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**Implementation Lab
“Accelerating Nature-based Solutions for Coastal
Resilience: Financing and Policy Tools”**

Concept Note

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December 9, 2023
4:00 – 5:00 PM GST
Lab 1 (Al Shaheen)

Lead Organization by Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)
Co-Organized by Conservation International (CI) and Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP)

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Description	This roundtable will discuss how to accelerate the implementation of nature-based solutions for coastal adaptation and resilience at scale, including financing, investment and policy pathways. The Lab will identify next steps needed for building the next generation of resilient infrastructure to reduce flood risk in coastal zones and to protect climate vulnerable coastal people.
Headline	Scaling investment to regenerate nature and build resilience for climate vulnerable coastal communities.
2030 Breakthrough / SAA outcomes	Ocean Breakthroughs (Mangrove Breakthrough, Coral Reef Breakthrough, Marine Conservation Breakthrough). SAA (Outcome 3: Coastal cities are protected from ocean-based hazards by green, gray, and hybrid solutions building resilience of at least 900 million people globally)
Guiding Question	What action needs to be implemented to achieve resilient and adaptative coastal communities through nature-based solutions?
Targeted Outcomes	Coastal and ocean-adaptation and resilience through nature
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify examples of where nature-based solutions have been implemented to build resilience for coastal communities and convene a discussion on how to accelerate finance into scaling these solutions beyond proof-of-concept. ● Identify the policy and financing tools available to accelerate nature-based solutions that build resilience in coastal communities ● Highlight best practices for green-grey infrastructure and where policy and foundational finance tools can be leveraged to build an enabling environment
Session Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthened connections between stakeholders from across sectors and from both the implementation and investment sides resulting in an open discussion on how to activate and accelerate finance into scaling high-quality projects beyond proof-of-concept. ● Clear next steps towards developing a new global ocean financing and policy architecture for coastal resilience.
Participants	<p>NGO ORRAA – Karen Sack Conservation International – Jennifer Howard Ocean & Climate Platform - Théophile Bongarts-Lebbe</p>



	<p>Government Dominica – Francine Baron Fiji – Filimone Ralogaivau USA – DAS Mahlet Mesfin</p> <p>Private Sector Outrigger Ocean Impact Fund - Simon Dent WTW – Simon Young</p> <p>Multilateral Development Banks Inter-American Development Bank – Milagros Rivas</p> <p>With an additional 40+ invitees to participate in the roundtable</p>
<p><i>Key Action points out of the discussion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New partnerships across sectors to accelerate private and public investment into nature-based solutions that build resilience in vulnerable coastal communities • Identification of policy best practices to strengthen the enabling environments in which solutions can be implemented and scaled • Commitments to grow collaboration on scaling the proof-of-concept solutions identified in the Lab

Agenda

Timing	Session Description	Speakers
Welcome and Scene-Setting		
2 min	Welcome	High Level Climate Champion (TBD)
5 mins	Scene-Setting: Changing the global ocean financing architecture	Karen Sack, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance
5 mins	Scene-Setting: Leveraging Policy & Financing Tools to Create an Enabling Environment for Action	Jen Howard, Conservation International
Roundtable Discussion		
40 mins	<p>Roundtable</p> <p>Key Guiding Questions:</p> <p>What policy and financing tools can help unlock, enable and accelerate implementation of Nature-based Solutions for coastal resilience?</p> <p>What is needed to make nature-based solutions investable and integrated within sustainable investment schemes, keeping in mind also to generate wellbeing for people?</p> <p>Is there a lack of funding for nature-based solutions? If so, what are the major blockers that need to be dealt with?</p>	<p>Moderator: Karen Sack, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance</p> <p>Moderator: Jen Howard, Conservation International</p> <p>Tentative Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simon Young, Senior Director, WTW 2. Simon Dent, Outrigger Ocean Impact Fund 3. Francine Baron, CEO, Climate Resilience Execution Agency, Dominica 4. Théophile Bongarts-Lebbe, Project Manager, Ocean & Climate Platform (Investment Protocol) 5. Mahlet Mesfin, US Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans 6. Filimone Ralogaivau, Principal Climate Change Officer, Fiji 7. Milagros Rivas, Managing Director Advisory Services Inter-American Development Bank <p>Additional roundtable participants invited</p>
Closing		
8 mins	Next steps and Closing Remarks	Karen Sack, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance Jen Howard, Conservation International