



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 June 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 26 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 programme and list of inscriptions for the meeting.

As indicated in my letter of 3 May 2021, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Volkan Bozkir'.

Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



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



Programme

Opening Segment 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, UN Special Envoy for Oceans • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elizabeth Marema Mruma, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Mr. Martin Stuchtey, Systemiq Earth • H.E. Ms. Haydee Rrogriguez, 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.	BREAK
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agricultural Organization • Ms. Shakuntala Thilsted, Global Lead, Nutrition and Public Health, WorldFish, Malaysia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yuvan Beejadhur, Senior Adviser to the Director-General, World Trade Organization
4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	Video transition
Panel 4 – A Sustainable Ocean Economy 4:05 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	MODERATOR: Ms Sanda Ojiambo , CEO and Executive Director, UN Global Compact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UN Development Programme • Mr Atsushi Sunami, President and Executive Director, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan • Mr. Carlos Rodriguez, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility • H.E. Mr. Jens Frølich Holte, State Secretary of Norway, leader of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
5:05 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Video transition
Call to Action 5:10 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



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List of Inscriptions

Panel 1: Bringing UN Ocean Processes Together

1. Spain
2. Argentina
3. Philippines
4. India
5. Chile
6. Peru
7. Germany
8. Denmark
9. Guatemala

Panel 3: Fisheries and Aquaculture

1. Brazil
2. New Zealand
3. Indonesia
4. France
5. Iceland
6. USA
7. Ecuador
8. Russian Federation
9. Nauru
10. Bangladesh

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. Malta
8. Netherlands
9. Sweden
10. Federated States of Micronesia

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. Canada
4. Australia
5. Ireland
6. Maldives
7. Mexico