



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">• Carol Franco, SBSTA Vice-Chair• Ali D Mohamed, Special Envoy for Climate Change Executive Office of the President Kenya• 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)• Tuğba Dinçbaş, Director of Action Agenda, Türkiye• Sally Box, Deputy President of Negotiations and COP31 Chief Negotiator Plenary Q&A/ Short Interventions
15:45	Panel on Ocean-based priorities in the NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ana Paula Prates, Director of the Department of Ocean and Coastal Management, Brazilian Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil (virtual)• Kassim Gawusu-Toure, Oceans lead coordinator, 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	Panel on Means of Implementation



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Charles Hamilton, Climate Change Advisory, Climate Change Unit, Office of the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, 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
Day 2. Defining the Outcome Wednesday 11 June, 15:00–18:00	
15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Thomson, UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean (video message) • Introduction to the World Café Format Breakout Group Discussions
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. • Reflections by co-facilitators on key recommendations.
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	Jessie Turner, United Nations Foundation	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		
1	Espen Ronneberg, The Pacific Community	Xuechan Ma, FAO



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| 2 | Sara Traerup, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre | Stephanie Ockenden, Independent Consultant |
| 3 | Karen Evans, IOC-UNESCO | Natalie Mangondo, Care About Climate |

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

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| 1 | Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution | Loes Rutten, Marine Environment Department, Belgium |
| 2 | Tristan Tyrrell, CBD Secretariat | Chelsea Johnson, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions |
| 3 | Valentina Germani, UN DOALOS | Katie Thiessen, University of Plymouth & YOUNGO |
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