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Agenda (1)

9:30 – 9:45	<p><u>Welcome Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Officer in Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA• Ambassador Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations.• Prof. Micheni Ntiba, Principal Secretary for Fisheries and the Blue Economy of the Republic of Kenya• Dr. Mohamed Boudra, Mayor of Al Hoceima, President of the Moroccan Association of Municipal Councils, President of United Cities and Local Governments.
9:45 - 9:55	<p><u>Keeping the Momentum towards Ocean Action for Local and Regional Governments</u></p> <p>Keynote address by Amb. Peter Thomson, UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean.</p>



Alexander Trepelkov
Officer-in-Charge, Division for
Sustainable Development Goals,
UN DESA

- Mr. Alexander Trepelkov is Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). The Division serves as the global secretariat for the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments, with a focus on providing substantive support, integrated policy analysis, building multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity development in thematic areas such as water, energy, climate, ocean, transport, science and technology, as well as special concerns of small island developing States (SIDS).
- In 2010-2018, he was Director of the Financing for Development Office, where he worked since 2000. His previous work in UN DESA was in the areas of Macro-and Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis and Public Administration and Finance. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat in 1989, Mr. Trepelkov was employed for 12 years in the Russian diplomatic service.



**Ambassador Francisco
Duarte Lopes**
Permanent Representative of
Portugal to the UN

- Director-General for Foreign Policy (Political Director) (2014 - 2017).
- Director-General for European Affairs (2012 - 2014).
- Diplomatic advisor to the Prime Minister (2009 – 2011).
- *Antici* (coordinator), at the Portuguese Permanent Representation to the EU, in Brussels (2005 – 2009).
- First Secretary at the Portuguese Embassy in Copenhagen (Denmark) (1995 – 2000).
- Second Secretary at the Portuguese Embassy in Islamabad (Pakistan), 1993 – 1995).



Prof. Micheni Ntiba
Principal Secretary for Fisheries
and the Blue Economy of the
Republic of Kenya

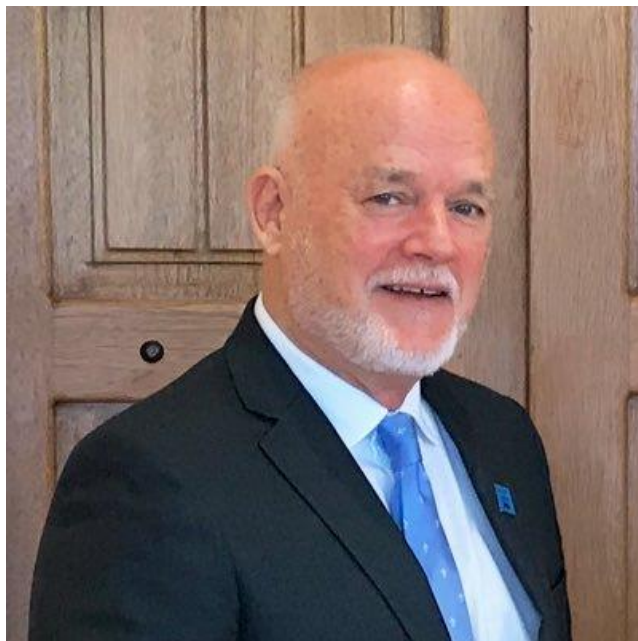
- Principal Secretary of the State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture and the Blue Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation, Kenya.
- Prior to this, he was Director of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Nairobi and also held various positions at the Department of Zoology.
- Seconded by the Government of Kenya to the Secretariat of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization in Jinja, Uganda, as the First Executive Secretary (1997-2002).
- Has conducted research efforts with numerous institutes and laboratories, such as the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Lowestoft Laboratory.
- BSc in Biological Sciences and a Masters degree in Hydrobiology from the University of Nairobi. He went on to receive his PhD in Fisheries Biology from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom.



Dr. Mohamed Boudra

Mayor of Al Hoceima, President of the Moroccan Association of Municipal Councils, President of United Cities and Local Governments

- Doctor in medicine specialized, in radiology.
- Elected in 2003 as Head of the Municipal Council of Al Hoceima
- Elected as Mayor in 2009 and re-elected in 2015.
- Strongly engaged with local communities and Mediterranean networks.
- Elected President of the Region of Taza-Al Hoceima-Taounate (2009-2015) and elected Member of Parliament (2011-2016).
- Elected President of the Moroccan Association of Mayors in 2013.
- Elected President of United Cities and Local Governments at the UCLG World Congress in November 2019 (Until 2022).



- Appointed Special Envoy for the Ocean in 2017
- Mr. Thomson leads UN's advocacy and public outreach efforts inside and outside of the UN system, ensuring that the many positive outcomes of The 2017 Ocean Conference, including the over 1500 voluntary commitments, are analyzed and implemented.
- Mr. Thomson brings distinguished experience in diplomatic services, as Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN and President of the 71st session of the UN General Assembly.

Amb. Peter Thomson

UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Agenda (2)

09:55– 10:15

Panel 1 - Mobilizing Local and Regional Governments towards Ocean Action: Showcasing local challenges and forward-looking perspectives

Moderator: Ms. Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSDG/UNDESA

- **Dr. Leo Brewster**, Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy of Barbados
- **Mr. Emil Dardak**, Vice Governor, East Java, Indonesia
- **Mr. Pedro Joaquin Delbouis**, Mayor of Cozumel, Mexico
- **Major Lloyd Jones**, MBA, MSc, Technical Advisor to the Mayor of Belize City

Mobilizing Local and Regional Governments towards Ocean Action: Showcasing local challenges and forward-looking perspectives

Key questions:

- *How are local and regional governments mobilizing to support SDG 14 implementation, especially considering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?*
- *How local and regional governments can contribute to recover better through a clean, blue and just transition in support to SDG 14 implementation?*
- *How can national governments support local action towards SDG-14 implementation as part of COVID-19 recovery efforts?*



Leo Brewster

Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy of Barbados

- Ph.D. in Integrated Coastal Zone Management from Cardiff University (UK) with specialization in low cost vulnerability assessment for Small Island Developing States.
- Masters Degree in Fisheries Biology and Management from University College of North Wales, Bangor, Wales (UK).
- Worked in the field of integrated coastal zone management for over 30 years during which time has been integrally involved in the development of the integrated coastal zone management policy for Barbados and seeing to its systematic implementation.
- Extensive experience in climate change adaptation initiatives that are applicable to small island states.
- With the recent creation of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy his focus now shifts as CZMU from the original Coastal View to the Big Blue view.



Emil Dardak

Vice-Governor of East Java,
Indonesia

- Elected Regent of Trenggalek in 2016, in office until 2019
- After being regent, Dardak attempted to diversify the economy of Trenggalek, promoting tourism and encouraging investment programs in the area - which typically sees less investors than regencies in northern Java.
- He later became run for East Java gubernatorial election and won the election in 2019
- Dardak is a member of the Democratic Party



Pedro Joaquin Delbouis
Mayor of Cozumel

- Mayor of Cozumel, on the Atlantic Ocean coast, Mexico.
- He is the President of the Municipal Council of Cozumel for the 2018-2021 period.
- Started his career as an entrepreneur, and held positions as president of CANACO, president of FEDETUR (today Fematur), president of Coparmex Estatal and vice president of Coparmex Nacional in the southeast of the country.



Major Lloyd Jones

Technical Advisor to the
Mayor of Belize City

- 15 year veteran of the Belize Defence Force who attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and is a graduate of the US Naval War College.
- He retired as head of the Maritime Wing to take up a position as Ports Commissioner.
- He holds an MBA in Shipping and Logistics and is currently pursuing an MSc in Climate and Sustainable Development even as he runs his own consulting firm.
- Jones entered politics just before general elections 2015 and is currently the Standard Bearer in Belize Rural North, the Party's representative on the Belize Referendum Commission and the Chairman of the Eastern Caucus.

Agenda (3)

10:15 – 10:35

Panel 2: Keeping the Momentum for Ocean Action: Local and Regional Governments leadership in the

COVID-19 era

Moderator: Mr. Greg Munro, Secretary General, Commonwealth Local Governments Forum

- **Ms. Birgitta Liss Lymer**, Director, Water Resources / Source-to-Sea, Stockholm International Water Institute
- **Mr. Sergio Graf**, Secretary for Environment, State of Jalisco, Mexico
- **Ms. Lisa Helps**, Mayor of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
- **Ms. Joana Pinto Balsemão**, City Councillor, City Council of Cascais, Portugal

Keeping the Momentum for Ocean Action: Local and Regional Governments leadership in the COVID-19 era

- **Key Questions:**

- *What are the expectations and ambitions from local and regional governments for the UN Ocean Conference as we build back better?*
- *What would be good strategies to engage local and regional governments in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?*
- *How can we mobilize Ocean Action Commitments from local and regional governments and networks in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?*



Birgitta Liss Lymer

Director, Water Resources / Source-to-Sea, Stockholm International Water Institute

- Director of the Water Resources Department at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), where she has spearheaded SIWI's work to advance coordination between up and downstream resources management, including the establishment of the multi-stakeholder partnership "Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management (S2S Platform)".
- Before joining SIWI, Ms. Lymer worked with regional cooperation on coastal and marine protection and fisheries management for different UN agencies.
- She holds a Master of Science in Aquatic and Environmental Engineering from Uppsala University, Sweden.

The need for source-to-sea action

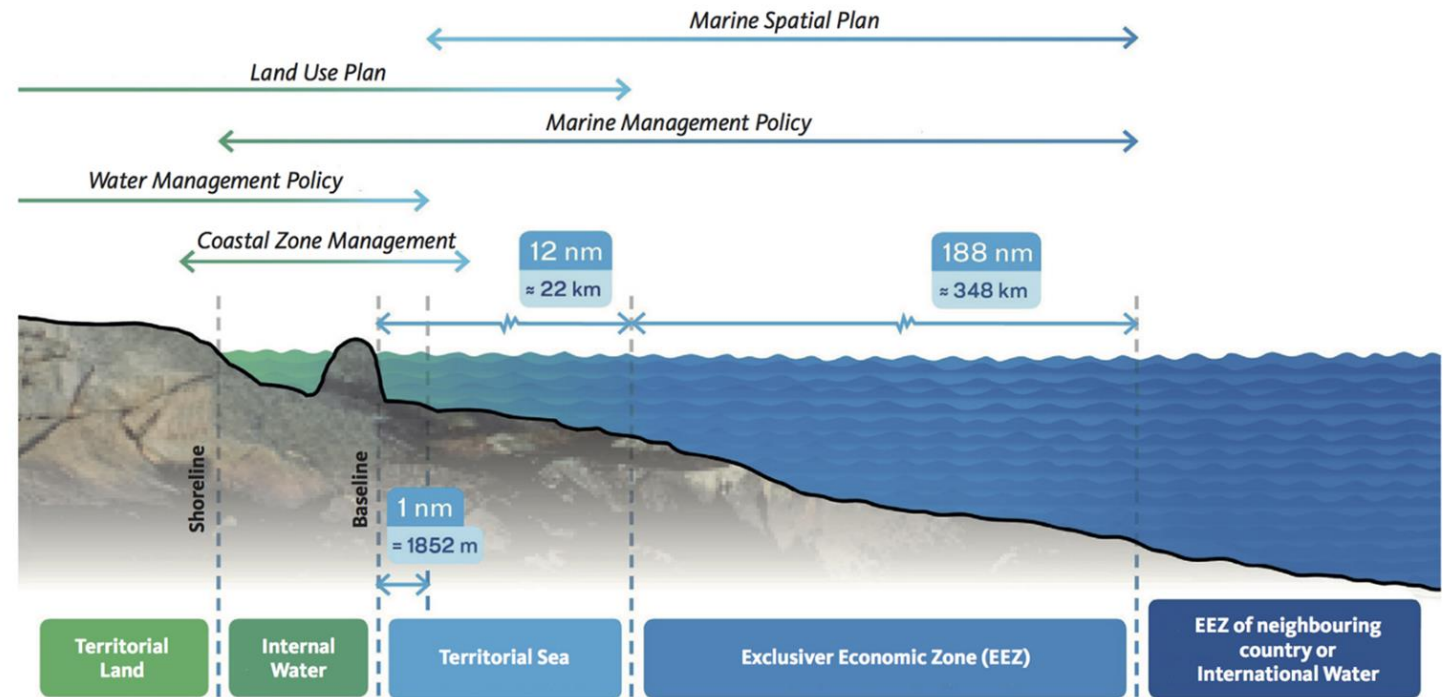
- The vast majority of all marine pollution comes from **land-based sources**
- Human activities **on land and along rivers and deltas** are placing a heavy burden on freshwater systems and oceans
- **Fragmented governance** prevent effective solutions
- Need to stress **up- and downstream** environmental, social and economic linkages



Fragmented governance from land to sea

Fragmented governance – across sectors and in governments – prevents effective responses to the increasing climate-related risks faced in the ocean and cryosphere.

(2019 IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere)



Overlapping spatial plans over land and sea in Sweden from Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management.

Source-to-sea management - addressing system linkages

Source-to-sea management considers the entire source-to-sea system – stressing upstream and down- stream environmental, social and economic linkages and stimulating coordination across sectors and segments.

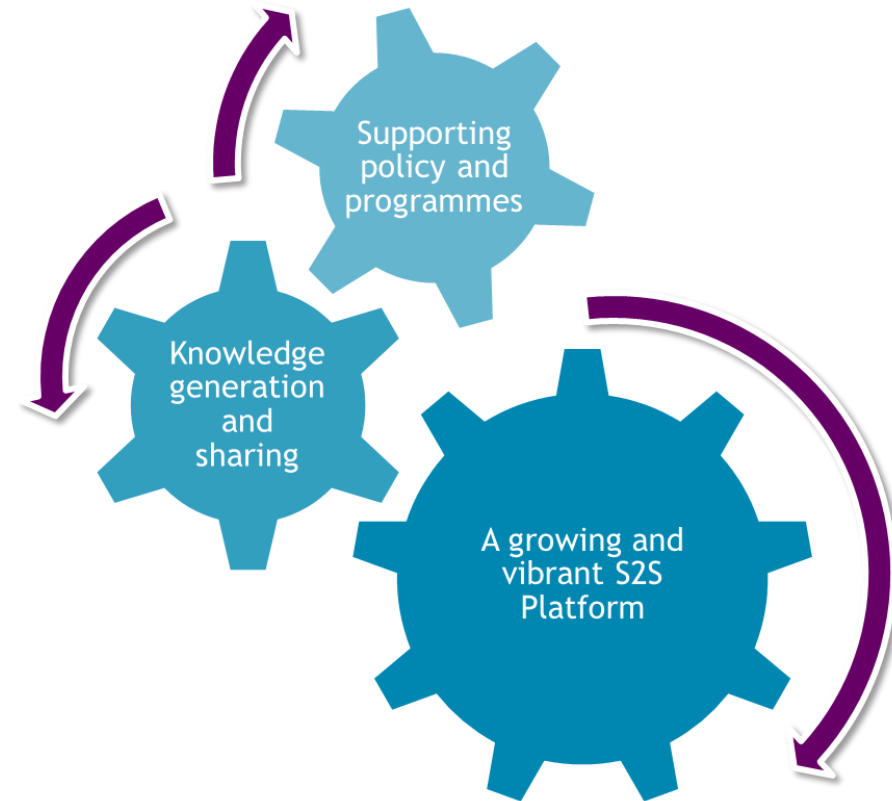




**Key source-to-sea flows connect land,
freshwater and oceans**



Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management



www.siwi.org/source-to-sea

To sign the open letter, contact kanika.thakar@siwi.org

SDG14 requires urgent action from source to sea

*An open letter calling on leaders across sectors, organizations,
and nations to take coordinated action from source to sea to
protect and restore ocean health.*



Sergio Graf

Secretariat for Environment
State of Jalisco

- An agricultural engineer graduated from the University of Guadalajara (UdeG), specialist in sustainable forest production, with a career of more than thirty years in the study and conservation of nature.
- Graduate in Sustainable Development from the LEAD-COLMEX program (1998), and a master's degree in Rural Development and Social Forestry from the Ecole Supérieure d'Agronomie Tropicale, in Montpellier, France.
- He was awarded the National Ecological Merit Award 2018, the highest award given by the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), a recognition from the Government of Mexico to women, men, institutions and public and private organizations that have carried out programs, projects, and/or transcendent environmental actions that contribute to the country's transition towards sustainable development.



Lisa Helps
Mayor of Victoria

- First elected to Victoria City Council, British Columbia, Canada, as a city councillor in the 2011 municipal election.
- Has also worked as a community organizer and activist, including time in the role of executive director of a community microlending program.
- Prior to being elected as Mayor, served as a Victoria City Councillor for one term, from 2011 to 2014.
- Was reelected to a second term as mayor of Victoria in the 2018 municipal election.
- Mayor Helps' will is to ensure that the city is prosperous, affordable, sustainable, and ready for the future. Taking a long-term, big-picture perspective, she looks both around the city and around the world for innovative solutions to the pressing challenges facing us including climate change, lack of affordable housing, and growing social isolation and loneliness, especially among youth and seniors.



Joana Pinto Balsemão
City Councillor, City Council
of Cascais, Portugal

- Councillor at the municipality of Cascais, elected for 2017/2021, where she is responsible for Environmental Qualification, Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals, Citizenship and Participation.
- She completed her Master's degree in Environmental Change and Management at Oxford University.
- She is a founding member of Areia Neighbourhood Association; member of the executive board of the Sustainable Growth Platform think-tank; and also member of EDP - Energias de Portugal's Council for Environment and Sustainability.
- As a responsible for negotiating legislative proposals related to environmental, climate and energy policy, Joana Balsemão was a technical advisor at the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union. She was an advisor at the Luso-American Development Foundation.

Interactive Dialogue

- Selected speakers will have 2 minutes for interventions.
- Other participants are invited to use the chat box for comments/suggestions.
- Key questions to be addressed:
 - *How local and regional governments can contribute to recover better through a clean, blue and just transition in support to SDG 14 implementation?*
 - *What would be good strategies to engage local and regional governments in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?*

Agenda (4)

10:55– 11:00

Closing Remarks

- **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments
- **Amb. Peter Thomson**, UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean.



Emilia Saiz

Secretary General

United Cities and Local Governments

- Worked in the founding organization of UCLG, IULA, since 1997.
- Lead programmes dedicated to institutional capacity building, women empowerment and decentralized cooperation
- Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Co-Chair of the Gender Programme of Cities Alliance
- Facilitates the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments and inputs of the constituency to the UN process.

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