

Keeping The Momentum for Ocean Action: Youth Participation and Engagement



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Agenda

9:30 – 9:40	Welcome Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA• Ambassador Lazarus O. Amayo, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations• Ambassador Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations
9:40 - 09:50	Keeping the Momentum towards Ocean Action for Youth Keynote address by UNSG’s Special Envoy for the Ocean Ambassador Peter Thomson
9:50– 10:10	Mobilizing Youth towards Ocean Action: Forward looking perspectives Moderated by: Oghenekevwe Christopher Oghenechovwen (MGCY) Speakers: Ms. Emma Camp (Scientist, OSGEY), Ms. Stina Bagge (MGCY), Mr. Ron Tardiff (SOA), Mr. Luke Mullen (Actor, Activist)

Agenda (cont.)

10:10– 10:50	Interactive dialogue Moderated by UN DESA/DSDG
10:50 – 11:00	Next Steps and Closing Remarks Special Envoy on Ocean



Lotta Tahtinen

Chief, Outreach and Partnerships
Branch, DSDG, UNDESA

- Guides the Division's work around outreach, partnerships and stakeholder engagement related to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- Has supported several major UN Conferences and their follow-up, including the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (or Rio +20), the 2014 Samoa Conference on Small Island Developing States, the 2016 Sustainable Transport Conference, and the 2017 UN Ocean Conference.
- She also coordinated the engagement of stakeholders in the intergovernmental process that led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in 2015.
- Before joining the UN in 2001, she worked at the International Organization for Migration from 1998-2001, and at the Parliament of Finland from 1996-1998. She holds a Masters degree in International Relations from the University of Tampere, Finland.



Ambassador Lazarus O. Amayo

Permanent Representative of
Kenya to the United Nations

- Ambassador Lazarus O. Amayo has held several senior public positions before his current assignment among them; the Director for Europe and Commonwealth Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, High Commissioner of Kenya to the United Kingdom, Zambia and India with concurrent accreditation to Malawi, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Singapore. He also served as the Permanent Representative of Kenya to COMESA, International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Commonwealth, Ag. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Director of Administration and Head of International Organizations and Conferences (Multilateral Relations) Division in the same Ministry.
- Prior to his diplomatic service, Ambassador Amayo served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/Managing Director of Catering Levy Trustees (a parastatal in Kenya).
- He was elected as a Member of Parliament for Karachuonyo Constituency in the Kenya National Assembly (6th Parliament 1989-1992) and appointed an assistant Minister, Ministry of Education during the same period among others.



**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).



Peter Thomson
UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean

- 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.



Oghenekevwe Christopher
Oghenechovwen
MGCY Global Focal Point

- Interests in youth participation and the ocean-climate science and policy interface, background in meteorology and climate science.
- Participated in COP24, where he followed the recognition process of the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C global warming and ambitions to incorporate ocean issues in Nationally Determined Contributions, as well as UNESCO’s Workshop on Ocean Literacy for the UN Decade of Ocean Science.
- Currently works as a freelance policy and research analyst and represents the Nigerian Youth SDGs Network as Global Focal Point of the Ocean/SDG14 constituency at UN MGCY.

Mobilizing Youth towards Ocean Action: Forward looking perspectives

Key questions to be addressed:

- *How are young people mobilizing to support SDG 14 implementation, especially considering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?*
- *What would be good strategies to engage youth in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?*
- *How can we mobilize Ocean Action Commitments from youth organizations and networks in the lead up to the UN Ocean Conference?*



Emma Camp

PhD, DECRA & UTS Chancellor's
Research Fellow, United Nations
Young Leader SDGs

- A marine biogeochemist at the University of Technology Sydney, a United Nations Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals, National Geographic Explorer and a 2019 Rolex Associate Laureate.
- Researches and advocates for the world's marine life under threat from environmental and climate change.
- Has won numerous research awards for her work, including the British Ecological Societies Early Career research Award (2018), Australian Academy of Sciences Max Day Research Award (2019) and was named a 2019 Australian New South Wales Tall Poppy



Stina Bagge

MGCY Global Focal Point

- Lawyer from Sweden specializing in international environmental law and law of the sea. Her master thesis at Uppsala University contained an analysis considering the new soon-to-be implementing agreement under UNCLOS to protect the marine biodiversity on the high seas.
- Currently works at the district court of Stockholm as a Law Clerk.
- Represents Artic Youth Network as Global Focal Point of the Ocean/SDG14 constituency at UN MGCY.



Ron Tardiff

Program Associate, Sustainable
Ocean Alliance

- Over the past 7 years, has conducted research, developed strategy, managed projects, and supported outreach for 11 organizations on issues ranging from fisheries governance to marine education.
- Committed to translating science to policy and working collaboratively to improve governance and management of fisheries and aquaculture
- Dedicated to translating science to policy and to working collaboratively to improve governance and management of fisheries and aquaculture. Equally committed to taking complex ocean challenges and communicating them to diverse audiences.



Luke Mullen

Activist, Filmmaker, Environmental
Activist

- Luke Mullen is an actor, filmmaker, and environmental advocate.
- Luke is best known for his part on the hit Disney series “Andi Mack,” where he played the character T.J. Kippen. Luke has also written and directed multiple award-winning films.
- Luke’s passion for environmental activism has led him to become the ambassador to several international non-profits including Rainforest Alliance, Rainforest Trust, and NRDC.
- He has recently become a spokesperson to the United Nations where he has spoken at multiple UN conferences including the 2019 Civil Society Conference, and the 2019 UN Youth Climate summit & General Assembly about youth involvement in the climate movement.

Interactive Dialogue

- **Selected speakers will have 2 minutes for interventions.**
- **Other participants are invited to use the chat box for comments/suggestions.**
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