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HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

The Ocean, a solution for climate change and sustainable development

In the presence of Ségolène Royal, COP President,
French Minister of the Environment, Energy and the Sea,
in charge of International Relations on Climate

21 April 2016

3.00 - 4.30 pm

UNHQ - CR8

Program

- Introduction by Ségolène Royal, COP President, French Minister of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, in charge of International Relations on Climate.
- Support to the Blue Economy in Africa: interventions of high-level political speakers and debate.
- Breakthrough and partnerships in oceanic research: interventions of high-level speakers from oceanic research and civil society.
- Groundbreaking actions of islands against climate change: interventions of high-level speakers from the Global Island Partnership and debate.
- Closing session: overall conclusions and future steps.

- ▶ Oceans play a crucial role in climate regulation. However, current changes are taking place faster than these ecosystems' adaptation capacity. It is therefore crucial to maintain oceans and coastal resilience and support populations whose livelihoods depend on them.
- ▶ Whether in the Paris agreement itself, through the wide mobilization of stakeholders during the Ocean day, or thanks to the launch of several international initiatives in the frame of the Lima-Paris Action Agenda (LPAA), oceans have been at the heart of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference last December. This is the collective result of attention paid to seas, oceans and coastal zones issues throughout 2015, especially during the Sendai conference on natural disasters risks, the Addis Abeba conference on development financing and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ▶ We invite you to further continue this global mobilization on the 21st of April 2016, during the high-level event "The Ocean, a solution for climate change and sustainable development", in the presence of the COP president, Ségolène Royal, French Minister of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, in UNHQ CR8, from 3 to 4:30 PM.
- ▶ This meeting will be an opportunity to reinforce the high-level political pledge in favor of oceans and climate change, to communicate on first achievements and to strengthen the implementation of concrete and visible action in 2016. Initiatives carried by African governments and the World Bank for an African ocean agenda, by the international scientific community on oceans, and on integrated management of small island territories will be particularly highlighted.



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