



**THIRD ASIA-PACIFIC DAY FOR THE OCEAN**  
29 October 2020

**PROGRAM**  
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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Starts: 12:00 noon

Ends: 2:30 pm

<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>		<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	
(30 mins)	[Plenary]	<p><i>Moderator:</i> <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b> Director, Environment and Development Division (ESCAP)</p> <p>+ Promotional video +</p> <p><i>Welcome remarks:</i> <b>Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana</b> Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP</p> <p><b>Vladimir Ryabinin</b> Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Assistant Director General – UNESCO [Video]</p> <p><i>Keynote address:</i> <b>H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.</b> President of the Republic of Palau</p> <p>Interactive Poll Announcements</p>	
<b>12:30 – 13:45</b>		<b>INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES</b>	
(1h 15 mins)	[Parallel sessions]		
<b>A. Fostering tourism and fisheries for sustainable development</b>		<b>B. Sustainable maritime connectivity</b>	

<b>C. Ocean accounts, data and statistics</b>	<b>D. Solutions for land-based marine pollution</b>
<b>13:45-14:30</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>
(45 mins)	<p>[Plenary]</p> <p><b>Mr. Kitack Lim [TBC]</b> Secretary-General International Maritime Organization (IMO)</p> <p>Feedback from interactive dialogues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaker from Interactive Dialogue A [TBD]</li> <li>- Speaker from Interactive Dialogue B [TBD]</li> <li>- Speaker from Interactive Dialogue C [TBD]</li> <li>- Speaker from Interactive Dialogue D [TBD]</li> </ul> <p><b>Ambassador Peter W. Thomson</b> UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean [Video]</p> <p><b>Wenxi Zhu</b> Head of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific Call for Action and Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Interactive Poll Final remarks</p>

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE A:  
FOSTERING TOURISM AND FISHERIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Activity format	Time (min)	Panelist and topic
<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	3	Iosefa Maiava, Head, EPO, ESCAP
<b>Opening remarks</b>	10	Minister of Justice, Communications and Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu (TBC)
<b>Presentation: Leveraging Ocean Resources for Sustainable</b>	7	Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, Macroeconomic and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP

<b>Development of SIDS</b>		
<b>Panel Discussion: Scaling up actions for sustainable fisheries through regional cooperation</b>	5	Moderator – Fiji’s Representative on Oceans (Taholo Kami)
	7	South Pacific Tourism Organization “Regional Cooperation on Tourism in the Pacific” (CEO, Chris Cocker)
	7	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency on “Regional cooperation on fisheries in the Pacific” (Director General, Dr Manu Tupou TBC)
	7	Maldives
	7	Dr. Emma Camp, DECRA & UTS Chancellor's Research Fellow, the Great Barrier Reef (Coral Nurture Program)
<b>Q &amp; A</b>	15	Each of the panelists will have 3-5 minutes to answer questions regarding to their policy recommendations for enhancing sustainable tourism and fisheries in Asia and the Pacific.
<b>Conclusions</b>	5	The moderator summarizes the discussions and presents the conclusions
	2	Closing remarks by ESCAP

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE B:  
SUSTAINABLE MARITIME CONNECTIVITY**

12:30–12:35	<i>Opening Session</i> - Opening Remark, IMO Secretary General
12:35- 13:05	<i>Session 1: Withstanding the impact of COVID-19 and Building back better (Country perspectives)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Counsel, Waterborne Transport Department) Ministry of Transport, China</li> <li>- (Director General, Department of Transport), Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Industry, Tourism and Transport , Fiji</li> <li>- (Director General, Ports and Harbors Bureau) Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea</li> <li>- (Director General, Marine Department) Ministry of Transport, Thailand</li> </ul>

13:05- 13:40	<i>Session II: Regional cooperation on sustainable maritime connectivity</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 and maritime connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region <i>ESCAP secretariat</i></li> <li>- Impact of COVID-19 on the shipping and port industry in the Asia-Pacific region <i>UNCTAD secretariat</i></li> <li>- Sustainable shipping for sustainable planet <i>IMO secretariat</i></li> <li>- Sustainable shipping: challenges and opportunities for the Pacific <i>Secretariat of the Pacific Community</i></li> <li>- Financing the transition to sustainable shipping <i>Asian Development Bank</i></li> </ul>
13:40-13:45	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>The moderator presents the conclusions and closing remarks</p>

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE C:  
OCEAN ACCOUNTS, DATA AND STATISTICS**

<i>Moderator:</i> Representative of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (Ben Milligan, Michael Bordt or Gemma Van Halderen, tbd)	
12:30-12:40	<p><b>Introduction</b> by the moderator</p> <p><b>Video presentation:</b> Visualizing ocean accounts (produced by the secretariat)</p>
12:40-13:10	<p><b>Panel dialogue</b></p> <p><i>Panelists (all tbc):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Zhiyun Ouyang, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Academy of Sciences, China</li> </ul>

	<p>b) Peter Pissierssens, Head, IOC-UNESCO Project Office for the International Oceanographic and Data Information Exchange and IOC Capacity Development Coordinator</p> <p>c) Representative of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy</p> <p>Two rounds of questions to panelists:</p> <p><u>Round 1:</u> Panelist to each speak on a separate theme, as follows: (a) Headline indicators on the ocean to attract policy attention and use; (b) ocean accounts as means of implementation for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development; (c) ocean accounts as means of implementation for the High Level Panel recommendations.</p> <p><u>Round 2:</u> All panelist to share their reflections and advice on the Asia-Pacific “Decade Program” for the Oceans as it pertains to ocean accounts, statistics, and data.</p>
13:10-13:40	<p><b>Open debate</b></p> <p>(including making use of the interactive tools being made available, details to be thought out later)</p>
13:40-13:45	<p><b>Summary</b> by the moderator of main points to be presented to the plenary as the feedback from interactive dialogue C</p>

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE D:  
SOLUTIONS FOR LAND-BASED MARINE POLLUTION**

(75 mins)	<p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Anjali Acharya</b> (TBC) World Bank</p>
12:30 - 12:33	<p>Welcome + Agenda</p>
12:34 – 12:39	<p>Welcome remarks <b>Mr. Toru Terai</b> First Secretary and Alternate Permanent</p>

	<p>Representative of Japan to ESCAP, Embassy of JAPAN in Thailand</p>
<p>12:40 – 12:50</p>	<p>Keynote speech on “Marine Pollution in Asia and the Pacific” <b>Chever X. Voltmer (TBC)</b> Director for Plastics Initiatives Ocean Conservancy</p>
<p>12:50 - 13:30</p>	<p><b>Panel on how to support solutions for land-based marine pollution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UN-ESCAP:</b> Mr. Omar Siddique or Ms. Janet Salem, “Closing the Loop”</li> <li>• <b>Subregional coordination:</b> Mr. Ky-Anh Nguyen, ASEAN</li> <li>• <b>National strategies:</b> Pollution Control Department, Thailand (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Industry support:</b> Mr. Nicholas Kolesch, Vice President Projects, Alliance to End Plastic Waste, Singapore</li> <li>• <b>The local government:</b> Dr Warma, Surabaya, Indonesia</li> <li>• <b>Youth representative:</b> Miss. Melati Wijsen, Bye Bye Plastic Bags Bali, Indonesia (TBC)</li> </ul>
<p>13:30- 13:43</p>	<p>Interactive segment and Interventions from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The artist:</b> Name TBC, Solaris</li> </ul>
<p>13:43 – 13:45</p>	<p>Final remarks</p>

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