

Programme
WORLD OCEANS DAY

(8 June 2009)

“Our oceans, our responsibility”

Observance at United Nations Headquarters

- i. **Message of the Secretary-General**

- ii. **Press Conference by Ambassador Hasjim Djalal, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, and Advisor to the Indonesian Navy's Chief of Staff, Indonesian Naval Forces, and Professor David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University Law School, and Visiting Professor, United Nations University (1:00 p.m.)**

- iii. **Expert Panel Discussion on the theme "Our oceans, our responsibility" to mark the first observance by the United Nations of World Oceans Day, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 63/111, sponsored by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, followed by a question-and-answer period (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) (General Assembly Hall)**

Opening Remarks:

Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel

Moderator:

Professor David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University Law School, and Visiting Professor, United Nations University

Panellists:

- **Dr. Lorna Inniss, Deputy Director, Coastal Zone Management Unit, Government of Barbados**
- **Dr. Magnus Ngoile, Policy and Governance Coordinator, Agulhas and Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystems (ASCLME) Project**

- Ambassador Hasjim Djalal, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia, and Advisor to the Indonesian Navy's Chief of Staff, Indonesian Naval Forces
 - Dr. Harlan Cohen, Advisor, Ocean Governance, Global Marine Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - Dr. John Stegeman, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and Director, Woods Hole Center for Oceans and Human Health
- iv. **“A Sea Change”, a documentary screening on ocean acidification followed by a question-and-answer period co-sponsored by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, and the United Nations Staff Recreation Council Film Society (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) (Trusteeship Council Chamber)**

Other Observances at United Nations Headquarters

- v. **Display organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, and relevant international organizations relating to their activities (Near Vienna Café, Basement Level 1)**
- vi. **Exhibit organized by the United Nations Staff Recreation Council Photographic Society (Near Vienna Café, Basement Level 1)**
- vii. **Delegate's Dining Room (Luncheon menu for the day to include a sustainable seafood option)**

Observance outside United Nations Headquarters

- viii. **A number of Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations will celebrate World Oceans Day by organizing events**
- ix. **Empire State Building in New York City (Lighting to mark first observance of World Oceans Day)**