26 May 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 3 May 2021 regarding the high-level thematic debate on the Ocean and Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water, I have the honour to enclose herewith an updated draft programme for the meeting.

As indicated in my previous letter, delegations wishing to participate in the interactive panel discussions were invited to express an interest to pose questions to the panel by inscribing through the e-speakers module in the e-deleGATE portal. As there are four panels, delegations were invited to express an interest, in the order of preference, should their first choice become over-inscribed. The attached lists are a reflection of this inscription process. In order to hear as many delegations as possible within the limited time available for the interactive discussion, a time limit of two minutes will be observed for questions and comments. Delegations will be able to interact with the panels from their national seats. Delegations who are inscribed will be given the floor by the moderator of the respective panel.

For further information, your office may contact my Adviser, Ms. Nehali Anupriya (nehali.anupriya@un.org; +1 (929) 505-3864).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
# Draft Programme

## Opening Segment

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

- H.E. Volkan BOZKIR, President of the General Assembly
- H.E. Mr. Ricardo Serrao Santos, Minister of the Sea, Portugal
- H.E. Ms. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Kenya
- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Ocean
- Ms. Maggie Q, Award winning Actress, SDG14 Advocate, activist, Founder of QEEP UP™

## Panel 1 – Bringing together UN processes on Ocean

10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

**MODERATOR:** Ms Dona Bertarelli, UNCTAD Special Advisor for the Blue Economy and co-chair of the Bertarelli Foundation
- **Mr. Liu Zhenmin**, Under Secretary-General, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs
- **Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Assistant Director General UNESCO
- **Ms. Rena Lee**, Ambassador for Oceans and Law of the Sea Issues and Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore
- **Ms. Agnes Kalibata**, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Food Systems Summit

11:50 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

**Video transition**

## Panel 2 – Towards a pollution-free, protected and climate stable ocean

11:55 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Ligia Nohonra, Assistant Secretary-General UN Environment Programme
- **Ms. Elizabeth Marema Mruma**, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- **Mr. Martin Stuchtey**, Systemiq Earth
- **H.E. Ms. Haydee Rodriguez**, Vice Minister of Water and Seas, Costa Rica, Lead Partner country of the GLOLitter Initiative

12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Video transition**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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## Panel 3 – Fisheries and Aquaculture

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**MODERATOR:** Ms. Melanie Siggs, Director of Strategic Engagements, Global Seafood Alliance, UK
- **Mr. Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist, Food and Agricultural Organization
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| 4:05 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. | Panel 4 – A Sustainable Ocean Economy | • **Ms. Shakuntala Thilsted**, Global Lead, Nutrition and Public Health, WorldFish, Malaysia  
• **Mr. Mamadou Diakhite**, Acting Head of Environmental Sustainability Division, AUAD-NEPAD  
• **Mr. Yuvan Beejadhur**, Senior Adviser to the Director-General, World Trade Organization |
| 5:05 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. | Video transition      |                                                                                        |
| 5:10 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Call to Action        | • **Mr. Cody Simpson**, UNDP Ocean Advocate  
• UN Chamber Music Society of the United Nations Staff Recreation Council, Brenda Vongova, Artistic Director GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685 - 1759) Water Music, Suite No.1, IV, Air |
High-Level Thematic Debate in Support of SDG14: Life Below Water
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 June 2021
General Assembly Hall, United Nations Headquarters, New York

List of Inscriptions:

Panel 1: Bringing UN Ocean Processes Together
1. Barbados
2. Spain
3. Argentina
4. Philippines
5. India
6. Chile
7. Peru
8. Germany
9. Denmark

Panel 2: Towards a pollution-free, protected and climate-resilient ocean
1. European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States)
2. Tuvalu (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum)
3. Panama
4. Monaco
5. Japan
6. Morocco
7. Ghana
8. Malta
9. Netherlands
10. Sweden
11. Pakistan

Panel 3: Fisheries and Aquaculture
1. Brazil
2. New Zealand
3. Indonesia
4. France
5. Iceland
6. USA
7. Ecuador
8. Russian Federation

Panel 4: A Sustainable Ocean Economy
1. Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States)
2. Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)
3. Nauru
4. Canada
5. Australia
6. Ireland
7. Maldives
8. Mexico