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Barcelona, Spain

On-site Satellite Event – Draft PROGRAMME (v.3)

Title: **Towards a Decade Programme for Accelerating Sustainable Ocean Planning**

Where: Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB) (Main conference site - Arctic Sea Room)

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2024

Time: 13:15 to 14:45 (90 min)

Type of event: Panels

Brief description: Sustainable Ocean Planning has been identified by the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy as an umbrella plan for marine policies. Within a growing seascape of various international, regional and national commitments and initiatives on sustainable ocean planning, marine/maritime spatial planning, and other ecosystem-based approaches, there is an opportunity to accelerate these efforts through the Ocean Decade. This event will discuss and launch the process for establishing a global partnership in the form of an Ocean Decade Programme on Sustainable Ocean Planning with a view to leverage the best available knowledge and enable nations with (i) technical support in different fields of ocean planning and management, (ii) data-driven and knowledge-based tools addressing ecological, social, economic and governance aspects, and (iii) multi-stakeholder and inclusive engagement processes.

Co-organizers:

- IOC-UNESCO
- UN Environment Programme
- European Commission
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Institute of Marine Research, Norway
- World Resources Institute
- WWF
- Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
- Sustainable Development Reform Hub



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Agenda:

Time	Min	Session	Topic	Speaker
13:15 – 13:40	3	Introduction: SOP & Decade overview – The big picture	Introduction of the event and speakers	Moderator: Julian Barbière, IOC-UNESCO
	5		Why is SOP important?	Ocean Panel Sherpa: Norway
	5		SOP as an umbrella plan for sustainable ocean management	Ocean Panel Co-Lead Expert: Jacqueline Uku, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute
	5		Key messages from White Paper 4 and overall vision for Decade	Ocean Panel Co-Lead Expert: Peter Haugan, Institute of Marine Research, Norway
	5		Overview of the SOP Decade Programme	Ocean Decade Focal Point: Julian Barbière, IOC-UNESCO
	2		Interaction with audience (Slido)	Moderator: Julian Barbière, IOC-UNESCO
13:40 – 14:10	3	Panel 1 - Knowledge-holders: How can the Decade SOP Programme support?	Introduction of panel and speakers	Moderator: Mauro Randone, WWF
	3		Delivering science-based solutions for a sustainable blue economy	William Austin, School of Geography & Sustainable Development (UK), Decade Blue Carbon Programme
	3		Recognizing and enhancing the contribution of indigenous knowledge systems	Dan Hikuroa, Waipapa Taumata Rau/University of Auckland, New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO



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	3		Supporting the capacity of local communities to engage in SOP	Sergi Tudela i Casanovas, Generalitat de Catalunya
	3		Delivering targeted products and knowledge from the Decade ecosystem	Hans Wendt, Pacific Community, Pacific Islands Ocean Decade Collaborative Centre
	15		Interaction with audience (Slido)	Moderator: Mauro Randone, WWF
14:10 – 14:40	3	Panel 2 - Partnerships: How can the Decade SOP Programme support?	Introduction of panel and speakers	Moderator: Julie Olivier, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
	3		Strengthening regional ocean governance processes and transboundary approach	Susan Gardner, UN Environment Programme
	3		Coordinating with national marine policies such as Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning	Michele Quesada, MSPglobal, IOC-UNESCO
	3		Leveraging existing partnership across financing and technical assistance	Cynthia Barzuna, Ocean Action 2030 Coalition, WRI
	3		Encouraging private sector engagement and innovation	Jean-Stéphane Naas, UNGC
	15		Interaction with audience (Slido)	Moderator: Julie Olivier, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
14:40 – 14:45	5	Closing	Next Steps	Yutaka Michida, IOC-UNESCO Chair



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