

# Ocean Governance

From scientific information through political commitments to effective management and action

Co-hosted by the European Commission, Federal Government of Germany and International Union for Conservation of Nature.

DATE & TIME: Thursday 30 June 2022  
13:15-14:30

VENUE: Altice Arena (Blue Zone)  
Plenary Room

EVENT ID: IBZTH307



The event will present a stocktake of knowledge, solutions and actions for effective whole ocean governance to achieve conservation and sustainable use, encompassing climate and biodiversity.

Join our high level speakers and global authorities for a dynamic conversation with Solomon Islands, Mexico, IPCC, GCF, IOC-UNESCO, Greenpeace.



## DESCRIPTION

The Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development stresses the need to conserve and sustainably use the world's oceans, seas and marine resources. This side event will present a stocktake of knowledge, solutions and actions for effective ocean governance to achieve conservation and sustainable use, encompassing climate and biodiversity. This side event aims to demonstrate how conservation and sustainable ocean use can be achieved with best available science and knowledge, measures and actions, effective tools, and new resources. Three keynote speakers will set the scene and bring their different perspectives on the issues and actions that need to be taken. Through a panel discussion consisting of eminent experts, the session will unpack the critical ingredients for effective ocean governance. The discussion will be set in the context of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), evidence-based ocean action and science-policy interfaces critical for ocean governance. The financial means required and human capacity required to deliver the change will be also be addressed and the session will hear from practitioners on ground to provide a reality check. Participants will hear from experts applying solutions based on science and knowledge to ensure integrated ocean governance and management. The experts will reflect on how to deliver blue solutions that restore marine biodiversity to achieve true 30x30 conservation across the shared ocean. The session will conclude with take home messages for a healthy planet and accelerated implementation of the Goal 14 focusing on science and knowledge based solutions and ensure we build a more equitable, resilient, knowledge-based and prosperous future that is in harmony with nature.

## PROGRAMME



### 13:15 Welcome by the host of the event

Ms Minna EPPS

*Head, Global Ocean, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*

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### 13:20 Opening statements

H.E. Steffi LEMKE

*Federal Minister of the Environment, Germany*

Ms Charlina VITCHEVA

*Director General of Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,  
European Commission*

Mr Andrew RHODES

*Special Envoy for Oceans, Undersecretariat for Multilateral Affairs and Human  
Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Mexico and Deputy Chair of IUCN's  
World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)*

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### 13:40 Video

The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030):  
The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want

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### 13:45 Panel discussion on critical ingredients for effective ocean governance

#### Moderator:

Ms Imèn MELIANE

*Vice President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*

#### Panelists:

Dr Vladimir RYABININ

*Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO  
(IOC-UNESCO)*

Prof. Dr. Hans-Otto POERTNER

*Alfred-Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI),  
Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)*

Dr Kevin HORSBURGH

*Climate Science Lead, Green Climate Fund (GCF)*

Dr Melchior MATAKI

*Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster  
Management in the Solomon Islands*

Dr Laura MELLER

*Ocean policy advisor, Greenpeace Nordic*

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### 14:25 Closing remarks

Mr John BELL

*Director of Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission*

