

## Opening Performance, Video and Keynote Addresses

- **H.E. Janaina Tewaney** Mencomo Minister of Foreign Affairs - Republic of Panama
- **Mr. Juan Monterrey** Director of Geoversity's School for Biocultural Leadership
- **H.E. Milciades Concepción** Minister of Environment - Republic of Panama

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** **H.E. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen** President of the Republic of Panama

## High-Level Opening Panel | Effective Response to Global Action

Developing approaches on taking effective actions among countries is a foremost requirement in fostering ocean care. We welcome actions, solutions, and new policies among different actors to strengthen partnerships towards achieving our ocean sustainability goals and enhancing our networking capabilities for such purposes.

### PANELISTS:

- **H.E. Janaina Tewaney Mencomo** - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Rep. of Panama
- **H.E. John F. Kerry** - Special Presidential Envoy for Climate - USA
- **H.E. Surangel Whipps** - President of Palau
- **H.E. Sitiveni Rabuka** - Prime Minister of Fiji

## Marine Protected Areas: Expanding The Protection of Our Ocean

### PANEL 1 | THEME: Ecological Connectivity, Governance, Finance, and Economy

Science has demonstrated that properly designed and implemented marine protected areas (MPAs) are effective tools for the conservation of marine biodiversity and ocean resources management. Such areas have been recognized for their contribution to climate change resilience and food security. MPAs provide secure habitats for endemic and endangered species and offer protection for entire marine ecosystems and for the communities that depend on them for their sustainability. The success of MPAs requires effective and efficient governance strategies that promote ecological connectivity as well as integrity, among the social and economic activities directly related to these areas.

**INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE:** **Sylvia Earle** - Founder - Mission Blue / Sylvia Earle Alliance

**MODERATOR:** **Joshua Tewksbury** - Director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

### PANELISTS:

- **H.E. Arnoldo André Tinoco** - Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship - Republic of Costa Rica
- **H.E. Virginijus Sinkevičius** - European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
- **H.E. Gustavo Manrique Miranda** - Minister of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition - Ecuador
- **Maximiliano Bello** - Global Ocean Policy Advisor - Mission Blue
- **David Hance** - Chief Operating Officer and Director of LATAM Operations - Marine Protection Alliance, Inc.
- **Cristian Samper** - Managing Director and Leader for Nature Solutions - Bezos Earth Fund
- **Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin** - Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- **Michaela Dommissé** - Head of Marine Research and Innovation - The Minderoo Foundation National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority, Liberia
- **Rocky Sanchez Tirona** - Managing Director, Fish Forever at Rare

## COMMITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Marine Pollution: Ridding The World Of Ocean Contamination

### PANEL 2 | SUBTHEME 1: Global Action against Plastic

The inappropriate disposal of waste has caused pollution and degradation of the ocean, progressively deteriorating the quality of its waters, affecting the environmental balance, negatively impacting human health, biodiversity, and seafood production. Through effective public policies, as well as technological and scientific innovation, together we can find efficient solutions.

**MODERATOR:** **Brenda Mallory** - Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) - White House

### PANELISTS:

- **Albina Ruiz** - Ministry of the Environment - Republic of Peru
- **Arsenio Domínguez** - Director of the Marine Environment Division - IMO
- **Kristin Hughes** - Director GlobalAction on Plastic - WEF
- **Andrew Sharpless** - Executive Director - Oceana
- **Cyrill Gutsch** - CEO - Parley for the Oceans

### PANEL 2 | SUBTHEME 2: Science and Innovation, Keys to Positive Results

**MODERATOR:** **Elizabeth Wilson** - Senior Director, Environmental Policy - The Pew Charitable Trusts

### PANELISTS:

- **H.E. Wang Hong** - Vice Minister of Natural Resources & State Oceanic Administrator - People's Republic of China
- **Ricardo Mourinho Félix** - Vicepresident - European Investment Bank
- **Jeremy Douglas** - Director of Partnerships - Delterra
- **Martin Thiel** - Director of Citizen Science Program, Litter Scientists
- **Boyan Slat** - CEO and Founder - The Ocean Cleanup

## Climate Change: Facing Climatic Consequences

### PANEL 3 | SUBTHEME: The effect of climate change on the health of the ocean: biodiversity and coastal communities

We are currently facing a critical situation where human activities have caused an imbalance in global climate processes. Marine and coastal ecosystems, such as mangroves and seagrass meadows, have enormous potential as carbon sinks, biodiversity hotspots and buffers against climate risks. Therefore, we must promote science and ecosystem-based management approaches, supported by regional and global assessments, to develop better practices and conservation strategies, as well as restoration projects globally, as they are essential for the well-being of coastal communities around the world.

**MODERATOR:** **Vladimir Ryabinin** - Executive Secretary and Deputy Director General of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

### PANELISTS:

- **H.E. Steffi Lemke** - Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection - Germany
- **H.E. Miguel Ceara Hatton** - Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources - Dominican Republic
- **Alicia Montalvo** - Manager of Climate Action and Positive Biodiversity - CAF - Development Bank of Latin America
- **Aulani Wilhelm** - Senior Vice President for Oceans at Conservation International
- **Melissa Garvey** - Global Director, Ocean Protection - The Nature Conservancy
- **Jessie Turner** - General Secretary - International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification

**TESTIMONY:** **Laura Dihugnidili Huertas Thompson** - Coastal Community

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## Sustainable Fisheries: Finding Answers

To reap the benefits of a resilient ocean, we must prioritize the protection of biodiversity and the long-term sustainability of the world's fish stocks. In this sense, we must face the challenges to protect the ocean and ensure food for coastal communities, sustainable fishing and reproduction of marine species. To accomplish this goal, we must promote fishery certification processes and apply new technologies to ensure sustainability and transparency in our fisheries.

**PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE:** Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala - General Director - World Trade Organization

### PANEL 4 | SUBTHEME 1: Responsible Fishing: Sustainable and Certified

**MODERATOR:** Manuel Barange - Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division at FAO

#### PANELISTS:

- H.E. Carmen Evelize Van-Dúnem do Sacramento Neto dos Santos - Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources - Republic of Angola
- Edgardo Díaz Ferguson - Executive Director - Coiba Scientific Station - COIBA AIP
- Werner Kiene - Chair of the Board of Directors - Marine Stewardship Council
- Juan Corrales - CEO - Tri Marine Group

### PANEL 4 | SUBTHEME 2: Innovation, Technology and Traceability: Key tools to guarantee transparency in fishing

**MODERATOR:** Tony Long - Chief Executive Officer - Global Fishing Watch

#### PANELISTS:

- H.E. Anne Beathe Tvinneim - Minister of International Development - Norway
- Julio Morón - CEO - Organization of Producers of Frozen Tuna
- Brad A. Wiley - Policy Officer and Regional Office Coordinator of Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
- Valeria Merino - Founder and Advisor, Entrepreneurial Systems & Chair of Fisheries Transparency Initiative

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### Blue Economy: Building Better Opportunities

The ocean is the primary source of nutrition, jobs, and income for about 40% of the global population. The ocean's continued contribution to the global economy requires a balance between economic, social activities and needs, as well as the sustainable use of marine resources and services. It is urgent to adapt economic activities related to the ocean and others that affect it, such as tourism, directing them towards a model that adjusts to current environmental and social demands for the benefit of present and future generations.

### PANEL 5 | SUBTHEME 1: Towards an equitable, viable and sustainable economy

**MODERATOR:** Andrés Cisneros-Montemayor - Deputy Director - Nippon Foundation Nexus Center

#### PANELISTS:

- H.E. Thérèse Coffey - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - United Kingdom
- Valerie Hickey - World Bank Global Director for Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy
- Kacky Andrews - Chief of Strategy - Ocean Conservancy
- Antha Williams - Bloomberg Philanthropies Environment Team Lead

### PANEL 5 | SUBTHEME 2: Tourism and its role in the blue economy: towards an equitable, regenerative and sustainable tourism model

**SPECIAL INTERVENTION:** Guy Harvey - Founder and Chair Emeritus - Harvey Foundation

**MODERATOR:** Daniel Crocket - Director, Ocean and Climate - Blue Marine Foundation

#### PANELISTS:

- H.E. Iván Eskildsen - Tourism Minister of the Republic of Panama
- Erika Harms - Coastal Health Strategy Director - Iberostar Group
- Mario Gómez - Founder & Director - Beta Diversidad
- Frédéric Degret - CEO / Founder NOAH REGEN & UNWTO Special Advisor for Ocean and Climate Action

## Maritime Security: Actions For Innovative, Sustainable, Safe And Secure Maritime Transport

### PANEL 6

Over 90% of global trade happens on the ocean. Although maritime transport causes fewer environmental impacts than air or land alternatives, it is still responsible for greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. That's why it is necessary to integrate science and new technologies to improve safety and maritime transport procedures, friendly with the marine environment. Likewise, to strengthen capabilities and alliances, as well the participation of stakeholders from the private and public sectors, to achieve adequate surveillance and control of the activities that take place on the ocean.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Kitack Lim - Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization

**MODERATOR:** Major Lloyd Jones - Belize Port Authority Chairman

#### PANELISTS:

- Carlos Del Toro - United States Secretary of the Navy (Tbc)
- Ilya Espino de Marotta - Deputy Administrator - Panama Canal Authority
- Andrew Stephens - Executive Director - Sustainable Shipping Initiative
- Denis Aheto - Director of the Center for Coastal Management - The Africa Centre of Excellence in Coastal Resilience
- Cleopatra Dombia-Henry - President of the World Maritime University

## Youth Panel – Transformation For A Sustainable Future

### PANEL 7

The world is changing at breakneck speed, but technology is changing even faster, giving us powerful tools to face the challenges regarding the ocean. The role of youth is key in the search for effective solutions, incorporating new technological developments, from a fresh perspective and ensuring generational change, on which the future of our ocean will depend.

**MODERATOR:** Masanori Kobayashi - Senior Research Fellow - The Sasakawa Peace Foundation

#### PANELISTS:

- Smiljana Knez - Ambassador-at-Large for Climate Diplomacy - Slovenia
- Alejandro Castillo López - Senior Program Officer - Alumbra Innovations Foundation
- Nion Murray - Founder of Nesus Energy

## CLOSING CEREMONY AND OFFICIAL HANDOVER

## 4 | Side Events

Thursday 2 March 2023

- **Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment of the Republic of Indonesia** *Salon Caribe 1*  
Scaling Up Blue Carbon Actions through Partnerships
- **Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD)** *Salon Caribe 2*  
Managing our coastal-marine resources with an approach from the basin to the sea and preventing pollution in the seas of Central America and the Caribbean, involving relevant stakeholders
- **Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF)** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Sustainable blue economies in island and low-lying countries and communities - Enabling factors and international partnership
- **Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory|Marea Verde Panama | Coca-Cola** *Salon Caribe 4*  
Tangible and tested solutions that turn off the tap of plastics reaching the ocean
- **Plastic Oceans** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Impact of Fishing Gear on marine life and local communities
- **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
Latin American Economic Outlook 2022: Towards a green and just transition
- **European Union (EU)** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
Copernicus Program and the Protection of Our Oceans
- **World Bank Group** *Salon Caribe 1*  
Catalyzing investment in seaweed aquaculture and discussing key messages from a forthcoming new World Bank Global Seaweed Market study
- **SkyTruth** *Salon Caribe 2*  
From Data to Action: Revealing and Addressing the Impacts of Offshore Oil and Gas Production on the Ocean and Climate
- **Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Coastal fisheries and 30x30 for people and nature: biodiversity conservation and sustainable use led by Indigenous Peoples and local fishing communities
- **The Stimson Center** *Salon Caribe 4*  
Strengthening Climate Resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and coastal Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- **Global Fund for Coral Reefs** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Future of Reefs Innovative Finance Solutions to Increase the Resilience of Coral Reefs and their Guardian Communities
- **ProPanama** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
Sustainable Blue Economy
- **Ministry of Environment of Panama | McKinsey & Company** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
Panama, implementation Strategy for 30x30
- **The Shark Conservation Fund (SCF)** *Salon Caribe 1*  
Maximizing the Impact: Prioritizing Shark Management in 30x30 Initiatives
- **Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA)** *Salon Caribe 2*  
From Palau to Panama: the growing momentum for a halt to deep-sea mining
- **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Supporting Blue Economies through Sustainable Maritime Transport (BE SMART): Building Global Partnerships to address Climate Change and Marine Pollution through IMO's Voyage Together Initiative
- **National Ocean Protection Coalition (NOPC)** *Salon Caribe 4*  
The Culture of Conservation: Understanding the Integrated Indigenous Relationship between People, Culture, and Place
- **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Working with Cities - Building Capacity to Address Ocean Plastic Pollution and Transition to a More Circular Economy
- **Chile|Ministry of Foreign Affairs** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
Pacific Marine Corridor: strategic opportunity for ocean conservation
- **German Federal Ministry for the Environment (ZUG)** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
Preventing Marine Litter: An Interactive Event on Reuse, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Sustainable Plastic Substitutes

## 4 | Side Events

Friday 3 March 2023

- **Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs | United States Department of State** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Decarbonizing Shipping: A Pathway to Achieve the Paris Climate Goals and Promote Sustainable Blue and Green Economies
- **MigraMar** *Salon Caribe 1*  
Advancing Marine Conservation in the Eastern Pacific Marine Corridor Through Science and Collaboration
- **University of Washington|Nippon Foundation Ocean Nexus Center** *Salon Caribe 2*  
Towards an Equitable Approach to Marine
- **National Audubon Society (NAS)** *Salon Caribe 4*  
Mangrove ecosystem conservation - blue carbon synergies in Latin American and the Caribbean
- **UNEP|Caribbean Biological Corridor (CBC)|Cartagena Convention Secretariat** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Regional and Sub-Regional Cooperation for improving oceans governance in the Wider Caribbean Region - Cartagena Convention and Caribbean Biological Corridor
- **World Economic Forum** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
Launch of the Global Sustainable Aquaculture Roadmap: Charting a Course for Sector Transformation
- **Charles Darwin Foundation (CDF)** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
Coastal Ocean Marine Biosecurity Integrated Network for the Americas (COMBINA)
- **Galapagos Conservation Trust** *Salon Caribe 1*  
5 years of Plastic Pollution research in the Galapagos Islands - from Science to Solutions
- **Walton Family Foundation (WFF)** *Salon Caribe 2*  
Por la Pesca: How Cross-sector Collaboration Is Helping to Drive Legal and Responsible Artisanal Fisheries in Peru and Ecuador
- **World Resources Institute** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Sustainable, Regenerative and Resilient Coastal and Marine Tourism as the Foundation of Sustainable Ocean Economies
- **RARE** *Salon Caribe 4*  
Local Governments and Small-Scale Fisheries: Fostering Partnership for Co-Management
- **MarViva** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Ecological and socioeconomic sustainability through integrated Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) encompassing jurisdictional waters and the High Seas
- **Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (University of NSW SDR Hub)** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
Ocean Accounts: Setting the Foundation for Sustainable Blue Economies
- **Minderoo Foundation** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
Increasing oversight of fishing vessels by their flag states - considerations for a reform agenda
- **Blue Nature Alliance** *Salon Caribe 1*  
A sustainable Blue Caribbean advancing opportunities towards unlocking new and effective large-scale ocean protection in the Caribbean by 2030
- **Ocean Conservancy** *Salon Caribe 2*  
Gigawatt Dreams to Reality: Realizing the global potential of offshore wind to avert a climate crisis
- **Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA)** *Salon Caribe 3*  
Enhancing the Climate Readiness of MPAs: Tools to integrate climate change resilience and adaptation into MPA planning Plastic Pollution
- **Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)** *Salon Caribe 4*  
CAF Strategic Ocean Vision for Latin America and Caribbean Countries
- **OSPESCA** *Salon Caribe 5*  
Guidelines of the Blue Growth Strategy of the Countries of the Integration System Central America (ERCA)
- **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)** *Salon Pacifico 1*  
The Asia-Africa Blue Tech Superhighway: Boosting climate-resilient, nature-positive aquatic food production
- **PACÍFICO | Re:Wild, Bezos Foundation | WildAid | Fundación Natura** *Salon Pacifico 2*  
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