PROGRAM

The Oceans Day at Rio+20

Advancing Oceans, Coasts, and Island States at Rio+20 and Beyond

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM (*Reception following*)
United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Rio Conventions Pavilion, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Purpose

The Oceans Day at Rio+20 will bring together high-level representatives from governments, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, industry, and the science community to:

- Reflect on what has/has not been done in achieving major ocean-related sustainable development commitments;
- Rekindle political will to implement new and old commitments;
- Showcase tangible pledges for action, including Voluntary Commitments for Rio+20, to spur action on oceans, coasts, and small island developing States in the post-Rio+20 world; and
- Consider the opportunities and challenges for implementation of the "oceans package" emanating from the Rio+20 Conference.

Main Organizers:

Global Ocean Forum; State Oceanic Administration (SOA), People's Republic of China; Global Environment Facility (GEF); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF), Japan; University of Delaware

Co-Organizers:

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); International Maritime Organization (IMO); World Bank; Fórum Do Mar (Brazil); Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat; Republic of Seychelles; Republic of Vietnam; World Ocean Network; Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI); World Wildlife Fund (WWF); The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Project (CLME); Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC); Plymouth Marine Laboratory; SeaOrbiter

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United Nations Environment Programme
International Maritime Organization
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
Republic of Seychelles
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Vietnam
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Oceans Day Co-Chairs:

- **Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum**
- **Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat**
- **Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO**

Background

Oceans are the quintessential sustainable development issue, essential to all three pillars of sustainable development, and perform vital life-sustaining functions for the planet. Oceans directly support sustainable livelihoods around the globe, regulate global climate, store CO_2, support global trade via shipping, and provide billions of people with essential protein, in addition to cancer-curing medicines, genetic resources, and unique cultural value.

However, the impacts of key drivers, such as overfishing, pollution, population rise, and climate change, are threatening the ability of the oceans to continue providing essential resources and critically important services.

The Rio+20 Conference represents an important opportunity to advance the sustainable management of oceans, coasts, and small island developing States (SIDS) into the next phase and to address new and emerging challenges and opportunities.

Outcome

The Co-chairs of The Oceans Day at Rio+20, with consultation and input of the co-organizers/co-sponsors, will produce the Rio Ocean Declaration, which will provide recommendations for advancing the sustainable development of the oceans, coasts, and SIDS. The Earth Negotiations Bulletin and the Global Ocean Forum will produce substantive summaries of the event.

The Rio Ocean Declaration will be:

(i) Distributed to all member State delegations present at the Rio+20 negotiations;

(ii) Highlighted at the Global Ocean Forum side event on June 19;

(iii) Presented at the Sustainable Development Dialogues on Oceans, which will present recommendations to the Rio+20 High-Level Ministerial Segment; and

(iv) Distributed widely throughout the networks and media outlets of the Global Ocean Forum, Earth Negotiations Bulletin, Rio Conventions Pavilion, and the various co-organizers/co-sponsors.

10th Anniversary of the Global Ocean Forum

The Oceans Day at Rio+20 will also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Global Ocean Forum, which was formed to help the world's governments place issues related to oceans, coasts, and small island developing States (SIDS) on the agenda of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Venue

The Oceans Day at Rio+20 will be held at the Rio Conventions Pavilion at the Rio+20 Conference. The Rio Pavilion is a collaborative effort among the Secretariats of the three Rio Conventions (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification), the Global Environment Facility, and other global and local partners to strengthen synergies on the implementation of the Rio Conventions by providing a coordinated platform for awareness-raising and information sharing. The Global Ocean Forum has been designated as the lead organization for oceans in the Rio Conventions Pavilion, together with the IUCN and The Nature Conservancy.

Media Coverage and Outreach

The Oceans Day at Rio+20 will host representatives from various media outlets, including the Earth Negotiations Bulletin, and will also utilize the full suite of social media and outreach tools to achieve wide information dissemination, both in the lead up to the event as well as in disseminating the outcomes of the event. Through Global Ocean Forum networks, composed of experts from more than 110 countries, the Rio Conventions Pavilion, and the networks of major partner organizations, such as the World Ocean Network and co-organizers/co-sponsors of the event, the outcomes of this event will reach a wide audience throughout the world.

Registration

All participants are requested to register in order to ensure a seat in The Oceans Day at Rio+20. To register, please visit: http://www.globaloceans.org/sites/udel.edu.globaloceans/files/OD-Rio-registration-form.pdf

The Oceans Day at Rio+20

A G E N D A

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10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Admission to venue for pre-registered participants
Coffee

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Panel 1. Renewing Our Political Commitments: Perspectives on Rio+20

Looking Back, Looking Forward: What has and has not been accomplished, and how will we mobilize political will, people, and resources to implement Rio+20 ocean outcomes, and to fulfill existing commitments?

How will we stop ocean decline and biodiversity loss and protect the world's coastal populations from climate change impacts?

In what tangible ways will we move toward the Blue Economy?

Co-Chairs: Dr. Gustavo Fonseca, Head, Division of Natural Resources, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Dr. Veerle Vandeweerd, Director, Energy and Environment, UNDP

Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum, *The Oceans Day at Rio+20: Pledging to Meet the Challenges Through Concerted Action*

Mr. Wang Hong, Deputy Administrator, State Oceanic Administration, People's Republic of China

Mr. Karl Falkenberg, Director-General for Environment, European Commission

Dr. Braulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

Mr. Ali D. Mohamed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya

11:15 AM to 12:30 PM

Panel 2. Scaling Up Integrated Governance of the Oceans

Much has been achieved since the first Rio Earth Summit in 1992 in establishing integrated governance of coasts and oceans in coastal nations around the world. The challenge at Rio+20 is to significantly scale up these efforts and our collective investments to enable ocean leaders around the world to move toward a low-carbon Blue Economy and to build the preparedness and adaptive capacities of coastal communities.

How do we scale up integrated ocean governance at the national level, to include entire coasts and Exclusive Economic Zones, and strengthen ocean laws and institutions?

How do we enhance integrated ocean governance at the regional level, through concerted action by Regional Seas programs, Large Marine Ecosystem programs, and Regional Fishery Bodies?

How do we move toward integrated, ecosystem-based management of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, the last remaining global commons?

How do we accelerate the establishment of networks of Marine Protected Areas in all oceans and coasts, with emphasis on climate change resilience?

At the global level, enhanced and decisive United Nations mechanisms are needed for dealing with the new level of risk and to realize the opportunities that lie ahead. Just as many countries have done at the national level, we must embrace the vision of the whole, and institute integrated oceans governance at the United Nations.

At all levels, how do we build capacity for ocean and coastal management in a transformative era, toward the Blue Economy and Blue Society? How do we provide long-term capacity development in integrated ocean governance including climate change issues and biodiversity issues, incorporating leadership training?

Co-Chairs: Dr. Andrew Hudson, Cluster Leader, Water and Ocean Governance Program, UNDP, and Coordinator, UN-Oceans

Dr. Awni Behnam, President, International Ocean Institue

Global Level

Mr. Serguei Tarassenko, Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, *30 Years of Law of the Sea 1982-2012*

National Level

Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Executive Director, Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan, *Fostering Integrated Ocean Law and Policy in Japan and Around the World*

Regional Level

Dr. Hashali Hamukuaya, Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Commission, Chair, African Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) Caucus, *Scaling Up Integrated Regional Governance: LMEs, Regional Seas, Regional Fishery Organizations*

Mr. Johan Williams, Director General, Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway, President, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), and First Vice Chair, Committee on Fisheries (COFI), FAO, *National, Regional, and Global Action for Integrated Ocean Governance*

Mr. Hiroshi Terashima, Chair of the Technical Session, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), *Regional Approaches to Integrated Ocean Governance in the East Asia Region: Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)*

Marine Protected Areas

Mr. Christophe Lefebvre, Director, International Affairs, French Marine Protected Areas Agency, and IUCN Ocean Councilor, *Realizing the Global Network of Marine Protected Areas*

Mr. Lasse Gustavsson, Executive Director, Conservation, WWF-International, *Turning Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) Information into Effective Protection: Challenges and the Way Forward*

Enhancing Integrated Governance of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Ms. Kristina Gjerde, High Seas Policy Advisor, IUCN, and High Seas Alliance

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM LUNCH

Celebrating 10 Years of the Global Ocean Forum

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Panel 3. The Living Ocean: Enhancing Fisheries for Food Security, Social and Economic Benefits

Almost one billion people depend on fisheries for over 50% of their animal protein intake. Fisheries and aquaculture are also a vital source of livelihood for over 200 million people. Yet, despite multi-pronged efforts, marine ecosystems are in general decline, undermining the valuable contribution of fisheries to global prosperity and food security.

Sustainable and responsible approaches valuing the living ocean and the many socio-economic benefits it provides must be implemented. Governance of fisheries at all levels must be enhanced, providing clear benefits to coastal and island populations of fish harvests in countries' Exclusive Economic Zones. Fishing subsidies that result in overfishing and fisheries depletion must be halted. Fisheries reform must also encompass areas beyond national jurisdiction, the last global commons, rich in biodiversity and marine resources yet inadequately managed.

Chair: Mr. Árni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department

Special Address

Ms. Rachel Kyte, Vice President for the Sustainable Development Network, World Bank, *The Global Partnership on Oceans*

Mr. Russell F. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States

Mr. Su'a N.F. Tanielu, Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Solomon Islands

Mr. Sebastian Mathew, Programme Associate, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), India

Mr. Arthur Bogason, President, National Association of Small Boat Owners, Iceland, Co-President, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers

Dr. Nicholas Watts, Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, United Kingdom

Ms. Marise Carneiro, Undersecretary for the Sectoral Plan for the Resources of the Sea, Secretariat of the Interministry, Commission for the Resources of the Sea, Brazil (*invited*)

Dr. Flavio Bezzera da Silva, Secretary of Fisheries Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Brazil (*invited*)

Dr. Juan Carlos Ordoñez, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Honduras, Pro Tempore President of the Central American Organization of the Fisheries Sector (OSPESCA), Central American Integration System (SICA) (*invited*)

2:30 PM to 3:20 PM

Panel 4. SIDS and Oceans: Building Resilience, Enhancing Social and Economic Benefits

Small Island Developing States (SIDS), while typically small in land area, are large ocean states and have stewardship responsibility over a large part of the world's ocean. SIDS have been exercising ocean stewardship through major initiatives such as the protection of vulnerable habitats through the establishment of marine protected areas, and concerted national and regional efforts at integrated ocean governance. SIDS are especially affected by ocean warming and ocean acidification. The provision of adequate international financial support for climate change adaptation efforts in SIDS must be mobilized as a Rio+20 imperative. Ocean use agreements in the EEZs of SIDS must be enhanced as well to ensure that the benefits derived from the sustainable utilization of EEZ resources accrue to SIDS inhabitants.

Chair: Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Message from The Honorable Senator Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados and Chair, Caribbean Sea Commission

Ambassador Dessima Williams, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations (*invited*)

Mr. Luke Daunivalu, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations

Ms. Amanda Ellis, Deputy Secretary, International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

Dr. Russell Howorth, Director, Applied Geoscience and Technology Division (SOPAC), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

3:20 PM to 3:40 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:40 PM to 4:30 PM

Panel 5. Climate Change and Ocean Acidification

Ocean warming and ocean acidification, both related to excessive CO_2 emissions into the atmosphere, represent the greatest threats to the well-being of coastal and island populations around the world and to the marine resources on which they depend.

There must be stringent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to avoid disastrous consequences on oceans and coastal communities and to ensure the continuing functioning of the oceans in sustaining life on earth; mitigation measures using the oceans must be accelerated; and adaptation efforts, using ecosystem-based approaches and supported by sufficient funding, must be rapidly established to build the preparedness and adaptive capacities of coastal communities.

International coordinated research is urgently required to improve our knowledge and understanding of the risks of ocean acidification and its sister stressors of ocean warming and oxygen loss. We need to know where the vulnerable "hot spots" where one or more of these stressors will occur, and understand the impacts on sustainable development and socio-economics. Importantly, research capacity needs to be grown globally, particularly in vulnerable developing countries.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Executive Secretary, IOC-UNESCO

Ambassador Isabelle Picco, Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations

Mr. Ronald Jumeau, Ambassador for Climate Change and Small Island Developing States Issues, Seychelles, *There is No Time Left: Deep Cuts in CO_2 Emissions Must Happen Now*

Prof. Carol Turley, Senior Scientist, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK, *The Scientific Evidence on Ocean Warming and Ocean Acidification*

Ms. Lynne Hale, Director, Global Marine Programme, The Nature Conservancy, *Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for the World's Coastal and Island Nations and Commensurate Financing*

Dr. Nguyen Chu Hoi, Professor, Department of Environmental Management, Hanoi University of Science, former Deputy Administrator, Vietnam Administration for Seas and Islands, *Challenges Coastal Nations Face in Climate Change Adaptation*

4:30 PM to 5:45 PM

Panel 6. Toward the Blue Economy and Society: Perspectives, Experiences and Initiatives

One of the major outcomes of Rio+20 will be the movement toward the Green Economy. For the oceans, this means the "Blue Economy," incorporating changes in the operation of ocean and coastal industries to reduce carbon emissions, waste, and pollution; enhancing the health of marine ecosystems so that oceans can continue to play their role in regulating climate and storing carbon; and changing society in a transformative way so that each and every member of the public understands and acts on ocean stewardship.

What international framework and roadmap will help to ensure strong forward movement on the Blue Economy within a short time frame?

What successful Blue Economy practices by coastal and marine industries can be effectively scaled up and how?

What can governments do to promote the Blue Economy?

How can industries and peoples be enabled to act on the Blue Economy and Blue Society?

What specific initiatives related to the Blue Economy will be promoted to make rapid forward movement?

Co-Chairs: Ms. Mary Barton-Dock, Director, Environment Department, World Bank

Ms. Karin Sjolin-Frudd, Senior Adviser, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Special Address:

Dr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP, *Towards the Green Economy, Oceans and Society: Perspectives, Experiences and Initiatives*

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, *Catalyzing Ocean Finance: Transforming Markets to Restore and Protect the Global Oceans*

Mr. Philippe Vallette, Director General, Nausicaa, and Co-President, World Ocean Network, *Public Ocean Stewardship and the Blue Society*

Mr. David Tongue, Director of Regulatory Affairs, International Chamber of Shipping, *Delivering Sustainable Shipping*

Mr. Paul Holthus, Executive Director, World Ocean Council, *Perspectives of Industries in the World Ocean Council*

Dr. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Branch, and Mr. Vincent Sweeney, Coordinator, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA), Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), UNEP, *The Marine Litter Initiative*

Mr. Doug Woodring, Founder and Managing Director, Ocean Recovery Alliance, and Ms. Leila Monroe, Staff Attorney, Oceans Program, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), *Getting Rid of Plastics in the Ocean: Public and Private Initiatives*

Dr. Milton Asmus, Directive Council, Forum do Mar, Brazil, *Mobilizing for Stakeholder Engagement*

5:45 PM to 6:30 PM

Panel 7. Moving Forward

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Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum

Special Address:

Ms. Paula Caballero, Director for Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia, *The Significance of the Sustainable Development Goal on Oceans*

Ms. Isabella Lövin, Member of the European Parliament
Mobilizing Political Will to Implement the Global Ocean Commitments

Message from the Expo 2012 Yeosu, Korea

Presentation of the Rio +20 Oceans Declaration and the Rio+20 Ocean Commitments by The Oceans Day Co-Chairs to:

Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator for the Rio+20 Conference, and to Ms. Maria Teresa Mesquita Pessôa, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

Ocean Commitments:

Monitoring and reporting on global ocean goals and targets from 1992, 2002, and 2012, by Global Ocean Forum and partners

Capacity Development for Integrated Ocean Governance, Global Ocean Forum and partners

The Global Partnership on Oceans, by the World Bank and partners

The GEF/FAO Program on Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, by GEF, FAO, and partners

The Sustainable Maritime Development Initiative by IMO and the shipping industry

The Marine Litter Initiative

The Plastic Initiative

The Ocean Stewardship Initiative in the Blue Society by World Ocean Network

Final comments by:

Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator for the Rio+20 Conference

Ms. Maria Teresa Mesquita Pessôa, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations

Special Address:

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, *Oceans Compact (invited)*

Closing of The Oceans Day at Rio+20

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM RECEPTION

Oceans Celebration organized by Nausicaa, the World Ocean Network, Forum do Mar, Brazil, Tara Expedition, Green Cross, OpenOceans, and Sea Orbiter

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