dialogue Co-facilitators <i>Sivendra Michael (Fiji) and Ulrik Lenaerts (Belgium)</i>	
Day 1. Wednesday 10 June, 15:00–18:00	
15:00	Welcome by the co-facilitators
	High Level Remarks and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adonia Ayebare, SBSTA Chair• Peter Thomson, UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean (video message)• Kenya, Host of the 2026 Our Ocean Conference• Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga, Director, ISCP, UNFCCC secretariat
15:15	COP31 Presidency Segment on the Ocean <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon Inia B Seruiratu MP, from Fiji, Envoy for the Ocean (video message)• Ayşin Turpancı, Head of Climate Negotiations and International Policies Department, Türkiye• Sally Box, Deputy President of Negotiations and COP31 Chief Negotiator & Ingrid Lundberg, Head of the COP31 Office of the President of Negotiations, Australia Plenary Q&A/ Short Interventions
15:45	Panel on Ocean-based priorities in the NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beatriz Soares da Silva, Director of the Department of Market Instruments and REDD+, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Brazil• Kassim Gausu-Toure, African Group of Negotiators• Hiratsuka Jiro, Director, Office of Climate Change Negotiation and Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment, Japan• Jonathan Baines, World Resources Institute Plenary Q&A/ Short Interventions
16:30	Panel on Ocean-climate-biodiversity synergies, and international cooperation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leel Randeni, Director (Climate Change), Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka• Iván Vejar, Head of the Climate Change and Environment Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile• Alessandra Lamotte, International Relations Officer, European Commission, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries• Valentina Germani, Senior Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) Plenary Q&A/ Short Interventions



17:15	<p>Panel on Means of Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative, Alliance of Small Island States • Isobel Bartholomew & Davi Bonavides, Standing Committee on Finance member and Forum Co-facilitator • Wenxin Li, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility • Jens Sedemund, Head of the Environment and Climate Change, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD <p>Plenary Q&A/ Short Interventions</p>
17:55	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-facilitators
<p>Day 2. Defining the Outcome Wednesday 11 June, 15:00–18:00</p>	
15:00	<p>Introduction to the World Café Format Breakout Group Discussions</p>
15:10	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakout Group Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be divided into a total of 9 groups (10–20 people in each group) to discuss Topics 1, 2, 3, with 3 Groups discussing the same topic, based on our guiding questions. • There will be a total of 2 rotations, with 35 minutes allocated for each breakout group discussion. • There will be a 5-minute transition time between each rotation.
17:00	<p>Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the breakout group discussions. • Parties to highlight good practices and lessons learned from their national and regional contexts in integration of ocean-based action in their NDCs, adaptation plans and enhancing synergies and international cooperation. <p>Reflections by co-facilitators on key recommendations.</p>
17:55	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-facilitators

Moderators and rapporteurs of breakout groups

	<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Rapporteur</i>
Topic 1 Ocean-based priorities in the NDCs		
1	Anna-Marie Laura, Ocean Conservancy	Marine Lecerf, Ocean & Climate Platform
2	Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Maximilian Schwarz, European Bureau for Conservation and Development
3	Narelle Hill, International Climate Negotiations and Engagement Branch, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia	John Powell, UNFCCC secretariat



Topic 2 Means of Implementation

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| 1 | Espen Ronneberg, The Pacific Community | Xuechan Ma, FAO |
| 2 | Sara Traerup, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre | Loes Rutten, Marine Environment
Department, Belgium |
| 3 | Karen Evans, IOC-UNESCO | Jessie Turner, United Nations Foundation |

Topic 3 Ocean-climate-biodiversity synergies, and international cooperation

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| 1 | Grace England, Department for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom | Stephanie Ockenden, Independent Consultant |
| 2 | Tristan Tyrrell, CBD Secretariat | Chelsea Johnson, Center for Climate and Energy
Solutions |
| 3 | Valentina Germani, UN DOALOS | Katie Thiessen, University of Plymouth &
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