



DESA



Global Policy Dialogue Series

Strengthening Sustainable Forest and Ocean Management to Mitigate Climate Change

Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19
Session 3 of the UN DESA Global Policy Dialogues for Climate Action

Programme

Wednesday, 26 May 2021, 8:00-9:30 a.m. EDT

Introduction

(2 minutes)

- **Ms. Ariel Alexovich**, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Opening remarks

(10 minutes)

- **Ms. Ligia Noronha**, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the UN Environment Programme New York Office
- **Mr. Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Discussion 1: Forest Restoration and Sustainable Management as an Economic and Environmental Recovery Pathway

(40 minutes)

- **Ms. Mariama Djambony Badji (Senegal)**, Co-founder and CEO of DNA Snarl, a construction company committed to using natural and local materials; UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals
- **Mr. Mario Boccucci**, Head of Secretariat, UN-REDD Programme
- **Mr. Giovanni Soliman Bete Reyes (Philippines)**, President of the Philippine Indigenous Peoples Community- Conserved Territories and Areas Consortium
- **Ms. Kitty Sweeb (Suriname)**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Suriname to the UN, and Chairperson of the UN Forum on Forests
- **Ms. Mette Wilkie**, Director, Forestry Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

Moderator: Mr. Nicholas Kusnetz, Inside Climate News

Discussion 2: Bringing to Scale Ocean-based Solutions for Mitigating Climate Change (35 minutes)

- **Mr. Carlos M. Duarte**, Distinguished Professor at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- **Ms. Amy L. Kukulya (USA)**, Research Engineer in development and operations of autonomous underwater systems (AUVs), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- **Mr. Luis Lombana (Spain)**, CEO of Ficosterra, a marine biotech company manufacturing Nutrialgae, a sustainable algae-based fertilizer, in Mexico; winner of UNDP's 2020 Ocean Innovation Challenge
- **Ms. Courtney Boyd Myers (USA)**, CEO and co-founder, AKUA, a kelp-farming/food company

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Conclusion (1 minute)
Moderator