



## High-level meeting on addressing the existential threats posed by sea level rise

Wednesday, 25 September 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
United Nations Headquarters, New York

“Addressing the threats posed by sea-level rise”

### FINAL PROGRAMME

<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.</b> Trusteeship Council Chamber	<b>Opening Segment</b>  <b>Statements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr. Philémon Yang, President of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session</li><li>• H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Feleti P. Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu</li></ul>
<b>10:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Trusteeship Council Chamber	<b>Plenary Segment</b>  Statements by Member States, Observers and members of the United Nations specialized agencies
<b>10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b> Conference Room 1	<b>Multi-stakeholder panel 1: Sea level rise and its legal dimensions</b>  <b>Co-chairs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rt. Hon. Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, New Zealand</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Abdulai Jiwoh, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Republic of Sierra Leone</li></ul> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Juan José Ruda Santolaria, Co-chair of the International Law Commission Study Group on sea-level rise in relation to international law</li><li>• Ms. Grethel Aguilar, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature</li></ul>

	Statements by Member States, Observers, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders.
<b>11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Conference Room 1	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder panel 2: Adaptation, finance and resilience in relation to sea level rise</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Do Hung Viet, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Ambassador for Poles and Maritime Issues and Special Envoy of the President for the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, France</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kamal Kishore, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</li> <li>• Ms. Valerie Hickey, Global Director, Environment Department, the World Bank</li> <li>• Ms. Adelle Thomas, Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Senior Director, Natural Resources Defense Council</li> </ul> <p>Statements by participating States, Observers, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders.</p>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.</b> Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p><b>Plenary Segment</b></p> <p>Statements by participating States, Observers and members of the United Nations specialized agencies</p>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</b> Conference Room 1	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder panel 3: Livelihoods, socioeconomic challenges and culture and heritage in relation to sea level rise</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, President of the Republic of <b>Maldives</b></li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Jennifer Lee Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, Germany</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ernesto Ottone Ramirez, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, Deputy Managing Director, Global Centre for Climate Mobility</li> <li>• Ms. Grace Malie, Pacific Youth Fellow</li> </ul> <p>Statements by participating States, Observers, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders.</p>
<b>4:15 p.m. – 5:30p.m.</b> Conference Room 1	<p><b>Multi-stakeholder panel 4: Knowledge, data and science to inform sea-level rise risk assessments and decision-making</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Francis Fonseca, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Culture, Science and Technology, Belize</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Theodora Gentzis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Belgium</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization</li> <li>• Dr. Richard Spinrad, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere &amp; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrator</li> <li>• Mr. Haoliang Xu, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme</li> </ul> <p>Statements by participating States, Observers, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders.</p>
<b>5:40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b> Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p><b>Closing Segment</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of multi-stakeholder panel summaries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chair, Multi-stakeholder panel 1</li> <li>• Co-chair, Multi-stakeholder panel 2</li> <li>• Co-chair, Multi-stakeholder panel 3</li> <li>• Co-chair, Multi-stakeholder panel 4</li> </ul> <p><b>Statement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Philémon Yang, President of the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session</li> </ul>

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