

Scenario for the round table

Healthy Oceans and Seas: a way forward

Hosted by the Sustainable Oceans Alliance, Governments of Italy and Palau and the Global Partnerships Forum



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4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Opening (from the lectern; 2 min.):

- Mr. Amir Dossal, Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum and Co-Chair, Sustainable Oceans Alliance

The moderator welcomes the guests explains how the session will look like

Welcoming Remarks (from the lectern; 3 min. each):

- H. E. Mr. Stuart Beck, Co-Chair, Sustainable Oceans Alliance, and Palau's Ambassador for Oceans and Seas
- H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

At the end of Amb. Cardi's remarks the moderator will pass the floor to the Deputy Secretary General

4:15 PM – 4:25 PM

Opening Remarks (from the lectern):

- H. E. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations

At the end of DSG Eliasson's remarks the moderator will pass the floor to the President of Palau

4:25 PM – 4:55 PM

Keynote Speeches (from the lectern; 5 min. each):

- The Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr., President of Palau
- The Honorable Andrea Orlando, Minister of Environment, Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, Republic of Italy
- The Honorable David Miliband, President and CEO, International Rescue Committee

There will be no questions asked directly to the key-note speakers at this stage.

4:55 PM – 5:45 PM

A conversation with the International Financial Institutions, the Private Sector and the Civil Society on healthy Oceans and Seas (short interventions; time managed by moderator):

- H.E. Ms. Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, Secretary General, Environment Agency, UAE
- Ms. Rachel Kyte, Group Vice President and Special Envoy on Climate Change, The World Bank
- Ms. Jainey Bavishi, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Risk Reduction and Resilience Network
- Mr. Marcus Chidgey, Managing Director, Captive Minds Communications Inc.
- Dr. Caroline Hermans, Head, Environmental Stewardship Track, Clinton Global Initiative
- Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, Founder, The TerraMar Project
- Ms. Karen Sack, Senior Director, International Oceans, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Dr. Jonathan Sackier, Visiting Professor, University of Virginia; Director, Cavendish Global

The moderator (from his seat) introduces the guests and gives them the floor

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Using the Power of Technology for healthy Oceans and Seas (from the seat):

- Mr. Nazareno Mandolesi, Italian Space Agency (2 min.)
- Mr. Luigi Pasquali, Chief Executive Officer, Telespazio, Italy (2 min.)
- Mr. Luca Pietranera, Telespazio (narrating while pictures are shown)

Amb. Beck (from his seat) will introduce the speakers

A projector is needed.

Lights to be dimmed in the ECOSOC Chamber while pictures are shown

6:00 PM – 6:20 PM

Healthy Oceans and Seas in the Development Agenda (from the seat; 5 min. each):

- H.E. Mr. Tony DeBrum, Minister-in-Assistance to the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Vice-Chair, Sustainable Oceans Alliance *
- H.E. Mr. Robert G. Aisi, Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations and Chair, International Advisory Board, Sustainable Oceans Alliance
- H.E. Dr. Caleb Otto, Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Noel Sinclair, Permanent Observer, The Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

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6:20 PM – 6:30 PM

Wrap-up: Looking Ahead – the Road to Palau and Samoa (from the lectern; 5 min.):

- Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

Background

The event, organized on the occasion of the eighth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, will be hosted by Italy and Palau, together with the Sustainable Oceans Alliance and the Global Partnerships Forum, in cooperation with the UN Department of Public Information.

One of the most important decisions made in 2012 at the Rio + 20 conference was that the General Assembly will take action at its 68th session on a proposal for the Sustainable Development Goals; the SDGs will shape the development Agenda of the next decades and will build upon the results attained in the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals.

The MDG, in fact, have led to the improvement of the lives of millions of people and have spurred innovative cooperation among nations and new partnerships between States and the private sector. Thanks to the MDGs poverty, child mortality, lack of basic services for all, tuberculosis, malaria, HIV/AIDS and other scourges were tracked. However, other scourges that since have become threats have not. While malaria and tuberculosis declined, millions of tons of ice vanished, thousands of ocean species disappeared, food chains got disrupted and ecosystems decayed. True, the preservation of the health of the Oceans and Seas was not an explicit MDG goal. But now the international community has become aware of the fact that the health of the oceans and seas is a condition for survival on the Earth. Thus, the health of Oceans and Seas must be a pivotal component of the SDGs. Islands and coastal nations are banding together to create Healthy Oceans by 2030.

The event will serve as a catalyst for action, a lead-up to the July 2014 Pacific Island Summit in Palau, the September 2014 United Nations Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa and the Summit on Climate Change that the Secretary General has called for September of this year. The discussion will bring together world leaders and policy-makers, representatives from civil society and the business community, as well as international organizations. The event will also highlight innovative technologies that will help us to better preserve our common natural heritage.