



**Blue Economy Summit**  
**scheduled to be held from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2014**  
**in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on the sidelines of**  
**the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week**

**Goal of the Meeting:**

The goal of the meeting is to discuss how to utilise the Blue Economy as a tool to shift development in small island development states (SIDS) and coastal states towards a sustainable development trajectory building on the Rio+20 consensus.

**Objectives:**

- a. To build momentum on the Blue Economy by a wider group of stakeholders
- b. To secure commitments from participating governments, intergovernmental agencies and financial institutions to mainstream the Blue Economy into national, regional and international sustainable development agenda's.

The Blue Economy Summit will take place over a period of 2 afternoons starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 and ending on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- a) Renewed political support on the consensus of Rio+20 outcomes and in particular on the Green/Blue Economy
- b) Better understanding of the opportunities that exist and are emerging to elaborate and implement the Blue Economy
- c) Identification of the appropriate institutional framework that will be required to support countries
- d) Galvanize support and commitments from countries and intergovernmental organizations for the Blue Economy

## Proposed Work Programme

### **Ministerial Preparatory Meeting**

**19 January 2014**

**Meeting Venue: Park Hyatt Hotel**

**13:15-13:30 Registration**

**13:30-14:00 Opening Session**

Chaired by H.E. Dr. Rolph Payet, Minister for Environment and Energy of the Republic of Seychelles

- Welcome and opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Thani Al Zayoudi, Permanent Representative to International Renewable Energy Agency, United Arab Emirates
- Overview of the Summit including its main objectives by the Chair

**14:00-14:15 Organizational Matters**

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- Adoption of the agenda and organizational matters

**14:15-15:15 Session 1:** Presentations on regional perspective on how countries can utilise the Blue Economy as a tool to shift development in SIDS and coastal states towards a sustainable development trajectory and what support countries will require to achieve this.

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Presentations to be 10 mins each (8-10 slides) on the Blue Economy will be delivered by a Minister from each region:

- Blue Economy in the Pacific (TBC)
- Blue Economy in the Caribbean (Grenada)
- Blue Economy in Indian Ocean (Seychelles)

Presentations will be followed by summary of key issues, questions and interactive discussions.

15:15-16:30 **Session 2:** Presentations on how United Nations and other intergovernmental agencies and international NGOs can contribute towards and support countries in adopting and implementing Blue Economy from key representatives

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Presentations to be 5-8 mins (4-6 slides) on contributions from relevant entities will be delivered by the following representatives:

1. Mr. Ahmed Baharoon, Acting Director, Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative
2. Ms. Wendy Watson-Wright, Executive Secretary Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
3. Mr. Peter Wheeler, Vice President for Impact Investing, The Nature Conservancy
4. Mr. Dixon Waruinge, Head of the Nairobi Convention Secretariat, United Nations Environment Programme
5. Mr. Peter Kristensen, Interim Secretariat of the Global Partnership on Oceans, World Bank

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-18:00 **Session 3: High Level Roundtable Panel discussion**

Chaired by H.E. Dr. Rolph Payet, Minister for Environment and Energy of the Republic of Seychelles

The panel will be asked to answer key questions related to the following two themes;

1. Integration of Blue Economy into the Post-2015 development agenda and other major international programmes especially those on oceans
2. How can partnerships be further consolidated and utilised to drive the Blue Economy agenda?

The chair will open the floor for questions and comments from the plenary to the panelists.

18:00-18:30 **Session 4: Wrap up and conclusions**

Chaired by H.E. Dr. Rolph Payet, Minister for Environment and Energy of the Republic of Seychelles

19:30-21:30 **Cocktail reception at Masdar**

*<Transportation by bus from Park Hyatt to Masdar>*

## **Blue Economy Summit**

**20 January 2014**

**Meeting Venue: Conference Room A,  
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center (ADNEC)**

### **13:30-14:00 Opening of Summit**

Moderated by Mr. Andre Butler-Payette, Seychelles

- Opening remarks by H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, Minister of State of the United Arab Emirates
- Keynote address by H.E. James Alix Michel, President of Republic of Seychelles
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly;

### **14:00-16:00 Statements from Political Figures and Key Representatives of International and Regional Organizations**

Chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Paul Adam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Seychelles

- H.E. Mr. Lord Tu‘ivakanō, Prime Minister, Tonga
- H.E. The Hon. Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand
- Dr. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, and the United Nations Development Programme
- H.E. Hon. Leo Brincat, Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development, and Climate Change of Malta
- Dr. Han Seung-soo Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water for UN Secretary General, Former Prime Minister of South Korea
- Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Jacques Ulrich Andriantiana, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Youth and Leisure of Madagascar
- H.E. Mr. Ioannis G. Kasoulides, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus
- H.E. The Hon. Prof. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister for External Affairs of the Sri Lanka
- H.E. Mr. Abd al-Salaam Razaz, Minister of Water and Environment of Yemen
- Dr. Stergomena Tax Bamwenda, Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community
- Mr. Hon. Robert M. Persaud, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of Guyana
- H.E. Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

- Mr. Wang Hong, Deputy Administrator of State Oceanic Administration of China
- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Land locked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States
- Mr. Jean-Claude de L'Estrac, Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Commission
- Mr. Atef Marzouk, Senior Energy Policy Officer of the African Union Commission
- Dr. Julian Roberts, Oceans Expert of the Commonwealth Secretariat

**16:15-16:30 Closing Remarks**

- H.E. Mr. Jean-Paul Adam, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Seychelles
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Thani Al Zayoudi, Permanent Representative to IRENA, United Arab Emirates

Launch of "FIRST Magazine" on the Seychelles

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**17:30 Press Conference**