



June 16-17, 2014

PROVISIONAL WEB PROGRAM
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Monday, June 16, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

Welcome by Under Secretary Catherine Novelli

Remarks by Secretary of State John F. Kerry

Remarks by President Anote Tong, Republic of Kiribati

Exploring, Understanding & Conserving Our Ocean

Philippe Cousteau, Voyacy Group and EarthEcho International
Margaret Leinen, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Enric Sala, National Geographic

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Moderated by Eileen Sobeck, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

State of the Science: Status and trends of key fish stocks

Ray Hilborn, University of Washington, in collaboration with Boris Worm,
Dalhousie University
Current abundance, trends, and sustainability of global fish stocks

Problems

Victor Restrepo, Fisheries Scientist
Issues and challenges to achieving sustainable fisheries at the international level

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Solutions

Susan Jackson, International Seafood Sustainability Foundation
An innovative partnership in the Pacific Ocean among tuna vessels, suppliers, and States utilizing technology to enhance transparency and promote sustainability

Hoyt Peckham, SmartFish
Solving sea turtle bycatch in Japan, Mexico, and Hawaii through participatory research

Peter Sinon, Seychelles Minister of Natural Resources
A multilateral initiative to fight Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing in the vast Exclusive Economic Zones of the Indian Ocean

Discussion – *Tweet your questions to #OurOcean2014*

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MARINE POLLUTION

Moderated by Jackie Alder, United Nations Environment Programme

State of the Science: Marine debris

Richard Thompson, Plymouth University
Why we should be concerned about the global problem of marine debris – an overview of the consequences of marine debris for the economy, wildlife, and human health

Problems

Elizabeth Taylor Jay, Colombia Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
The impact of marine pollution on Colombia's coastal and marine environment and Colombia's role and contributions to ensure ocean health

Solutions

Andreas Merkl, Ocean Conservancy
How radical thinking, public/private partnerships, and a focus on stopping plastics from reaching the ocean can help us turn the tide on ocean trash

Daniella Dimitrova Russo, Think Beyond Plastic Innovation Forum
Addressing marine debris by inspiring behavioral change and youth leadership, encouraging entrepreneurship and disruptive innovation, and building public-private partnerships

Brian Flaherty, Nestlé Waters North America
A zero-waste approach to beverage packaging: making progress through policy and action

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BREAK (15 minutes)

State of the Science: Nutrient pollution in the marine environment

Nancy Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
How nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus – the essential building blocks of marine life – are overloading the ocean and causing coastal water quality problems, including dead zones and harmful algal blooms

Problems

Daniel Conley, Lund University
How nutrient pollution in the Baltic Sea has caused the largest human-induced low oxygen dead zone in the world

Solutions

Crispin d'Auvergne, Government of Saint Lucia
Saint Lucia's efforts to address nutrient pollution in the marine environment

Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, The Mosaic Company
Innovative approaches to Nutrient Stewardship: Best Management Practices for agricultural producers to keep nutrients available for plant yields and to minimize runoff into waterways

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9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

OPENING

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A video message from President Barack Obama

Opening by Secretary of State John F. Kerry

Remarks by Leonardo DiCaprio, Founder, Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation

9:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

Moderated by Scott Doney, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

State of the Science: Ocean acidification

Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, University of Queensland and
Carol Turley, Plymouth Marine Laboratory

What is ocean acidification? A scientific overview of how carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is changing the chemistry and ecosystems of the ocean

Problems

Alexis Valauri-Orton, Thomas J. Watson Fellow

How first-hand experiences in Norway, Hong Kong, Thailand, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, and Peru revealed how little is known about ocean acidification around the world

Solutions

Bill Dewey, Taylor Shellfish Farms

How shellfish farmers in the U.S. Pacific Northwest have saved their businesses by reducing their vulnerability to ocean acidification

Yimnang Golbuu, Palau International Coral Reef Center

Why are coral reefs in Palau thriving despite ocean acidification and what can we learn to help reefs in other parts of the world survive?

Phil Williamson, UK Natural Environment Research Council
How the Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network can help us understand and respond to ocean acidification

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OUTCOMES OF THE GLOBAL OCEANS ACTION SUMMIT

Remarks by Minister for Agriculture Sharon Dijksma, The Netherlands
Outcomes of the Global Oceans Action Summit held April 22-25, 2014

10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

CHARTING A PATH FORWARD

Moderated by Under Secretary Catherine Novelli
A distinguished panel led by Secretary Kerry announces new commitments and charts a path forward

Secretary of State John F. Kerry
President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., Republic of Palau
Foreign Minister Heraldo Muñoz, Chile
Foreign Minister Børge Brende, Norway
Foreign Minister Robert Dussey, Togo
Managing Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati, World Bank