

Programme

International symposium of the United Nations Regular Process on strengthening the ocean science-policy interface

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
in collaboration with
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IOC-UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV

Tuesday, 12 December

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Coordinator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO (Louise Robillard, Ying Jin) ❖ Representatives of DOALOS (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)
09:00 – 09:05	Regular Process promo video	❖ DOALOS (Jisun Hwang)
09:05 – 09:20	Welcoming and Opening remarks, focusing on intended outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awareness on the importance of the science-policy interface for ocean governance;• Understanding and knowledge on the science-policy interface through dialogue among multiple stakeholders from all levels;• Identification of regional and global lessons learned and priorities in reinforcing the science-policy interface;• Awareness on the importance of compatibility and synergies between assessments at the global and regional levels within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)	❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO (Vladimir Ryabinin) ❖ Co-Chair of the Regular Process (Kimberly Louis, Saint Lucia) ❖ Representative of DOALOS (Francois Baillet)

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09:20 – 10:25	<p>1/ Overview of global ocean governance and importance of science-policy interface with theories and practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-production of knowledge through multi-stakeholder partnerships ○ Translation of data into policy-relevant information and knowledge [Proposal Experience from the IOC Ocean Information HUB] ○ Engagement of the scientific community and ocean users in global policymaking processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Proposal focus on Agenda 2030/SDG reporting process: Example form IOC on SDG reporting (14.3, 14.a) and SToR process] <p>2/ Addressing regional capacity development needs: lessons learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building Member States capacities in policy-relevant ocean science – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Experience from the IOC CD Strategy and delivery mechanism (Global Ocean Teacher Academy)] ○ Regional cooperation in ocean assessment Bringing regional bodies together [IOC RSBs, UNEP Regional Seas, WOA Regions] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q & A: 10 min. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO (Julian Barbiere co-moderator) ❖ Representative of DOALOS (Francois Baillet-also moderator) ❖ Hans-Otto Poertner, Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Professor ❖ Peter Mosby Haugan, Institute of Marine Research, Norway, University of Bergen, Norway, Policy Director ❖ Kirsten Isensee, IOC-UNESCO ❖ Francisco Armando Arias Isaza, Colombia’s Marine and Coastal Research Institute – INVEMAR, General Director ❖ Immaculate Sware Semesi, Manager, Marine Parks and Reserves Unit (MPRU), Tanzania ❖ Johanna Diwa-Acallar, IOC Capacity Development Deputy Coordinator
10:25 – 10:50	<p>Background on Regular Process / World Ocean Assessment and presentation on nominating to the Pool of Experts and opportunities for contributing to the third World Ocean Assessment (WOA III)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: 15 min. • Q & A: 10 min. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of DOALOS (Marco Boccia)
10:50 – 11:00	Group photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ IOC-UNESCO photographer
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break	
11:20 – 12:50	Regional deep dive 1 on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned: the North Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: Representatives of the Group of Experts

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Siara Jeanne Facon Nulada, Ecosystems Management Specialist II, Philippines Department of the Environment and Natural Resources Biodiversity Management Bureau ➤ Wenhai Lu, National Marine Data and Information Service, China, department director ➤ Yutaka Michida, Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, The University of Tokyo, Professor ➤ Christine Gaebel, Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative; The University of Edinburgh, DOSI BBNJ Working Group Co-Lead 	<p>(Maria João Bebianno) & IOC-UNESCO (Kirsten Isensee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rapporteurs (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch	
13:50 – 14:50	Side event on “UN World Ocean Assessment: Getting Society to understand (& care about) the state of the ocean”	
14:50 – 16:20	<p>Regional deep dive 2 on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned: the South Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Juana Susana Jimenez Alcantara, Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) as NDC for Belgium and DIP, International Liaison Officer ➤ Ian Butler, Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics and Sciences, Assistant Director - Fisheries scientist ➤ Fononga Vainga Mangisi-Mafileo, Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications, Ocean Governance Coordinator ➤ Sebastian Herrera Kasic, Maritime Authority of Chile, in charge of International Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: IOC-UNESCO (Alison Clausen) & Representatives of the Group of Experts (Karen Evans) ❖ Rapporteurs (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)
16:20 – 16:40	Coffee break	
16:40 – 18:10	<p>Regional deep dive 3 on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned: the Indian Ocean (including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal), the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and the ROPME/RECOFI area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Immaculate Sware Semesi, Manager, Marine Parks and Reserves Unit (MPRU), Tanzania ➤ Francesca Adrienne, Seychelles Observatory for Research and Exploration Institute, Founder ➤ Razieh Gahouomi, Research Center for Environment and Sustainable Development, Department of Environment ➤ Mohammad Muslem Uddin, Professor, Department of Oceanography, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: Representatives of the Group of Experts (Rafael Gonzalez-Quiros) & IOC-UNESCO (Justin Ahanhanzo) ❖ Rapporteurs (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)

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09:00 – 10:30	<p>Regional deep dive 4 on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned: the North Atlantic, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Black Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Iryna Makarenko, Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention), Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer ➤ Anne Marie Cooper, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), ICES Professional Officer for Fisheries and Aquaculture Advice ➤ Paul Snelgrove, Departmental Science Advisor to Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Memorial University ➤ Christina Deligianni, Policy and Programs Director, Institute for Sustainable Development at European Public Law Organization (EPLO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: Representatives of the Group of Experts (Maria João Bebianno) & IOC-UNESCO (Francesca Santoro) ❖ Rapporteurs (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Regional deep dive on capacity building needs (incl. in the science-policy interface) and lessons learned 5: the South Atlantic (between the African and American coasts) and the wider Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ariel Hernan Troisi, Servicio de Hidrografía Naval, Technical Secretary ➤ Alexander Turra, Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo, Professor ➤ Tricia Allison Lovell, Fisheries Officer, Antigua and Barbuda Fisheries Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Co-Chairs: Representatives of the Group of Experts (Roberto Dantas de Pinho) & IOC-UNESCO (Peter Pissierssens) ❖ Rapporteurs (Jisun Hwang, Rachel Lucas)
12:30 – 13:00	Special event on “Launch of the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility”	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Importance of science communication and Ocean Literacy as a key element of the science-policy interface:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro by Moderator: Bring the highlights from the Communications Side Event • Panel discussion • Q&A with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rodrigo Thomé (Digital Influencer): The WOA in the age of Digital Influence ➤ François Baillet (DOALOS): Ocean Literacy and Communications as emerging needs in capacity development ➤ Ronaldo Christofolletti (Co-Chair IOC OL Group of Experts; Co-Chair Ocean Decade Strategic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilitated by IOC-UNESCO (Francesca Santoro)

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	Communications Group): Communicating science across the science-policy interface: Lessons from the South Atlantic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Francesca Santoro (IOC/UNESCO) Ocean Literacy: Building society's interest in the WOA bottom-up ➤ Natasha Berg (Ocean Communicator) 	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Ocean Decade: WOA's support on the Decade's mission to generate and use knowledge for the transformational action needed to achieve a healthy, safe and resilient ocean for sustainable development by 2030 and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion • Q&A with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stephen Widdicombe, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Director of Science ➤ Jean Aude, Alcatel Submarine Networks, Marine Development Manager ➤ François Marcel Auguste Houllier, IFREMER, President & CEO ➤ Lorna Veronica Inniss, IOC UNESCO (IOCARIBE), Regional Coordinator ➤ Zaki Mubarok, Legal Department of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Research Fellow of Center for Sustainable Ocean Policy of Indonesia University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilitated by IOC-UNESCO (Julian Barbieri) and GOE (Karen Evans) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WOA Group of Expert – Talking about gap assessment - Ocean Decade Vision 2030 Process, regular gaps assessment and focus for the next 4 years - Decade actions with focus on information generation for policy
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Representative of IOC-UNESCO (Vladimir Ryabinin) ❖ Co-Chair of the Regular Process (Kimberly Louis, Saint Lucia) ❖ Representatives of DOALOS (Francois Baille, Marco Boccia)