



June 16-17, 2014

Monday, June 16, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION/COFFEE/NETWORKING

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

Loy Henderson Conference Room

Welcome by Under Secretary Catherine Novelli

Remarks by Secretary of State John F. Kerry

Remarks by President Anote Tong, Republic of Kiribati

Exploring, Understanding & Conserving Our Ocean

Philippe Cousteau, Voyacy Group and EarthEcho International

Margaret Leinen, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Enric Sala, National Geographic

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Loy Henderson Conference Room

Moderated by Eileen Sobeck, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

State of the Science: Status and trends of key fish stocks

Ray Hilborn, University of Washington, in collaboration with Boris Worm, Dalhousie University

Current abundance, trends, and sustainability of global fish stocks

Problems

Victor Restrepo, Fisheries Scientist

Issues and challenges to achieving sustainable fisheries at the international level

Solutions

Susan Jackson, International Seafood Sustainability Foundation

An innovative partnership in the Pacific Ocean among tuna vessels, suppliers, and States utilizing technology to enhance transparency and promote sustainability

Hoyt Peckham, SmartFish

Solving sea turtle bycatch in Japan, Mexico, and Hawaii through participatory research

Peter Sinon, Seychelles Minister of Natural Resources

A multilateral initiative to fight Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing in the vast Exclusive Economic Zones of the Indian Ocea

Discussion

12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Lunch in Benjamin Franklin Room (by invitation)

Address by H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco

Lunch in Exhibit Hall

Ben Halpern, University of California Santa Barbara

Mapping global ocean health, from cumulative human impacts to the suite of benefits we derive from marine ecosystems

Presentations and exhibits in the Courtyard, including:

NOAA Science on a Sphere, NASA Hyperwall, and mFish Demonstration

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MARINE POLLUTION

Loy Henderson Conference Room

Moderated by Jackie Alder, United Nations Environment Programme

State of the Science: Marine debris

Richard Thompson, Plymouth University

Why we should be concerned about the global problem of marine debris – an overview of the consequences of marine debris for the economy, wildlife, and human health

Problems

Elizabeth Taylor Jay, Colombia Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

The impact of marine pollution on Colombia's coastal and marine environment and Colombia's role and contributions to ensure ocean health

Solutions

Andreas Merkl, Ocean Conservancy

How radical thinking, public/private partnerships, and a focus on stopping plastics from reaching the ocean can help us turn the tide on ocean trash

Daniella Dimitrova Russo, Think Beyond Plastic Innovation Forum

Addressing marine debris by inspiring behavioral change and youth leadership, encouraging entrepreneurship and disruptive innovation, and building public-private partnerships

Brian Flaherty, Nestlé Waters North America

A zero-waste approach to beverage packaging: making progress through policy and action

Discussion

BREAK (15 minutes)

State of the Science: Nutrient pollution in the marine environment

Nancy Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium

How nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus – the essential building blocks of marine life – are overloading the ocean and causing coastal water quality problems, including dead zones and harmful algal blooms

Problems

Daniel Conley, Lund University

How nutrient pollution in the Baltic Sea has caused the largest human-induced low oxygen dead zone in the world

Solutions

Crispin d’Auvergne, Government of Saint Lucia

Saint Lucia’s efforts to address nutrient pollution in the marine environment

Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, The Mosaic Company

Innovative approaches to Nutrient Stewardship: Best Management Practices for agricultural producers to keep nutrients available for plant yields and to minimize runoff into waterways

Discussion

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COFFEE/NETWORKING

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

OPENING

Loy Henderson Conference Room

Welcome by Under Secretary Catherine Novelli

A video message from President Barack Obama

Opening by Secretary of State John F. Kerry

Remarks by Leonardo DiCaprio, Founder, Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation

9:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Loy Henderson Conference Room

Moderated by Scott Doney, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

State of the Science : Ocean acidification

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, University of Queensland and

Carol Turley, Plymouth Marine Laboratory

What is ocean acidification? A scientific overview of how carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is changing the chemistry and ecosystems of the ocean

Problems

Alexis Valauri-Orton, Thomas J. Watson Fellow

How first-hand experiences in Norway, Hong Kong, Thailand, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, and Peru revealed how little is known about ocean acidification around the world

Solutions

Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms

How shellfish farmers in the U.S. Pacific Northwest have saved their businesses by reducing their vulnerability to ocean acidification

Yimnang Golbuu, Palau International Coral Reef Center

Why are coral reefs in Palau thriving despite ocean acidification and what can we learn to help reefs in other parts of the world survive?

Phil Williamson, UK Natural Environment Research Council
How the Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network can help us understand and respond to ocean acidification

Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

OUTCOMES OF THE GLOBAL OCEANS ACTION SUMMIT

Remarks by Minister for Agriculture Sharon Dijksma, The Netherlands
Outcomes of the Global Oceans Action Summit held April 22-25, 2014

10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CHARTING A PATH FORWARD

Loy Henderson Conference Room
Moderated by Under Secretary Catherine Novelli
A distinguished panel led by Secretary Kerry announces new commitments and charts a path forward

Secretary of State John F. Kerry
President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., Republic of Palau
Foreign Minister Heraldo Muñoz, Chile
Foreign Minister Børge Brende, Norway
Foreign Minister Robert Dussey, Togo
Managing Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati, The World Bank

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Benjamin Franklin Room (by invitation)
& Exhibit Hall

Political Change Makers
This session will feature key political leaders discussing their actions to lead change in ocean conservation and stewardship in the United States, Europe, and internationally.

Opening by John Podesta, Counselor to the President of the United States
Maria Damanaki, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
Sheldon Whitehouse, United States Senator, Rhode Island
Lisa Murkowski, United States Senator, Alaska
Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative
Closing remarks by John Podesta

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MULTIPLYING OUR FORCES

Concurrent Networking and Strategy Sessions

The following four concurrent sessions will communicate the benefits of our oceans and coasts and the risks to coastal communities if we do not sustain these valuable assets. They will showcase how the health of the ocean and coasts is linked to economic security, food security, human health, and the resilience of coastal communities worldwide.

Room 1105

Integrated Approach to Fisheries and Food Security

Promoting the role of fisheries and marine resource conservation in food security, including the integration of fisheries and food security in international development

Moderated by Tjada McKenna, USAID

Arni Mathieson, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Assuncao Cristas, Portugal Minister of Agriculture and Sea

Stephen Hall, WorldFish

Elizabeth Rose Amidjogbe, Liberia Ministry of Agriculture

Room 1107

Ocean Health and Science

Promoting ocean health through sound policies, scientific research, conservation strategies, and innovative investment

Moderated by Don Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences

John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

Liu Cigui, China Administrator of the State Ocean Administration

Lisa Emelia Svensson, Sweden Ambassador for Oceans, Seas and Fresh Water

Andrew Rosenberg, Union of Concerned Scientists

Sandra Whitehouse, Ocean Conservancy

Ben Cotton, Earth Capital Partners

Loy Henderson

Power of the Marketplace in Promoting Ocean Stewardship

Industry trends and best practices for using market forces to promote ocean stewardship

Moderated by Scott Nathan, U.S. Department of State

Deborah Sanders, Dell

Doug Woodring, Ocean Recovery Alliance

Sophia Mendelsohn, JetBlue Airways

Mark J. Spalding, The Ocean Foundation

R. Mark Davis, Sailors for the Sea

Christopher Lischewski, Bumble Bee Foods

Rupert Howes, Marine Stewardship Council

Gina C. Green, Tetra Tech

Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council

Room 1205

Valuing Our Ocean

Assessing the economic value of ocean and coastal ecosystems and how best to use economic forces to drive conservation and sustainable resource use

Moderated by Mark Schaefer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Sam Farr, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

Jason Scorse, Center for the Blue Economy

Justin Mundy, Prince of Wales' Charitable Foundation

Angus Friday, Grenada Ambassador to the United States

Glenn-Marie Lange, The World Bank