

The Because the Ocean Initiative

Suva, Fiji, 6 – 7 May 2019



Co-Facilitated by the Because the Ocean initiative and the Pacific Community, with support by the Government of Fiji

Provisional Agenda

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Monday 6th May

Opening Session: Setting the context. 9h00 – 10h00

- 9h00-9h05 - Welcome prayer
- 9h05-9h10 - Welcome on behalf of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation followed by video address by **HSH Prince Albert II**
- 9h10-9h20 - Opening Remarks by **Fiji Attorney General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**, Minister for Justice, Economy, Civil Service, Communications and Public Enterprises
- 9h20-9h30 - Representative of Pacific NDC Hub – (name TBC)
- 9h30-9h40 - Ocean Pathway Partnership: From COP23 to COP25 Taholo Kami, Special Adviser for COP23 Presidency Secretariat
- 9h40-9h50 - **Rémi Parmentier**, Coordinator, Secretariat of the Because the Ocean initiative: The Because the Ocean workshop series: Desired Outcomes
- 9h50-10h00 - Chilean COP25 Presidency representative remarks (TBC)

[Break – Minister and any media leave]

1st interactive workshop session: setting the scene. 10h15 – 12h15

Co-facilitation of workshop sessions: **Rémi Parmentier, Loreley Picourt**

10h00-10h30 State of knowledge, From Climate change to Ocean change

10h30-10h45 Introduction by **Dr. Morgan Wairiu**, USP University of the South Pacific

- How does the ocean contribute to mitigation (CO2 avoided and sequestered); what are the main measures that contribute to it?
- What are the impacts of climate change on the ocean and what types of adaptation measures can countries take to reduce vulnerabilities?
- How can we evaluate, in line with the Paris Agreement provisions, the effects of the ocean on the climate in terms of mitigation and adaptation?
- What can we expect from the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and the Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SCROCCC) to be released in September 2019?

10h45-10h50 Questions for clarification-only

10h50-12h00 The Ocean in NDCs

11h00-11h15 Introduction by NDC Partnership (name TBC)

- Assessing ocean components contained in the first NDC round (based on SCRIPPS, 2017, Stockholm Environment Institute, and other literature).
- What are the most significant examples of ocean references in NDCs submitted up to now?

11h15-11h25 Questions for clarification-only

11h25-12h15 Facilitated Q&A and discussion with the two panellists

[Lunch break]

2nd interactive workshop session: The ocean in NDCs, Challenges and Opportunities: Experts Views. 14h00 – 16h30

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Introductions by:

- The Role of the ocean in carbon sequestration, **Andrew Foran**, IUCN (TBC)
- Blue Energy: Renewables in the Ocean, **Dr. Sven Teske**, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, Sydney
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Adaptation to Climate Change, Fisheries expert from the Pacific Community or UN FAO representative (TBC)

14h40-15h15: Facilitated Q&A session with panellists

- Ocean Acidification, from threat to opportunity? **Susan Ruffo**, Ocean Conservancy
- How can NDCs an opportunity to enhance mitigating GHG emissions from shipping? **Thierry Nervale**, MTCC Pacific (TBC)
- NDCs as opportunity for Marine Protected Areas designation, management and enforcement? Perspectives from two different locations
- **Ambassador Olai Uludong**, Republic of Palau
- **Gemma Harper**, DEFRA, UK or/and EU Commission representative

15h35-16h00: Facilitated Q&A session with panellists

16h00-16h15 Tea break

3rd interactive workshop session: The ocean in NDCs, Challenges and Opportunities: Governments Views. 16h15 – 17h45

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Introductions by:

- **Julio Cordano**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
- **Ambassador Helen Agren**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **Angeline C. Heine**, National Energy Planner, Republic of the Marshall Islands (TBC)

16h45-17h45 Facilitated round-table discussion

Tuesday 7th May

4th interactive workshop session: National perspectives on options for incorporating the ocean into NDCs. 9h00 – 10h30

National perspectives on options for incorporating the ocean into NDCs

Feedback from PSIDS on what they heard the day before:

- Are they/could they consider introducing ocean elements within their respective NDCs?
- How could they go about it?
- What ocean-related issues could be under consideration? (ocean-based renewables, low carbon shipping, MPAs, mangroves, blue carbon sinks conservation consistent with Paris Agreement environmental integrity, coral reefs, sea level rise, acidification, fisheries adaptation?, etc.)
- What would they need? What are the roadblocks? Capacity and silos issues?
- Is across-countries or regional coordination needed or desirable?

Facilitated dialogue

10h30-11h00 Coffee break

5th interactive workshop Session: Going further- Part 1. 11h00-12h30

11h00-11h45: 4 to 5 tables with a mix of government representatives and experts/resource people for cross-fertilization on one particular theme each; i.e. blue energy, blue carbon mitigation and sequestration, ocean-based industries emission reductions (shipping, etc.), adaptation through MPAs, fisheries and aquaculture management and adaptation, coastal protection, response to ocean acidification...

11h45-12h30: Tables reporting on key issues emerging, followed by facilitated Q&A.

12h30-14h00 Lunch break

5th interactive workshop Session Cont.: Going further- Part 2. 14h00-15h15

14h00-14h45: Same tables-format as before lunch, but different tables taking different issues than in the morning.

14h45-15h15: Tables reporting on key issues emerging, followed by facilitated Q&A.

6th interactive workshop Session: the tools. 15h15–16h00

- Panel of 3 persons for each of the themes below (5 minutes each) followed by facilitated dialogue
- **Science and baseline**: what do we have to get going already and what do we need further: USP representative (TBC)
- **Finance**: Pacific Ocean Finance program (TBC)
- **Strategic coherence**: Linkages with other instruments – i.e. CBD, SDGs, Regional Seas, BBNJ, etc. Pacific Ocean Commissioner, PIF (TBC)

16h00-16h45: Tea break

Co-facilitators and note-takers meet to agree a set of a maximum of 8 to 10 Take-Aways to be presented on a slide in bullet points format at 6th Session.

Closing Session: 16h45–17h30

- Presentation of identified *Take-Aways* to workshop participants
- Feedback from participants
- Reaction from high-level representatives of the governments of Fiji and UN SG Special envoy **Ambassador Peter Thomson** (if flight on time)
- Follow-up by Because the Ocean Secretariat

Dinner/banquet for workshop and symposium participants

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