

Programme

World Oceans Day (8 June 2010)

“Our oceans: opportunities and challenges”

Observance at United Nations Headquarters

- i. Message by the Secretary-General
- ii. Press Conference
(DH Auditorium at 11:00) with:
 - Prof. David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University;
 - H.E. Mrs. Isabelle PICCO, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations; and
 - Dr. Sylvia Earle, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and Adviser to Disneynature on the film "Oceans"
- iii. Roundtable discussion on “UNCLOS 15 years after its entry into force”, sponsored by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (Conference Room 1 at NLB, 15:00 - 17:30)
 1. How effectively is UNCLOS operating, as the legal framework for the oceans and seas?
Focusing on:
 - The right of States to establish Maritime Zones under UNCLOS
 - Prof. Bernard H. Oxman, Richard A. Hausler Professor of Law, University of Miami
 - Combating piracy, in particular the case of piracy off the coast of Somalia
 - Prof. Robert Beckman, Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore
 - The conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, including MGRs
 - Ms. Emma Romano Sarne, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations
 2. UNCLOS into the 21st century
Focusing on:
 - How to enhance the implementation of UNCLOS at the national level
 - Professor Ted L. McDorman, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Is regional cooperation a way to enhance ocean governance?

- Prof. Lucia Fanning, Director of Marine Affairs Programme, Dalhousie University

Moderator

- Prof. David Freestone, Lobingier Visiting Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, George Washington University

- iv. Screening of the Disneynature feature “Oceans”, co-sponsored by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, and the Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations (18:00 - 20:00) (General Assembly Hall)

Observance outside United Nations Headquarters

- v. Empire State Building in New York City (Lighting, from white, blue to purple to signify the entirety of the oceans from the shallows to the darker depths, to mark the observance of World Oceans Day by the United Nations)

N.B.: The Roundtable Panel Discussion and the screening of “Oceans” are open to UN staff, delegates and the general public. Attendees with a UN grounds pass do not need to RSVP. Those without UN grounds passes must RSVP by 1 June to <fuentesc@un.org>, indicating which event(s) they intend to attend. Access is at the UN entrance on First Avenue at 46th Street and attendees should arrive at least 30 minutes before the event they plan to attend to allow sufficient time to pass through security and be seated on time.