



UN-OCEANS side-event at UNFCCC COP22



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14: Oceans – Science-based solutions for achieving adaptation and mitigation goals

Date and Time: 9 November, 13:15-14:45

Place: Mediterranean Room

Partners: IOC/UNESCO, UN/DOALOS, IAEA, WB, FAO, IMO, WMO, UNCTAD, UN-OHRLLS, UN-DESA, CBD Secretariat, UN Environment

Objective: This discussion will explore how the UN system can support Member States in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals related to climate and oceans, including:

- enhancing our knowledge on the impacts of climate change on the marine and coastal environment and sustainable development;
- understanding the role of healthy oceans for adaptation and mitigation;
- building capacities to adapt to climate change through innovative and responsive solutions.

The event will be introduced by a keynote speech and opening remarks framing the topic, followed by discussions.

Introductory remarks

Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, UNESCO/IOC on behalf of Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, United Nations Legal Counsel, UN-Oceans Focal point

Keynote speech: 'Latest scientific findings on ocean/climate processes' by Prof. Hans Otto Poertner, Alfred Wegener Institute, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II.

Opening remarks

- Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, IOC/UNESCO: Scientific coordination to support implementation of SDG 14 and Paris agreement.
- René Castro Salazar, Assistant Director-General, FAO
- Julia Bucknall, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, World Bank

Participants

- Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Edmund Hughes, Head, Air Pollution and Energy Efficiency, Marine Environment Division, IMO
- Mary Frances Davidson, United Nations University Fisheries Training Programme
- TBC, expert/country rep. address adaptation/vulnerability

Moderator : Dr. Lisa Emelia Svensson, Director Oceans, UN Environment.

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