



# HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## Expert Group Meeting: Sustainable Development Goal 14 – “Life Below Water”

Marine and coastal ecosystems as key assets for building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

May 10 and 11, 2022, 9:00 AM EST to 12:30 PM EST - New York

### EVENT FORMAT

To encourage a rich and dynamic discussion, day one of the event will feature two blocks of ‘breakout sessions’ (i.e., parallel working groups) each lasting one hour and covering various themes. The different groups will reconvene to report back in a ‘plenary’ format.

#### ***Suggested format for the parallel working groups:***

Brief presentations led by one or two experts to outline the key points [as per the objectives of the EGM and the key questions outlined in the concept note], followed by an open discussion or panel as appropriate. Each session will also feature brief “comments from the floor” and reactions from individual experts present. Annex 1 below will soon feature the names of the experts nominated across areas.

### PROGRAM

#### **Moderating team:**

- Facilitator: Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch (NRIB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- Supporting role: Mr. Jorge Barbosa, Sustainable Development Office, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA



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Day 1: Tuesday May 10, 2022	
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm	Session
9:00 am to 9:10 am [10 minutes]	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (Video Message)</li> <li>- Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel (Video Message)</li> </ul>
9:10 am to 9:20 am [10 minutes]	<b>Setting the stage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Director, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA</li> </ul>
Examining the Status and trends in SDG 14 Targets	
<b>Parallel working groups:</b>  9:20 am to 10:35 am [one hour 15 mins each]	<b>Parallel working group 1: Fisheries and Aquaculture</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. David Jose Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer, Trade, Environment, Climate Change & Sustainable Development Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lead Presenter:</b> Mr. Manuel Barange, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.4: By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lead Presenter:</b> Mr. Matthew Camilleri, Senior Fishery Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.6: By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that</p>



	<p>contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation.</p>
	<p><b><i>Parallel working group 2: Marine Pollution</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Mr. Andrew Birchenough, Technical Officer, International Maritime Organization (IMO)</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Heidi Savelli-Soderberg, Programme. Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</li> <li>• Mr. Mark Sutton, Centre for Ecology &amp; Hydrology, Edinburgh, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.1: By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution</p>
	<p><b><i>Parallel working group 3: Biodiversity and Conservation</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Mr. Kim Friedman, Senior Fisheries Resources Officer, FAO</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Joseph Appiott, Coordinator for Marine, Coastal and Island Biodiversity, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</li> <li>• Mr. Neville Ash, Director, World Conservation Monitoring Centre, UNEP</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.2: By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans.</p> <p>Target 14.5: By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.</p>



<p align="center"><i>-- Coffee Break: 10 minutes --</i></p>	
<p><b>Parallel working groups continued:</b></p> <p>10:45 am to 12:00 pm [one hour 15 mins each]</p>	<p><b><i>Parallel working group 4: Climate Change Impacts</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Ms. Laura Patterson, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) representative to the United Nations</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Joanna Post, Programme Management Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat</li> <li>• Ms. Ashley Bantelman, Associate Project Officer, Ocean Acidification International Coordination Centre (OA-ICC), International Atomic Energy Agency</li> <li>• Mr. Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Senior Advisor to the President and Director on Ocean and Climate Policy, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.3: Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels.</p>
	<p><b><i>Parallel working group 5: Sustainable Blue Economy and SIDS</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Mr. Sai Navoti, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNDESA</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Audun Lem, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO</li> <li>• Mr. Riad Meddeb, Director, Global Centre for Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development; Senior Principal Advisor for SIDS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>• Ms. Cary Anne Cadman, Caribbean Blue Economy lead, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.7: By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.</p>



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12:00 pm to 12:25 pm [25 minutes]	<p><b><i>Plenary: reporting on parallel working groups and drawing conclusions</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch (NRIB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderators report back on the parallel working group discussions.</li></ul>
12:25 pm to 12:30 pm	<b><i>Wrap up and closing</i></b>
<b>-- END DAY 1 --</b>	

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Day 2: Wednesday May 11, 2022	
Time: 9: 00 am to 12:30 pm	Session
Assessing the means of implementation: the role of science, technology, and education	
9:00 am to 9:10 am [10 minutes]	<p><b><i>Outlining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Marjo Vierros, Director, Coastal Policy and Humanities Research: Impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic on the achievement of SDG 14 in light of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda</li> </ul>
9:10 am to 9:50 am [40 minutes]	<p><b><i>Science, technology, and education</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch (NRIB), Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, UNESCO-IOC</li> <li>Ms. Marie Bourrel-McKinnon, Senior Policy Officer – Special Assistant to the Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority (ISA)</li> <li>Mr. Martin Visbeck, GEOMAR Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.A: Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries.</p>



<p>9:50 am to 10:30 am [40 minutes]</p>	<p><b><i>Supporting Small Scale Fisheries communities' access to resources, capacity, and knowledge</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Mr. Jorge Barbosa, Sustainable Development Office, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nicole Franz, Fishery Planning Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO</li> <li>• Ms. Jennifer Cruickshank-Howard, Chief Fisheries Officer, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.B: Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets.</p>
<p><b><i>-- Coffee Break: 10 minutes --</i></b></p>	
<p>10:40 am to 11:20 am [40 minutes]</p>	<p><b><i>Supporting the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Moderator:</i></b> Ms. Alison Clausen, Programme Specialist, Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission – UNESCO</p> <p><b><i>Lead Presenters:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority (ISA)</li> <li>• Mr. Vladimir Jares, Director, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)</li> </ul> <p>Target 14.C: Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want.</p>



<p>11:20 am to 12:00 pm [40 minutes]</p>	<p><b><i>Maintaining the momentum and action beyond the Ocean Conference and HLPF 2022</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Maximilien Pardo Y Fernandez, Inter-Regional Advisor, SIDS Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA</li> </ul> <p>Building on the efforts of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the SIDS Conference 2024, among others.</p>
<p>12:00 pm to 12:30 pm [30 minutes]</p>	<p><b><i>Closing remarks</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean (video remarks)</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Sérgio Carvalho, Counsellor and Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations</li> <li>- H.E. Ms. Lily Mwanjila, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations</li> </ul>
<p><b>-- End of EGM --</b></p> <p><b>Thank you all! – we welcome your written inputs post discussion.</b></p>	