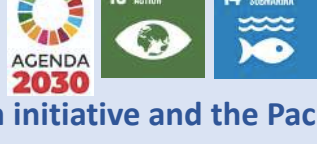


The Because the Ocean Initiative



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Venue at **Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji**
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Provisional Agenda

Monday 6th May

Opening Session: Setting the context. 9h00 – 10h00

Master of Ceremony: **Rémi Parmentier**, Coordinator, Secretariat of the Because the Ocean initiative

9h00-9h05 - Welcome prayer

9h05-9h10 - Welcome address by **HSH Prince Albert II** (video)

9h10-9h20 - Opening Remarks by **Attorney General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**, Minister for Justice, Economy, Civil Service, Communications and Public Enterprises, Fiji

9h20-9h30 - **Sylvie Goyet**, Director, Climate & Sustainability, Pacific Community (SPC)

9h30-9h40 - **Taholo Kami**, Special Representative - Oceans, Ministry of Economy, Fiji: Ocean Pathway Partnership: From COP23 to COP25

9h40-9h50 - **Julio Cordano**, UNFCCC Negotiations Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile: Chilean COP25 Presidency: Why a Blue COP?

9h50-10h00 Break – Group photo & Minister and any media leave

1st interactive workshop session: setting the scene. 10h00 – 12h15

Co-facilitation of workshop sessions: **Rémi Parmentier, Loreley Picourt**

10h00-10h30 State of knowledge, From Climate change to Ocean change

10h30-10h45 Introduction by **Pr. Elizabeth Holland**, USP University of the South Pacific

- How does the ocean contribute to mitigation (CO2 avoided and sequestered); what are the main measures that contribute to it?
- What are the impacts of climate change on the ocean and what types of adaptation measures can countries take to reduce vulnerabilities?
- How can we evaluate, in line with the Paris Agreement provisions, the effects of the ocean on the climate in terms of mitigation and adaptation?
- What can we expect from the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and the cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SCROCCC) to be released in September 2019?

10h45-10h50 Questions for clarification-only

10h50-12h00 The Ocean in NDCs

11h00-11h15 Introduction by **Sylvie Goyet**, Director, Climate & Sustainability, SPC

- Assessing ocean components contained in the first NDC round
- What are the most significant examples of ocean references in NDCs submitted up to now?

11h15-11h25 Questions for clarification-only

11h25-12h15 Facilitated Q&A and discussion with the two panellists

12h15-14h00 Lunch break

2nd interactive workshop session: The ocean in NDCs, Challenges and Opportunities: Experts Views. 14h00 – 16h30

14h00-16h00: The ocean in NDCs, Challenges and Opportunities: Experts Views

Introductions by:

- The Role of the ocean in carbon sequestration, **Kate Davey**, Senior Marine Specialist, IUCN and **Emily Pidgeon**, Senior Director Blue Climate Program, Conservation International
- Blue Energy: Renewables in the Ocean, **Akuila Tawake**, GEM Division, SPC
- How can NDCs an opportunity to enhance mitigating GHG emissions from shipping? **Mohammed Asid Zullah**, Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre Pacific, SPC

14h40-15h15: Facilitated Q&A session with panellists

- Ocean Acidification, from threat to opportunity? **Susan Ruffo**, Managing Director, International Initiatives, Ocean Conservancy
- NDCs as opportunity for Marine Protected Areas designation, management and enforcement? Perspectives from different locations.
 - **Ambassador Olai Uludong**, Republic of Palau
 - **Samantha Harrison**, Head of Regional Affairs & Climate, British High Commission, and **Ingrid Swinnen**, Team Leader, Governance & Natural Resources, EU delegation, Fiji
 - **Sione Fulivai**, Senior Climate Change Finance Officer, Kingdom of Tonga

15h35-16h00: Facilitated Q&A session with panellists

16h00-16h15 Tea break

3rd interactive workshop session: The ocean in NDCs, Challenges and Opportunities: Governments Views. 16h15 – 17h45

Introductions by:

- **Julio Cordano**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
- **Ambassador Helen Agren**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **Angeline C. Heine**, Director of RMI Energy Office, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **Taholo Kami**, Special Representative - Oceans, Ministry of Economy, Fiji

16h45-17h45 Facilitated roundtable discussion

17h45-18h00 Thematic discussion

- Fisheries and Aquaculture Adaptation to Climate Change, **Tarub Bahri**, Fishery Resources Officer, UN FAO

Tuesday 7th May

4th interactive workshop session: National perspectives on options for incorporating the ocean into NDCs. 9h00 – 10h30

9h00-10h00 Feedback from PSIDS on what they heard the day before

- Are they/could they consider introducing ocean elements within their respective NDCs?
- How could they go about it?
- What ocean-related issues could be under consideration? (ocean-based renewables, low carbon shipping, MPAs, mangroves, blue carbon sinks conservation consistent with Paris Agreement environmental integrity, coral reefs, sea level rise, acidification, fisheries adaptation?, etc.)
- What would they need? What are the roadblocks? Capacity and silos issues?
- Is across-countries or regional coordination needed or desirable?

10h-10h30 Facilitated dialogue

10h30-11h00 Coffee break

5th interactive workshop Session: Going further- Part 1. 11h00-12h30

11h00-11h45: Break-out sessions

4 to 5 tables with a mix of government representatives and experts/resource people for cross-fertilization on one particular theme each; i.e. blue energy, blue carbon mitigation and sequestration, ocean-based industries emission reductions (shipping, etc.), adaptation through MPAs, fisheries and aquaculture management and adaptation, coastal protection, response to ocean acidification...

11h45-12h30: Reporting of the sessions and facilitated Q&A

12h30-14h00 Lunch break

5th interactive workshop Session Cont.: Going further- Part 2. 14h00-15h15

14h00-14h45: Break-out sessions

14h45-15h15: Reporting of the sessions and facilitated Q&A

6th interactive workshop Session: the tools. 15h15–16h00

- Science and baseline, USP representative (tbc)
- Finance, **Riibeta Abeta**, Ocean Management Officer, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commission (OPOC)
- Strategic coherence, **Peni Suveinaka**, OCEAN Analyst and Manager, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commission (OPOC)

16h00-16h45: Tea break

Co-facilitators and note-takers meet to agree a set of a maximum of 8 to 10 Take-Aways to be presented on a slide in bullet points format at 6th Session.

Closing Session. 16h45–17h30

- Presentation of identified Take-Aways to workshop participants
- Feedback from participants
- Reaction from high-level representatives of the governments of Fiji
- Follow-up by Because the Ocean Secretariat

18h-20h00 Cocktail Reception for workshop and symposium participants