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**MESSAGE TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS AND OTHER NON-PARTY STAKEHOLDERS**

**The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2023**

I am pleased to convey to United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers and other non-Party stakeholders a joint message from Ms. Gwynne Taraska and Mr. Julio Cordano, co-facilitators of the ocean and climate change dialogues 2023–2024, regarding a virtual informal exchange of views on preparations for this year's dialogue.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga'.

Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga  
Director

Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress division

**Distribution:** To United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers and other non-Party stakeholders.



Annex

**Message from the Co-facilitators of the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue**

**Preparation of the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2023**

20 March 2023

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to introduce ourselves to you personally as the co-facilitators for the ocean and climate change dialogues 2023–2024. We look forward to co-facilitating the ocean and climate change dialogue over this biennium.

We are writing to invite you to a virtual informal exchange of views on the preparation for the ocean and climate change dialogue 2023, to be held in conjunction with the fifty-eighth session of the subsidiary bodies (June 2023). To accommodate different time zones and in order to have global coverage so that we can hear your views, we have organized two slots that representatives of United Nations organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers and other non-Party stakeholders can attend according to their time zones:

*Thursday, 30 March 2023*                      *11:00 to 12:30 hours (GMT)*

*Thursday, 30 March 2023*                      *22:00 to 23:30 hours (GMT)*

We plan to use the meeting to share our initial thinking on the organization of the ocean and climate change dialogue 2023, and seek your views and guidance, particularly on:

- a. Key focused topics for the dialogue;
- b. The structure of the dialogue, including specific questions to be addressed; and
- c. Your expectations on the outcomes of the Dialogue.

Guidance on how to join the virtual informal exchange of views is included in the email communicating this message. We count on you to share the guidance with relevant delegates.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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Gwynne Taraska  
Co-facilitator of the  
Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue

Julio Cordano  
Co-facilitator of the  
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