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Co-Chairs,
Moderators and
Panellists

Ms. Juliette Babb-Riley

Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Juliette Babb-Riley joined the Barbados Foreign Service in 1991 and has had an extensive career in the Foreign Service. She served as Head of the International Law, Human Rights and Maritime Delimitation Section from 2010 to 2012, and Head of the Human Rights and Multilateral Relations Section from 2012 to 2013. In 2013, Ms. Babb-Riley was transferred to the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative. In 2016 she was appointed Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Regular Process and serves as CARICOM Co-coordinator on BBNJ matters. Ms. Babb-Riley is the holder of a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science, a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Master of Science degree in International Studies. She is married and has two children.

Mr. Gert Auväärt

Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Gert Auväärt joined the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2004 where he served until 2008. In 2008 he joined the Estonian Embassy in The Hague in the capacity of Consul and Legal and Economic Adviser. He served as Senior Lawyer in the International Law Division at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2011 to 2013; First Secretary, Legal Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations from 2013 to 2016; Counsellor and Cyber Coordinator at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2016 to 2017 and as Director of International Relations at National Cyber Security Agency of Estonia from 2017 to 2018. In 2018, Mr. Auväärt was transferred to the Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative and was appointed Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process. Mr. Auväärt is the holder of a degree from the Estonian Diplomatic Academy as well as Master of Laws (LL.M) degree in Public International Law from Helsinki University, Finland. He is married and has two children.

Segment 1: The importance of integrated assessments for decision-making



Ms. Judith Gobin

Head, Department of Life Sciences, University of the West Indies (moderator)

Judith Gobin is a Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Life Sciences, in the Faculty of Science and Technology, at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. She is a member of the Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative (DOSI) and is a Marine Biologist with more than 35 years of research experience in the field. She has made significant academic contributions (> 50 publications) to the knowledge of Marine Biodiversity in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. She has published on a number of “new marine scientific records” and “new marine species” - (approximately 298) - for Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. Ms. Gobin began her research career in shallow, soft-sediment benthic environments and then moved to rocky shore areas and more recently- into the deep sea environment. The Deep Sea Wonders of the Caribbean is her most recent project (a book and a 5-part DVD 2018) following her participation on-board the E/V Nautilus' expedition within the Caribbean, in 2013 and 2014. She was the Lead Scientist on that project. Ms. Gobin's marine research is original and critical towards conservation and management of Caribbean marine resources and more so the blue economy.



Mr. Julian Reyna

Dean, College of Maritime Studies and Environmental Sciences, Universidad Del Pacífico, Guayaquil, Ecuador

Julian Reyna is a Colombian Navy Retired Captain, physical oceanographer and hydrographer, specialized in coastal risk management. He holds a master's degree in coastal and port engineering, MSc Maritime and Ports Management. Mr. Reyna is a scientific researcher in El Niño over the Northern part of South America, tsunami propagation waves, and is experienced in oil pollution at sea, and author and co-author of different papers and books about oceanography, coastal management, and economic valuation of the seas. He has recently centred his activities in integrated ocean policy. Mr. Reyna is former Vice-chair of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), former Executive Secretary of the Colombian Ocean Commission, and former Secretary-General of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS). At present, he is Dean of Maritime Studies and Environmental Sciences at the Universidad del Pacífico, Ecuador.



Mr. Murray Roberts

University of Edinburgh; European ATLAS project

Murray Roberts is Professor of Marine Biology at the University of Edinburgh's School of GeoSciences. He leads the Changing Oceans research group and co-ordinates ATLAS, a 4-year, €9.3M European project to create a Trans-Atlantic assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based spatial management plan for Europe.

His previous roles include Reader and then Professor of Marine Biology and Director of the Centre for Marine Biodiversity & Biotechnology at Heriot-Watt University (2009-16) and research fellow at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (1997-2009) and Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina Wilmington in the USA (2007-09).



Mr. H.M.K.J.B. Gunarathna

Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and Development and Rural Economy, Sri Lanka

H. M. K. J. B. Gunarathna is a class 1 officer from the Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS). He joined SLAS in 2003 and started his career as Assistant Divisional Secretary. He is currently working as Senior Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development from 1st January 2016 to date. All development activities coming under the purview of the Ministry are coordinated by him. Before he was appointed to his current position, he was Director of Social Development for the same Ministry from year 2011 to 2016. He graduated from the University of Peradeniya in the year 2000. He then obtained his master's degree from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Public Administration and Mass Communication as well. Further, he has been a representative at several national and international forums and workshops on behalf of the Sri Lankan Government.



Ms. Joana Akrofi

Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Joana Akrofi is a Programme Management Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Science Division, Scientific Assessment Branch. She works on scientific assessments of coastal and marine and transboundary waters resources. Her experience in UNEP includes being part of the coordination of the Global Environment Outlook, the flagship assessment report of UNEP at both the global and regional level. She coordinates marine assessments with various Regional Seas Programmes and serves as focal point for the Regular Process for UNEP. She joined UNEP in 2005 and holds a M.Sc. degree in Technology Management from the Hull International Fisheries Institute, University of Hull, U.K and a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Natural Resource Management from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.

Segment 2: Capacity gaps and needs related to the conduct of integrated assessments

Mr. Osman Keh Kamara

Member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process (moderator)

Forthcoming.



Mr. Alan Simcock

Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process

Since 2009, Alan Simcock has been Joint Coordinator of the Group of Experts of the United Nations Regular Process. He was born in Plymouth, England, and educated at Oxford University. In 1965, he became a civil servant.

He was Private Secretary to the United Kingdom Prime Ministers from 1969 to 1972. From 1991 to 2001, he was head of the United Kingdom Marine Environment Division.

He was Chairman (1996 – 2000) and Executive Secretary (2001 – 2006) of the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, and three times Co-Chair of the United Nations Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea.



Ms. Caridad Canales Davila

Associate Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Caridad Canales Davila is a water and sustainable development specialist with vast experience in the sustainable provision of water and sanitation services, marine governance and ocean resource management, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in supporting intergovernmental processes at the regional level for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. With almost 15 years of experience in the environmental field, Caridad has a master's degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Oxford and has completed various postgraduate and specialist courses in environmental law, environmental governance and water security, amongst others. In addition to her specialization in water management and ocean governance, Caridad has a background in international relations and politics and has worked for the United Nations since 2010. Her experience covers Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region.



Ms. Karen Evans

Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere, member of the Group of Experts of the Regular Process

Karen Evans is a Team Leader and senior research scientist with CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere based in Hobart, Tasmania. She is involved in research focused on improving scientific understanding and developing options to improve marine resource management, particularly in relation to national and international fisheries. She also leads research aimed at improving reporting of biodiversity assessments at national, regional and global scales and providing baseline information for assessing the impacts of oil and gas activities on the marine environment. Karen’s expertise and international reputation has seen her contribute to United Nations processes such as the Regular Process and its First Global Integrated Assessment and the World Meteorological Organization Joint CAgM/JCOMM Task Team on Weather, Climate and Fisheries. She is co-chair of the Integrated Marine Biosphere Research project’s regional programme “Climate Impacts on Top Predators” (CLIOTOP) and an associate editor of the Proceeding of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences.



Mr. Maruf Hossain

Professor, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Maruf Hossain holds a Ph.D. in Ecotoxicology from the Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies (CEMACS), University Science Malaysia (USM) and an MS in Fundamental & Applied Marine Ecology (FAME) (thesis on Ecotoxicology) from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. He also received an M.Sc. degree in Marine Biology (thesis on Benthic Pollution), Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Mr. Hussain has served as an Environmental Scientist and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) expert of Bangladesh with extensive experience in conducting research and study for more than 33 years on environmentally related issues, more specifically on marine and coastal pollution, water quality criteria, EIAs on different development activities and its impacts on aquatic biodiversity (benthic), human health and ecotoxicology.



Ms. Francesca Santoro

Lead programme specialist in Ocean Literacy, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Francesca Santoro is currently Programme Specialist at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), where she is in charge of the ocean literacy activities.

Before joining IOC of UNESCO in 2011, she worked for the Euro Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change and for the University Ca’Foscari of Venice where she has been undertaking research activities on climate change in coastal zone.

She was also lecturer at the University Ca’Foscari of Venice PhD Programme in Science and Management of Climate Change. She holds a PhD in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development, an MSc in Integrated Coastal Zone Management, and Environmental Sciences.



Ms. Fernanda de Oliveira Lana

Post-Doctoral Researcher in Marine Biology and Coastal Environments, Federal Fluminense University (UFF), Brazil and National Focal Point of Brazil for the Regular Process

Fernanda de Oliveira Lana is a biologist, with a PhD in Fishery Resources and Aquaculture from the Federal Rural University of Pernambuco. Her post-doctoral research is in Marine Biology and Coastal Environments at Fluminense Federal University, Brazil.

She is an Expert in ichthyology, fisheries resources, zooarchaeology and paleoceanography. She has worked as a Fisheries Resources Analyst at FIPERJ (Rio de Janeiro State Fisheries Institute Foundation) and Technical Adviser for the Brazilian National Action Plan for the Conservation of Threatened Sharks and Rays (ICMBio).

Fernanda also serves as an Evaluator of the Chondrichthyes of Brazil (IUCN), Scientific Producer of the “Missao Americas” - National Geographic. She is a member of the Pool of Experts of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects and National Focal Point of Brazil for the Regular Process.



Ms. Nguyen Thanh Thao

Deputy Director, Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands (VASI), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)

Nguyen Thanh Thao obtained her first degree in International Economics and a post graduate (master's degree) in Economic Evaluation and International Economic Project Management at the Paris XII Val de Marne, University, France, and Master of Public Finance and Administration at University of Tampere, Finland.

She has undertaken research on public administration with a major on Environment in Sustainable Development. She is currently working on another thesis on the impact of ocean policies both national and international to socioeconomic aspects.

Nguyen Than Thao has extensive experience in both academic and managerial positions in numerous projects over the last fifteen years, mostly focused on working with national and international policy making process towards a more sustainable future.

She is presently working as Deputy Director of the Department of Science, Technology and International Cooperation, Viet Nam Administration of Seas and Islands, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam.

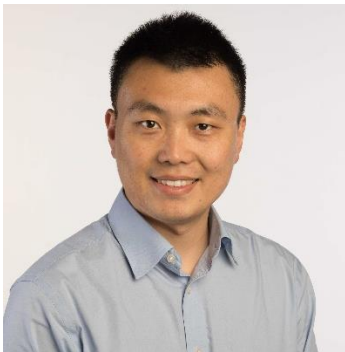


Mr. Wahid Moufaddal

Remote Sensing Expert, Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)

Wahid Moufaddal is responsible for management of the X-band direct broadcast satellite receiving station and the Remote Sensing Unit at the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) in Kuwait. He holds a Ph.D in coastal and marine applications of remote sensing. He has about 25 years of experience in marine research. His publication record includes about 20 research papers, 2 book chapters and over 100 public scientific articles.

His current primary role in ROPME includes, among others, utilization of the received real-time satellite imagery (MODIS & VIIRS) and other sources of satellite data for marine environmental monitoring of the ROPME Sea Area and provision of early warning information on emergent coastal and marine hazards to the concerned communities and stakeholders.



Mr. Roger Wang

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rutgers University

Roger Wang is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rutgers University, United States of America.

Prior to joining Rutgers University, he worked as a Lecturer at the University of Dundee, United Kingdom. He received his Ph.D. degree in Environmental Fluid Mechanics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2014, his M.S. degree from Singapore Stanford Partnership, and his B.S. degree from Beihang University.

He has conducted Postdoctoral research in the United States at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and University of California, Berkeley from 2014 to 2017.

Segment 3: Multi-stakeholder discussion on opportunities, best practices and lessons-learned for enhancing the science-policy interface



Ms. Doris Oliva Ekelund

Head, Institute of Biology,
University of Valparaiso
(moderator, Parts 1 and 2)

Doris Oliva Ekelund is a senior researcher at Faculty of Sciences, Universidad de Valparaíso, Chile. She is the Head of the Biology Institute and has worked in the National Fisheries Institute (IFOP) on management areas for artisanal fisheries, with the Undersecretary of Fisheries as a direct adviser of the Undersecretary, implementing new regulations for fisheries and aquaculture management and was in charge of the Fisheries Research Fund in the Chilean Ministry of Economy. She presently works on the interaction of marine mammals with fisheries and aquaculture, and in the development of small-scale aquaculture.



Ms. Karen Evans

Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO
Oceans and Atmosphere,
member of the Group of Experts
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(moderator, Part 3)

See Segment 2.



Ms. Veronica Koroma

Senior Environment Officer,
Environment Protection Agency,
Sierra Leone

Veronica Koroma works for the Environmental Protection Agency in Sierra Leone as an Environment specialist with over five years' experience. She is charged with the responsibility to monitor and report on pressures of the environment, such as marine pollution. She has a MSc in Management in Energy and Natural Resources Sector with a BSc in Geology. She has contributed to the development and implementation of Sierra Leone's State of the Marine Environment process and is currently participating in a regional project to help build capacities on integrated ocean management in the region.



Ms. Iryna Makarenko

Pollution Monitoring and
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Secretariat to the Commission on
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Convention) (Black Sea
Commission)

As of December 2010, Iryna Makarenko works at the Permanent Secretariat to the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Black Sea Commission or Bucharest Convention), an international intergovernmental organization based in Istanbul, Turkey. In April 2014 she was awarded the position of Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer. Before moving to Turkey, Iryna worked as a diplomat in the Mission of Ukraine to the European Union (EU) in Brussels being responsible for EU-Ukraine cooperation in the field of environment, transport, space, research and education. Prior to that, she served as a Deputy Head of Office to the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine and as a diplomat of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. She has a master's degree in the field of Environmental and Energy Law obtained at the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Leuven (Kingdom of Belgium), Certificates on Water Law (University of Dundee, Scotland), Environmental Diplomacy (University of Geneva, Switzerland) and Regional Economics (University of Genoa, Italy).



Mr. Miguel Iñiguez

Alternate Commissioner
(scientific) of the International
Whaling Commission and
member of the Pool of Experts

Miguel A. Iñiguez Bessega was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is the President and Founder of Fundación Cethus, Argentina. He has been involved in cetaceans work since 1984. Since 1998 he has specialized in responsible whale watching, working on capacity-building for this activity along the Latin American coast. He is the author and co-author of several books, scientific papers and popular science articles. He is an Associate Professor at both the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica and the Universidad Marítima Internacional de Panamá. He has acted as a consultant to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation (former WDCS) since 1991 and, from 2002 to date, he has been part of the Argentine delegation to the International Whaling Commission. He is also a member of the International Committee on Marine Mammal Protected Area, the IUCN SSC-WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Area Task Force, CMS Advisory Group on Aquatic Mammals and UNEP Live Communities of Practice (CoP).



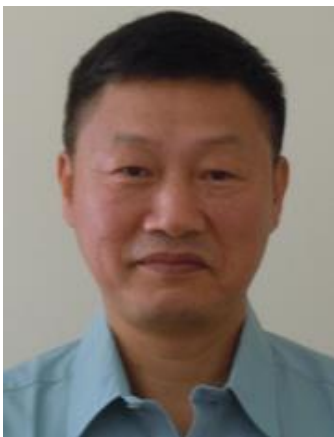
Ms. Monika Stankiewicz

Executive Secretary, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)

Monika Stankiewicz is the Executive Secretary of the inter-governmental Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM). She advises Contracting Parties (nine coastal countries and the EU) on formulation of policies and their implementation to achieve a good environmental status of the sea.

She recently assumed the executive lead of the HELCOM integrated assessment “State of the Baltic Sea” and is currently focusing on the major update of the regional programme of measures which notably integrates the SDGs and foreseen climate change impacts.

She is the former HELCOM Professional Secretary for shipping and an environmental expert in the Polish public administration. She holds a Master of Science degree in Chemistry from Gdansk University.



Mr. Kedong Yin

Professor, School of Marine Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University, China

Having obtained his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Canada, Kedong Yin has worked at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Griffith University (Australia), South China Sea Institute of Oceanology. Yin is a multi-disciplinary oceanographer and his research is mainly focused on coastal eutrophication processes and regulating mechanisms of phytoplankton biomass, harmful algal blooms (HABs), and dissolved oxygen as well as coastal sustainability in the Pearl River estuarine coastal waters.

He served as Co-chair of the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) Working Group 137, now as Chair of the Intergovernmental Oceanic Commission (IOC) Working Group to Investigate Climate Change and Global Trends of Phytoplankton in the Oceans (TrendsPO), and is a founding member of IOC/SCOR Global HAB Scientific Steering Committee. He has published over 130 peer-reviewed papers.



Mr. Ivar Baste

Bureau member and Co-Chair of the capacity-building task force, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

Ivar A. Baste is a Senior Advisor in the Norwegian Environment Agency and member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

He is a Norwegian biologist born in 1959, and former Director of the Environment Management Group Secretariat (EMG) (2008 – 2010) and Chief of the Scientific Assessment Branch of UNEP (2002 – 2008). For the Government of Norway he has held positions such as the Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN Habitat (2000-2002) and the Deputy Director General responsible for biodiversity and biotechnology in the Ministry of Environment (1995 – 1999).



Mr. Andrew Hudson

Head, Water & Ocean Governance Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Andrew Hudson is Head of the Water & Ocean Governance Programme (www.undp.org/water) in UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. He oversees and provides strategic, policy and technical guidance on the development, implementation and evaluation of UNDP's work in water and ocean governance with a currently active portfolio of about US \$350 million in over 100 countries.

This work, which directly supports SDGs 6 and 14, includes efforts to 'green' the shipping industry; sustain the world's 64 Large Marine Ecosystems; strengthen multi-country management of shared freshwater systems; apply 'source to sea' approaches to integrated land, water and coastal area management; and improve access to safe water and sanitation services.



Ms. Vera Agostini

Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Vera Agostini is the Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division at the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), with a primary focus on providing oversight, strategic guidance and technical support to FAO's Fisheries and Aquaculture teams. From 2007-2017 Vera was with The Nature Conservancy, initially as Senior Scientist with the Global Oceans Team, and more recently as Director of Conservation and Director of Climate Adaptation. She is a fisheries scientist by training, who has held positions across three sectors (non-governmental, government, and academia/educational) providing technical and strategic leadership across a range of multi-disciplinary efforts around the globe. Her experience ranges from comprehensive ecosystem research to broad policy and planning. Areas of focus include ecosystem services in pelagic environments, ecosystem approaches to fisheries, marine spatial planning and protected area network design, biodiversity mainstreaming in the fisheries sector, ecosystem-based climate adaptation and disaster risk management, social resilience and small scale fisheries.



Mr. Ariel Troisi

Chair of the Group of Experts on Capacity Development, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Ariel Hernan Troisi obtained his degree in Physical Oceanography at the Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires in 1988, and later a master's degree in Science and Technology Policy and Management at the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

He has a long history of involvement in marine scientific research, project management and associated services, as well as in matters related to the activities, programmes and functions of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.

Since 2015 he serves as Vice-Chairperson of IOC for Latin America and the Caribbean. In this capacity, he is in charge of overseeing the Programme and Budget area, and chairs, inter alia, the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development.



Mr. Luciano Hermanns,

Member of AOCEANO (Brazilian Oceanographers Association) and member of the Pool of Experts

Luciano Hermanns is an oceanographer at the Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG), Brazil. He holds a master's degree in Physical, Chemical and Geological Oceanography from FURG and a PhD in Geosciences from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS.

He is a member of the Brazilian Oceanographic Association (AOCEANO) and is associated with the company Acquaplan which has been working for 15 years in the areas of coastal management and investigation of socio-environmental impacts. Currently, it coordinates a multidisciplinary team to undertake studies of natural and socioeconomic viability. Luciano also worked as a professor at FURG and in Cristo Redentor Technical School, Brazil.