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INVITATION

Ocean Science and Its Policy Interface: from Knowledge to Sustainable Ocean Solutions

**28 June 17:30-18:45 | Altice Arena
Side Event Room 1**

This side event will provide a platform for world experts engaged in the UN Decade of Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and in the UN Regular Process - scientists, NGOs, international organizations, private sector representatives – to showcase ambitious science-based initiatives that are accessible, reliable, scalable and sustainable. It will also provide the opportunity to engage policymakers and understand how the knowledge discovered by the scientific community can support them.

These actions share the commonality that they are built on collaboration and co-design amongst various stakeholders in the development and use of science-based solutions to start managing the ocean sustainably.

PROGRAMME

17:00-
17:45

High-level opening

- Vladimir Ryabinin, Assistant-Director General of UNESCO, Executive Secretary of the IOC.
- Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel.

17:45-
18:15

Science Track

Moderator: Julian Barbière, Head Marine Policy, IOC-UNESCO

- Cumulative effects of multiple ocean stressors and in particular ocean acidification - **Dr. Steve Widdicombe, Scientific Director of Plymouth Marine Laboratories, UK.**
- Fostering source to sea approaches: Brokering innovation to bridge the gaps at the science-policy-management interface - **Dr. Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO.**
- Scaling up marine biodiversity assessments and conservation through eDNA innovations in World Heritage Sites - **Dr. Fanny Douvere, coordinator, World Heritage Marine Sites, UNESCO.**

Special Remark

- Partnerships in ocean observation - **HE. Joyce Murray, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.**

**If the time allows the floor will be open for questions.*

18:15-
18:20

Announcement

Launch of the State of the Ocean Report (StOR) - **Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, IOC-UNESCO.**

18:20-
18:40

Policy track

Strengthening the science-policy interface for a healthy ocean
Moderator: Dr. Jörn Schmidt, Chair of ICES Science Committee

- The current state of the ocean science and policy - **Ms. Rena Lee, President of the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference (BBNJ IGC)**
- How policies can be developed to encourage innovation to achieve a sustainable and healthy ocean - **Capt. Ariel Troisi, IOC Chairperson.**
- Capacity building efforts that can strengthen the interaction between science and policymaking - **Dr. Karen Evans, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere.**

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Closing Remark

H.E. Bjørnar Selnes Skjæran, Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy, Norway.