

2025 United Nations Ocean Conference

Ocean Action Panel 10: Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Friday, 13 June 2025, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Co-Chairs

- Chile: H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chile's Special Envoy for the Ocean
- New Zealand: Ms. Penelope Ridings, Member of the International Law Commission

Introductory remarks: Setting the scene:

“Current regime and developments related to international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”

- Ms. Elinor Hammar skjöld, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel

Moderator

- H.E. Mr. François Alabrune, Ambassador of France in The Hague

Panelists

- Ms. Leticia Carvalho, Secretary General, International Seabed Authority
- Ms. Grethel Aguilar, Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Ms. Lan-Anh Nguyen, Vice President of the Asian Society of International Law and UNCLOS Annex VII Arbitrator

Lead Discussants

- Mr. Nishimoto, Professor, School of Law, Tohoku University, Japan
- Mr. Daniel Wilde, Head of Ocean, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Mr. Nathaniel Khng, Minister-Counsellor (Legal), Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations