

## Fostering partnerships for implementation of SDG14

*Summary of the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) Events at the Oceans Conference Preparatory meeting, UN Headquarters, New York City, 15 to 16 February 2017*

Palau as Chair of the Board of the Global Island Partnership hosted a panel discussion on fostering partnerships that highlighted experiences of members and friends of the Partnership from 10 years of working together toward a common goal, and how those experiences contribute to forging impactful partnerships to support implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal on Oceans (SDG14).

Notable comments included:

- **The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Peter Thomson** highlighted the Global Island Partnership as a model of collaboration and as a platform for building resilient and sustainable partnerships. He requested GLISPA and its members register practical and viable partnerships and action oriented commitments in the newly launched SDG 14 [voluntary commitments registry](#) because *all of humanity must be involved in the response to the Call to Action of the Ocean Conference*.
- **Palau's Ambassador to the United States and Board Chair of the Global Island Partnership, H.E. Hersey Kyota** welcomed the Partnership's newest [members](#) – the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Pacific Island Development Forum (PIDF) - and new Friends of GLISPA.
- Speaking on Seychelles engagement with the Partnership, **Ambassador for Climate Change and SIDS Issues, H.E. Ronny Jumeau** shared how a conversation initiated during a GLISPA Steering Committee meeting kick-started the [Seychelles Debt for Adaptation Swap](#). The energy from the Debt Swap helped spur momentum to undertake the marine spatial plan for the nation's Exclusive Economic Zone and, most recently, development of a Blue Bonds Initiative which is aimed at boosting sustainable fisheries for the nation.
- **Director of the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, Keobel Sakuma** highlighted the partnerships Palau has launched including the Micronesia Challenge, the Palau Shark Sanctuary and the Palau National Marine Sanctuary. He picked up on a comment Amb. Jumeau made relating to 'smart partnerships', stressing their importance for small islands who are looking to undertake large initiatives for which support is needed to boost local capacity. *"GLISPA has been essential to this*



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*process of identifying which partners are best-suited to help us reach our goals”* continued Mr. Sakuma.

- **Rare’s Anna-Marie Laura** highlighted the importance of partnership with local communities and governments to successful implementation of the SDGs. She further highlighted how Rare, including with interested partners through GLISPA, are seeking sustainable solutions to fisheries management, particularly for small-scale fisheries which employ 90% of fishers and represent 50% of the global fish catch. Rare will continue to facilitate a multi stakeholder dialogue on this issue through GLISPA’s Small-Scale Fisheries Working Group and launched the Working Group as a platform to form and announce partnerships for The Ocean Conference in June.
- **Italy’s Grammenos Mastrojeni** highlighted Italy’s involvement with GLISPA since it first launched over a decade ago and how the Partnership is well positioned from the outset to support the 2030 Agenda.
- **Charles Nyandiga of the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme** spoke of their work in mainstreaming lessons and practices through the inclusion of civil society in the conversation. He also highlighted GLISPA’s strength as being able to build on existing partnerships as a platform with effective strategic planning that spans scales, countries and regions.
- **Sustainability Connections, CEO & Founder, Krista Singleton-Cabbage** emphasised the need to look at models and activities that can meet multiple targets across multiple goals.

## GLISPA Members Meeting, 14 Feb

GLISPA also held a Members Meeting, chaired by H.E. Olai Uludong, Palau’s Ambassador-designate to the United Nations, to share the partnership goals and priorities to 2020 including the SDG14 Oceans Conference as well as allow members to share their goals and priorities to 2020 related to island resilience, oceans and SDGs.

Members highlighted their priorities for the SDG 14 Conference including the issue of financing ocean implementation, indicator development and the engagement of islands in this process including forging new alliances.

Led by the Presidents of Palau and Seychelles, Prime Minister of Grenada and Premier of the British Virgin Islands, our mission is to promote action to build resilient and sustainable island communities by inspiring leadership, catalyzing commitments and facilitating collaboration for all islands.



**Ronny Jumeau**  
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The **Fostering Partnerships for Implementation of SDG14** side event was supported by: Global Island Partnership, the Governments of Seychelles, Palau, Grenada, British Virgin Islands with Blue Guardians, Rare, The Nature Conservancy, Italy, Sustainability Connections, Precovey Labs, IUCN, Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity, UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme, Indian Ocean Commission, Micronesia Conservation Trust, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Overseas Countries and Territories Association, Hawaii Green Growth, County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, Waitt Foundation and Institute, Global Environment Facility, Pacific Island Development Forum.

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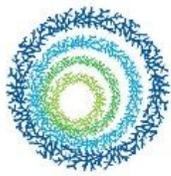
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