

**2025 United Nations Ocean Conference**  
**Ocean Action Panel 2: Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health.**

**Monday, 9 June 2025, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**Co-Chairs**

- Panama: H.E. Mr. Javier Martínez-Acha Vásquez, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Portugal: Mr. José Manuel Fernandes, Minister of Agriculture and the Sea

**Moderator**

- Mr. David Obura, Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

**Panelists**

- Mr. Vidar Helgesen, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Ms. Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization
- Mr. Li Jiabiao, Chinese Academy of Engineering and Researcher, the Second Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resource, China
- Mr. Pierre Bahurel, Director-General, Mercator Ocean International
- Dr. Vincent Pieribone, Co-CEO and Chief Science Officer of OceanX

**Lead Discussants**

- Dr. Stuart Minchin, Director-General, Pacific Community
- Dr. Pradeep Singh, Oceano Azul Foundation