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 Bocucci, 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