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REGIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE  
BEYOND 2020**

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# Marine Regions Forum 2019

**30 September – 02 October 2019, Berlin**

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

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## 1 WELCOME

The ocean is in crisis. We are witnessing unprecedented biodiversity loss, driven by overfishing, habitat destruction and pollution, compounded by climate change and ocean acidification. Life on Earth ultimately depends on a healthy ocean, and billions rely directly on the world's seas for food, resources and livelihoods. This dependence is only projected to increase, further driving up already unsustainable rates of exploitation. In many parts of the world products and services are indispensable for development.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in a dedicated Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 14), set out a pathway to “conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”. Yet, progress toward implementation has been limited and the upcoming 2020 deadline for meeting four of the SDG 14 targets will likely be missed. Degraded ocean ecosystems may not survive another decade of “business as usual”, so a transparent process for accelerated implementation must start immediately. But the existing governance frameworks have proven largely inadequate in addressing the immense challenges facing our ocean and have done little to slow the precipitous decline in ocean health.

We must therefore revolutionise ocean governance, taking an ecosystem-based approach that aligns governance frameworks with interconnected natural and societal systems, addresses the cumulative impacts of human activities, and facilitates the cooperation and coordination needed to ensure the success of critical conservation initiatives such as the establishment of marine protected areas (MPAs) and the development of ocean-based climate solutions. This demands urgent action at all levels, and the regional level is well-placed as a “broker” that ensures engagement from the local to the global.

Momentum is building. The international community is considering options for a post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The second UN Ocean Conference in 2020 will take stock of the implementation of SDG 14 while COP25, the so-called “Blue COP”, will put ocean health on the international climate agenda. The preparatory process is underway for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). A treaty is being negotiated to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction, and the International Seabed Authority is developing a “Mining Code” to regulate the possible exploitation of the deep sea minerals.

We are at a critical juncture. With the ocean on top of the international political agenda, there is a unique opportunity to develop a robust post-2020 ocean governance framework. Regional actors and institutions need to play a vital role: providing platforms for cross-sectoral cooperation that forge links between local stakeholders, national governments and international institutions; bringing together scientists and policymakers to identify effective responses to pressing challenges; and ensuring a transparent process of accelerated implementation.

It is therefore our pleasure to welcome you to this first edition of the Marine Regions Forum, held under the headline theme “Achieving a healthy ocean – Regional ocean governance beyond 2020”. The Marine Regions Forum 2019 provides an opportunity for informal exchange between leading scientists, decision-makers and stakeholders, all seeking to catalyse the transformation of ocean governance through regional actions and initiatives. With the ultimate goal of developing innovative

ocean governance solutions, this programme offers a range of sessions that aim to facilitate joint learning between regional stakeholders from different parts of the world and explore the role of marine regions in the various global governance processes.

We are indebted to our partners, session co-hosts, Advisory Board and Steering Group members, and countless others that have worked tirelessly to make the Marine Regions Forum possible. In particular, we would like to thank the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the German Environment Agency and the European Commission for their invaluable partnership and financial backing. It has been our honour to work with you all and to receive your generous support.

It is thanks to your participation that the Marine Regions Forum can become a thriving platform. We hope that you will find the Marine Regions Forum 2019 an exciting place to be and that you enjoy your stay in Berlin.



Sebastian Unger (IASS)



Julien Rochette (IDDRI)



Alexander Müller (TMG)

**2 AGENDA**

Monday, 30 September 2019

**Day 1 | Understanding challenges and achievements**

Conference venue: Vienna House Andel’s Berlin, Landsberger Allee 106, 10369 Berlin

Time		Location/room
08:30-10:00	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>	Foyer
10:00 - 12:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Plenary   Achieving healthy oceans – Challenges and opportunities</b>	Saphir 1
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Group photo</b>	Foyer
12:30 - 12:45	Introduction to the photo exhibition <b>Tropic Ice_Dialog between Places Affected by Climate Change</b>	Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b> <b>The Ocean Realm</b>   Open space for networking and exchange, with exhibitions and Meet & Greet Space	Restaurant Delight Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
14:00 - 17:30	<b>Dialogue Sessions</b> <i>Coffee break in session rooms / Foyer</i>	
	<b>Theme 1   Achieving SDG 14</b>	
14:00 - 17:30	1.1.1 From plans to action: Implementing regional marine litter action plans	Jade
	<b>Theme 2   Underpinning global processes</b>	
14:00 - 17:30	2.1.1 Areas beyond national jurisdiction: Towards a collaborative approach in ocean governance	Amethyst
14:00 – 15:30	2.2.1 Our ocean in crisis: Key findings from the IPCC special report	Bernstein
16:00 – 17:30	2.2.2 Preparing marine regions for fisheries on the move	Bernstein
	<b>Theme 3   Knowledge for ocean action</b>	
14:00 - 17:30	3.1.1 Building regional science-policy interfaces: Good practices, lessons learned and ways forward	Opal
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Foyer / session rooms
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Young Ocean Professionals</b>   Daily debriefing	Opal
17:30 - 18:30	Refresh <b>The Ocean Realm</b>   Open space for networking and exchange, with exhibitions and Meet & Greet Space	Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
18:30 - 21:00	<b>Evening Reception</b> Welcome and get-together with artistic intervention   WE ARE OCEAN_making waves. A floating conversation on ocean awareness and action	Main lobby

Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Day 2 | Developing Solutions**

Conference venue: Vienna House Andel's Berlin, Landsberger Allee 106, 10369 Berlin

Time		Location/room
09:00 – 13:00	<b>Dialogue sessions</b> <i>Coffee break in session rooms / Foyer</i>	
<b>Theme 1   Achieving SDG 14</b>		
09:00 – 13:00	1.2.1 Creating synergies: Enhancing regional cooperation for ocean-related SDGs	Opal 2
11:15 – 13:00	1.2.3 Advancing implementation of the ocean SDG through ecosystem-based management	Jade 2
<b>Theme 2   Underpinning Global Processes</b>		
09:00 – 10:45	2.1.2 Keeping an eye on the high seas: Strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance	Amethyst
09:00 – 10:45	2.2.3 Tackling climate problems with ocean solutions	Bernstein
11:15 – 13:00	2.2.4 The “Blue COP”: Mobilising regional stakeholders	Bernstein
<b>Theme 3   Knowledge for ocean action</b>		
09:00 – 13:00	3.1.2 Inclusive ocean governance: Weaving science with traditional ecological knowledge	Opal 1
11:15 – 12:45	3.3.1 WE ARE OCEAN: Can the arts mobilise youth for ocean conservation?	Jade 1
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Foyer / session rooms
13:00 – 15:00	<b>Lunch</b> <b>The Ocean Realm</b>   Open space for networking and exchange, with exhibitions and Meet & Greet Space	Restaurant Delight Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
14:00-15:00	<b>MSP Challenge</b> board game simulation	Foyer, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
15:00 – 17:00	<b>Plenary   Ocean Governance post-2020 - The role of marine regions</b>	Saphir 1
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Young Ocean Professionals</b>   Daily debriefing	Opal 1
17:00 - 18:30	Afternoon coffee / Refresh <b>The Ocean Realm</b>   Open space for networking and exchange, with exhibitions and Meet & Greet Space	Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
18:30	<b>Bus transfer</b> to conference dinner venue	Outside main lobby, east entrance
19:00 – 22:00	<b>Conference dinner</b>   Eatside, Stralauer Allee 1, 10245 Berlin <i>Arrival of guests from 18:30 – 19:00</i>	
22:00	<b>Bus transfer</b> back to conference venue	

Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Day 3 | Accelerating progress and creating new pathways**

Conference venue: Vienna House Andel's Berlin, Landsberger Allee 106, 10369 Berlin

Time		Location/room
09:00 – 12:30	<b>Dialogue sessions</b> <i>Coffee breaks in session rooms / Foyer</i>	
	<b>Theme 1   Achieving SDG 14</b>	
09:00 – 12:30	1.2.2 Delivering the ocean SDG: Accelerating progress	Opal 2
09:00 – 12:30	1.3.1 Sun, sea, sand and sustainability? Tourism in marine regions	Jade 2
	<b>Theme 2   Underpinning Global Processes</b>	
09:00 – 12:30	2.1.3 Towards coherent and connected MPA networks: From challenges to possible solutions in high seas governance	Amethyst
09:00 – 12:30	2.1.4 Deep seabed mining in the Area: The role of regional ocean governance	Bernstein
	<b>Theme 3   Knowledge for ocean action</b>	
09:00 – 10:30	3.2.1 The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: Engaging marine regions	Jade 1
11:00 – 12:30	3.2.2 Enhancing the role of regions in global ocean assessments	Opal 1
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	Foyer / session rooms
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> <b>The Ocean Realm</b>   Open space for networking and exchange, with exhibitions and Meet & Greet Space	Restaurant Delight Foyer, ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
13:30 – 15:30	<b>Closing Plenary   Accelerating progress, creating new pathways</b>	Saphir 1
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Young Ocean Professionals</b>   Daily debriefing	Opal 1
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Farewell coffee</b>	Foyer
18:00 – 19:30	<b>Berlin am Meer / Berlin by the sea</b>   Futurium, Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin Associated public event with intervention, dialogue and film <i>(participation optional)</i>	

### 3 VENUE INFORMATION

#### 3.1 CONFERENCE AND EVENING RECEPTION

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#### 3.2 CONFERENCE DINNER

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## 4 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### 4.1 PLENARIES

#### Welcome and Opening Plenary | Achieving healthy oceans – Challenges and opportunities

We stand at a critical juncture: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its related goal for the ocean (SDG 14) have charted a way for restoring ocean health. But the climate crisis, acidification, marine pollution and overfishing continue to damage our planet's main support system in an unprecedented manner. Effective ocean governance is key to conserving the marine environment, protecting biodiversity and securing livelihoods for coastal communities. Marine regions collectively represent a tremendous wealth of solutions and momentum that must be used to achieve our common goal: to protect our ocean.

The Opening Plenary will highlight priority issues that need to be addressed to restore ocean health. It will emphasise opportunities to accelerate transformative change and demonstrate how marine regions can enable cooperation and coordination across territorial and sectoral boundaries.

This message of the Marine Regions Forum 2019 will be conveyed by an inspiring group of speakers.

**Moderator**      **Alexander Müller**, Managing Director, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability

**Plenary speakers and panellists**

- **Klaus Töpfer**, Founding Director, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability
- **Jochen Flasbarth**, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- **Karmenu Vella**, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (video message)
- **Inger Andersen**, Executive Director, UN Environment
- **Antje Boetius**, Director, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar und Marine Research
- **David Obura**, Director, Coastal Oceans Research and Development - Indian Ocean (CORDIO) East Africa
- **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Date**              Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time**              10:00 - 12:00

**Plenary | Ocean Governance post-2020 - The role of marine regions**

Existing ocean governance frameworks have failed to respond adequately to the impacts from human activities, and the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports suggest that compounding effects from climate change will further worsen the situation. A range of important regional and global processes provide an opportunity to future-proof ocean governance systems in the coming years, including: the negotiations for an agreement on high seas biodiversity; COP25, the climate “Blue COP”; the 2020 UN Ocean Conference; the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and the upcoming UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

This plenary session will deepen the debate and ask pressing questions: How can we achieve a robust integrated governance framework for ocean sustainability? How can we prepare ocean governance for changing ecosystems and raising ocean temperatures? How can marine regions help to facilitate collaborative approaches in ocean governance across sectors and scales?

The keynote address by Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC will, highlight key messages from the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in Changing Climate. A video message by Peter Thomson, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, will reflect on progress in achieving SDG 14 and necessary steps towards the 2020 UN Ocean conference. And a panel of distinguished experts will highlight new ideas, approaches, and priorities for ocean governance post-2020 and demonstrate how regional cooperation can catalyse strong action. The second part of the session will also serve to deliver core messages from dialogue sessions to plenary via call-ins of theme rapporteurs from the floor.

**Moderator**      **Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

- Plenary speakers and panellists**
- **Hans-Otto Pörtner**, Co-Chair of Working Group II of the IPCC, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar und Marine Research
  - **Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean (video message)
  - **Waldemar Coutts**, Ambassador of Chile to Norway and Iceland
  - **David Johnson**, Coordinator of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI), Seascope Consultants
  - **Charlotte Karibuhoye**, Director, West Africa, MAVA Foundation
  - **Andreas Papaconstantinou**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Head of Unit Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Arctic Policy
  - **Kristina Gjerde**, Senior High Seas Advisor, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Marine and Polar Programme

**Date**              Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time**              15:00 - 17:00

Closing Plenary | Accelerating progress, creating new pathways

The degradation of the marine environment has so far outpaced the development of ocean governance frameworks. Ambition is high, but the international community must now identify concrete steps to develop coherent regional and international governance frameworks for achieving ocean sustainability. With many of the drivers of ocean degradation beyond the purview of marine management institutions, achieving SDG 14 will require not only greater integration within ocean governance but also in relation to other sustainability policies and frameworks.

The keynote statement on priorities for future ocean governance will be delivered by Svenja Schulze, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. A panel of high level experts will share their views on what an ambitious agenda for ocean governance would look like and discuss next steps. The outcome document of the Marine Regions Forum will also be presented by the conference organizers.

**Moderators**      **Alexander Müller**, Managing Director, TMG – Think Tank for Sustainability  
**Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

- Plenary speakers and panellists**
- **Svenja Schulze**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
  - **Hon. Bernhard Martin Esau**, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia
  - **Jens Frølich Holte**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
  - **Maria Damanaki**, Global Managing Director Oceans, The Nature Conservancy
  - **Árni Mathiesen**, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Food and Agriculture Organization
  - **Angélique Pouponneau**, Chief Executive Officer, Seychelles' Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust
  - **Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Director-General, Global Issues, Federal Ministry for Development and Economic Cooperation, Germany

**Date**                      Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time**                      13:30 – 15:30

## 4.2 DIALOGUE SESSIONS

Under the headline theme “Achieving a healthy ocean – Regional ocean governance beyond 2020”, the Marine Regions Forum 2019 will concentrate on three major themes and selected sub-topics that are at the heart of current international and regional ocean governance processes:

- Theme 1: Achieving SDG 14
- Theme 2: Underpinning global processes
- Theme 3: Knowledge for ocean action

### Theme 1 | Achieving SDG 14

Acknowledging the central importance of a healthy ocean, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets clear targets for tackling the pressing issues facing the marine environment. While responsibility for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) lies with the member States of the United Nations, meeting the ocean goal SDG 14 will require integrated and ecosystem-based governance approaches that reflect the interconnected nature of marine ecosystems and address the cumulative impacts of human activities. There is therefore a strong impetus for governments and stakeholders to collaborate across sectors and boundaries.

Theme 1 focusses on how marine regions can effectively collaborate to meet these ambitious global goals. In addition to addressing concrete regional issues such as the fight against plastic pollution and the development of sustainable coastal and marine tourism, this theme will discuss solution-oriented models for enhancing regional collaboration and accelerating progress in delivering the ocean SDG.

#### Topic 1.1 Beyond the garbage patch: Achieving SDG 14.1

More than 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into the ocean each year. Multiple initiatives are urging States to combat marine litter, but only a few countries currently have specific legislation e.g. for the control of plastic production, minimisation of wastes, or setting of recycling targets. Barriers to improved governance include: a lack of coordination among the various framework; lack of implementation and enforcement of regional agreements; and an absence of integrated waste management involving all stakeholders, including the private sector. There is therefore a need to significantly enhance cross-sectoral and intergovernmental collaboration in order to tackle the marine litter issue at regional and global scales.

Topic 1.1 looks at the regional challenges for implementation of SDG 14.1 towards preventing and significantly reducing marine litter. Looking at practical examples from various regions, the objective is to highlight pathways to improve cross-sectoral cooperation at the regional level through sharing of best practices and to foster greater collaboration and coordination through partnerships.

#### Sessions

1.1.1 Putting plans into action: Implementing regional marine litter action plans

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Significantly reducing marine litter by 2025, as envisaged by target SDG 14.1, requires a concerted and coordinated effort. Current governance strategies provide a fragmented approach and Regional Action Plans face a range of barriers to successful implementation, including: a lack of coordination among the various frameworks, instruments and platforms dealing with marine litter; lack of implementation and enforcement of regional agreements; and weak involvement of the private sector. The objective of this session is to understand regional challenges and achievements in implementing marine litter action plans through the sharing of lessons learnt.

**Date** Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time** 14:00 - 17:30

**Session hosts**

- Lilian Busse, German Environment Agency
- Christopher Corbin, UN Environment - Caribbean Environment Programme
- Judith Neumann, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Laura Weiand, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Pedro Sepúlveda, OSPAR Commission
- Marta Ruiz, Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission HELCOM
- Jerker Tamelander, UN Environment - Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)
- Gaetano Leone, UN Environment - Barcelona Convention Secretariat

### Topic 1.2 Strengthening regional frameworks for SDG 14 implementation

The holistic nature of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs requires integrated approaches to implementation. However, one of the most pervasive challenges in ocean governance remains the fragmented nature of its institutional and legal frameworks. Regional agreements and institutions are well-placed to provide the coordination and cooperation needed to achieve SDG 14 and other ocean-related goals in the light of this universal global agenda, and of the challenges ahead. To meet these expectations and to facilitate synergistic implementation of ocean-related SDGs, the development of integrated regional ocean governance mechanisms is needed.

Under this topic, the objective is to provide an opportunity for exchange on innovative practices and lessons learned from regional approaches. Different regional models will be explored that facilitate greater integration and help taking into account synergies or trade-offs with interlinked SDGs. Ways forward and possible barriers for regional coordination as well as the scaling-up and acceleration of innovative practices or models will be discussed in order to deliver practical recommendations.

<b>Sessions</b>	1.2.1 Creating synergies: Enhancing regional cooperation for ocean-related SDGs 1.2.2 Delivering the ocean SDG: Accelerating progress 1.2.3 Advancing implementation of the ocean SDG through ecosystem-based management
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### 1.2.1 Creating synergies: Enhancing regional cooperation for ocean-related SDGs

One of the most pervasive challenges in implementing SDG 14 and interrelated SDGs is the fragmentation of ocean governance. Based on lessons learned from innovative practices from across the world, this session will explore approaches that can help to bridge the sectoral divides in managing human uses of the ocean and facilitate greater integration. Different regional models will be discussed that take into account synergies or trade-offs between SDG 14 and interrelated SDGs. This session will also consider ways for promoting regionally coordinated implementation in the period post-2020 and discuss options for raising the profile of regional approaches as part of the 2020 UN Ocean Conference.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 9:00-13:00

**Session hosts**

- David Obura, Coastal Oceans Research and Development - Indian Ocean (CORDIO) East Africa
- Jacob Hagberg, Ministry of the Environment and Energy, Sweden
- Sebastian Unger, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

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- Mike Burgass, IIED & Biodiversify
- Yoshinobu Takei, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- Dixon Waruinge, UN Environment - Nairobi Convention Secretariat
- Maria Laamanen, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- Christopher Corbin, UN Environment - Caribbean Environment Programme and Cartagena Convention Secretariat
- Stuart Chape, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

### 1.2.2 Delivering the Ocean SDG: Accelerating progress

It is clear that the SDG 14 targets cannot be met under current governance frameworks, which are based on single-sector management of different activities. Addressing interlinkages between goals and targets will be critical. Building on lessons learned from regional experiences discussed in Session 1.2.1, participants will explore options for expediting integrated implementation of SDG 14 and other ocean-related goals. Different proposals for accelerating progress and creating synergies between SDGs will be introduced and discussed in terms of regional implementation and scalability.

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 09:00-12:30

**Session hosts**

- Manuel Castillo, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Karina Barquet, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Sebastian Unger, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

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- Manuel Castillo, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Stefanie Schmidt, European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Karina Barquet, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Jeremy Hills, University of the South Pacific

### 1.2.3 Advancing implementation of the ocean SDG through ecosystem-based management

Ecosystem-based management (EBM) is an integrated, cross-sectoral and transboundary approach that considers trade-offs in resource uses and helps protect diverse and productive ecosystems. Informed by science, it incorporates the entire ecosystem into decision-making and includes the private sector, non-governmental organizations and multilateral institutions. The transboundary approach is unique in bringing together countries to identify threats, problems and issues through a structured, common fact-finding and process dialogue. Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) initiatives and other regional frameworks facilitate EBM through development of regional multi-stakeholder partnerships. This session will present lessons learned from a number of regional initiatives and discuss how to accelerate implementation of SDG 14.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 11:15 – 13:00

**Session hosts**

- Ivica Trumbic, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)
- Glen Wright, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Ivica Trumbic, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)
- Julian Barbière, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)
- Sangjin Lee, Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem
- Thandiwe Gxaba, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, Namibia / Benguela Current Convention
- Andrew Hudson, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Gaetano Leone, UN Environment - Barcelona Convention Secretariat
- Vladimir Mamaev, United Nations Development Programme - Europe and Central Asia

#### Topic 1.3 Towards regional frameworks for sustainable tourism

Despite a slight dip following the 2008 financial crisis, the travel and tourism industry is again booming, with an average increase of 4% in the last few years - a trend that is expected to continue. A potential source of increased revenue and economic diversification, tourism is also a source of negative externalities, especially in coastal and marine areas, and is estimated to account for 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Further detrimental pressures include waste production, energy and resource consumption, and the construction of infrastructure – all contributing to land use change, biodiversity loss and alteration of fragile ecosystems. Even though efforts have been made to promote sustainable coastal and marine tourism, governance of this activity is still fragmented and lacking policy coherence, long-term thinking and regional integration. Making coastal and marine tourism more sustainable therefore will be of crucial importance for meeting SDG 14.

The objective of this topic is to assess the current challenges and identify ways for marine regions to better regulate coastal and marine tourism and mitigate related environmental impacts.

<b>Session</b>	1.3.1 Sun, sea, sand and sustainability? Tourism in marine regions
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### 1.3.1 Sun, sea, sand and sustainability? Tourism in marine regions

After quickly recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, the travel and tourism industry has seen strong growth that is projected to continue. A source of economic growth, tourism can however have negative externalities such as biodiversity loss, especially in coastal and marine areas. Despite a proliferation of initiatives to promote sustainable coastal and marine tourism, the governance of this activity is fragmented and lacks policy coherence, long-term thinking and regional integration. This session aims to assess challenges and identify ways for marine regions to better regulate coastal and marine tourism and mitigate related environmental impacts.

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 02 October 2019
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<b>Time</b>	09:00-12:30
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<b>Session hosts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jérémie Fosse, Eco Union</li> <li>• Anne-France Didier, Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France</li> <li>• Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)</li> </ul>
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<b>Speakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)</li> <li>• Jérémie Fosse, Eco Union</li> </ul>
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## Theme 2 | Underpinning global processes

The coming years will be critical for changing current trends in ocean decline. Whilst effective protection and good governance of the ocean cannot be achieved by States acting individually, global processes can be slow to spur real progress on the ground. In this regard, regional governance can be a strategic lever for the conservation and sustainable use at the scale of marine ecosystems, in many cases taking action “closer, further and faster” than institutions at the international or national level.

Theme 2 provides a space to exchange on governance practices and explore how regional approaches could underpin key global processes for ocean sustainability, e.g. the negotiations for a high seas treaty, the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and emerging issues such as deep sea mining.

### Topic 2.1 Areas beyond national jurisdiction: Linking global and regional governance

Negotiations are underway for a legally-binding agreement for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). At the same time some sectoral and regional organisations have adopted conservation measures for BBNJ, including marine protected areas (MPAs). However, these measures are limited in scope and only apply to member States of relevant sectoral or regional organisations. A key challenge for future high seas governance will be to ensure management and cooperation across the different sectors and governance levels. In addition, emerging activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction such as deep seabed mining have the potential to cause serious environmental harm and require coherent and coordinated governance.

The sessions under this topic take a closer look at regional approaches within the framework of a strong global BBNJ agreement, discuss technological tools and good practices for monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), identify multi-level governance options for a global network of MPAs in areas beyond national jurisdiction, and explore options to engage in the upcoming development of the International Seabed Authority's regional environmental management plans.

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| <b>Sessions</b> | 2.1.1 Areas beyond national jurisdiction: Towards a collaborative approach in ocean governance                   |
|                 | 2.1.2 Keeping an eye on the high seas: Strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)                  |
|                 | 2.1.3 Towards coherent and connected MPA networks: From challenges to possible solutions in high seas governance |
|                 | 2.1.4 Deep seabed mining in the Area: The role of regional ocean governance                                      |

### 2.1.1 Areas beyond national jurisdiction: Towards a collaborative approach in ocean governance

This session will create a dynamic setting to facilitate dialogue and exchange between stakeholders from multiple marine regions in order to identify existing good practices in conserving and sustainably using biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). It will discuss the contribution of existing regional instruments and develop concrete proposals for strengthening the role of regional approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ under a strong global agreement. This will include considerations to improve inter-institutional and inter-sectoral cooperation within the regions and at the interface between the regional and global governance levels.

**Date** Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time** 14:00 to 17:30

**Session hosts**

- Tim Packeiser, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) Germany
- Jessica Battle, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)
- Carole Durussel, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- Ben Boteler, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Kristina Gjerde, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Jessica Battle, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)

### 2.1.2 Keeping an eye on the high seas: Strengthening monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)

Effective monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) is critical for the success of marine conservation and management measures and is particularly challenging in ABNJ. This session, organised under the STRONG High Seas project, will provide a platform to exchange views with key science and policy actors on how to tackle challenges of MCS in these deep and distant waters, providing lessons learned from regional initiatives and highlighting linkages with the future global high seas agreement.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 09:00-10:45

**Session hosts**

- Klaudija Cremers, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Glen Wright, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Klaudija Cremers, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Glen Wright, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Bradley Soule, OceanMind
- Kristin von Kistowski, Fish-i-Africa

### 2.1.3 Towards coherent and connected MPA networks: From challenges to possible solutions in high seas governance

This session aims to identify feasible and effective multi-level governance options to establish a representative and ecologically coherent global network of well-connected and well-managed marine protected areas (MPAs) in areas beyond national jurisdiction. The session will take into account the state of the negotiations of the new legal instrument under the United Nations on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), and build on existing regional approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of BBNJ, as discussed in session 2.1.1.

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 09:00-12:30

**Session hosts**

- Jessica Battle, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)
- Tim Packeiser, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) Germany
- Carole Durussel, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- Ben Boteler, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Tim Packeiser, World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) Germany
- Carolina Hazin, BirdLife International
- Ben Boteler, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

### 2.1.4 Deep seabed mining in the Area: The role of regional ocean governance

This session's objective is to explore interests and perspectives of coastal States, regions and other stakeholders in relation to precautionary environmental measures, such as the design of regional environmental management plans (REMPs), in the development of the mining regime for the Area by the International Seabed Authority (ISA). In this context, the session will also seek to explore options for an integrated and participatory regional planning approach. The ISA is mandated to organise the use of mineral resources of the "Area" for the benefit of mankind whilst ensuring the protection of the marine environment from harmful impacts of such activities.

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 9:00 - 12:30

**Session hosts**

- Ingo Narberhaus, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Hans-Peter Damian, German Environment Agency
- Sabine Christiansen, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- Torsten Thiele, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Jihyun Lee, International Seabed Authority (ISA)
- Phil Weaver, Seascope Consultants
- Ekaterina Popova, National Oceanography Centre, UK
- Piers Dunstan, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

### Topic 2.2 Ocean and climate change

The ocean is a key component of the climate system. Its degradation has a direct impact on climate, which, in turn, impacts marine and coastal environments and human populations. Ocean governance frameworks must therefore evolve in light of the climate change threat. Synergies must now be created between the ocean and climate regulatory regimes at all scales, efforts must be redoubled and regional stakeholders should have a stronger voice in this process.

This topic will offer an opportunity for regional organisations and stakeholders to revisit ocean-based climate strategies and increase climate ambition, building on the recent IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate and preparing for the so-called "Blue COP" to be held in Chile in December 2019.

**Sessions**

- 2.2.1 Our ocean in crisis: Key findings from the IPCC special report
- 2.2.2 Preparing marine regions for fisheries on the move
- 2.2.3 Tackling climate problems with ocean solutions
- 2.2.4 The "Blue COP": Mobilising regional stakeholders

### 2.2.1 Our ocean in crisis: Key findings from the IPCC special report

At its 43rd Session held in 2016, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) decided to prepare a Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC). This report will be released in September 2019 and will not only provide an updated review of the relations between ocean and climate change, but also an assessment of policy responses and tools. In this context, this session will serve as an introduction to the session offered under Topic 2.2 by providing participants the key findings of the SCROCC.

**Date** Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time** 14:00 – 15:30

**Session hosts**

- William Cheung, University of British Columbia
- Jean-Pierre Gattuso, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Jean-Pierrra Gattuso, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Melanie Mcfield, Director of the Healthy Reefs for Healthy People Initiative (HRI)
- William Cheung, University of British Columbia
- Dorothee Herr, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

### 2.2.2 Preparing marine regions for fisheries on the move

Climate change is expected to affect fisheries by modifying the spatial distribution and abundance of exploited fish species. This will impact national economies of coastal and fishing States since quantity and quality of marine fish catch will be redistributed between nations' exclusive economic zones. This will also create new governance challenges that coastal and fishing States, individually and through regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs), will have to take up. This session aims to discuss policy and economic challenges created by fish stocks on the move, and to identify priority measures to be developed at the regional level.

**Date** Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time** 16:00 – 17:30

**Session hosts**

- William Cheung, University of British Columbia
- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- William Cheung, University of British Columbia
- Essam Yassin Mohammed, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
- Raphaël Billé, Pacific Community (SPC)

### 2.2.3 Tackling climate problems with ocean solutions

There is growing evidence on the role of the ocean in mitigating anthropogenic climate change, and the cascading consequences of climate change for the ocean in terms of chemistry and physics as well as ecosystems and their services. In this context, critical questions arise, such as: what are ocean-based opportunities for climate action, and to what extent can the ocean and its ecosystems reduce the causes and impacts of climate change? This session will look into the challenges of such ocean-based solutions, with a specific focus on nature-based solutions, and explore options for developing cooperative approaches at the level of marine regions.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 09:00 – 10:45

**Session hosts**

- Jean-Pierra Gattuso, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Dorothee Herr, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Dorothee Herr, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Jean-Pierra Gattuso, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Célia Macamo, Western Indian Ocean Mangrove Network, Mozambique
- Maria del Mar Otero, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Abou Bamba, UN Environment - Abidjan Convention Secretariat
- Raphaël Billé, Pacific Community (SPC)

### 2.2.4 The “Blue COP”: Mobilising regional stakeholders

The IPCC’s Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere, released in September, will deliver new information for decision-makers. In parallel to this scientific exercise, processes have been launched to better integrate the ocean in the climate discussions, especially in the view of COP25, the so-called “Blue COP” that will be held in Chile in December 2019. These processes such as the Because the Ocean initiative aim, among others, at supporting States in including marine components in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The objective of this session is to identify ways for regional organisations and stakeholders to contribute to these initiatives and prepare for the Blue COP.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 11:15 – 13:00

**Session hosts**

- Loreley Picourt, Ocean and Climate Platform
- Kristian Teleki, World Resources Institute, Sustainable Ocean Initiative
- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)
- Loreley Picourt, Ocean and Climate Platform
- Waldemar Coutts, Ambassador of Chile to Norway and Iceland
- Joanna Post, UNFCCC Secretariat
- Kristian Teleki, World Resources Institute, Sustainable Ocean Initiative
- Théophile Bongarts, Ocean and Climate Platform
- Raphaël Billé, Pacific Community (SPC)
- Dorothee Herr, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

### Theme 3 | Knowledge for ocean action

Informed decision-making is a prerequisite for tackling the complex threats to the ocean. In that context, target SDG 14.a calls for an increase of scientific knowledge and the development of research capacities. There is a clear need to bridge gaps between science, policy and society to ensure that decisions and strategies are based on best available knowledge and reliable data. A growing number of promising initiatives address this need by fostering a more dynamic science-policy-society interface, ranging from formal to informal interactions, and the integration of different types of knowledge and knowledge holders.

Theme 3 will offer an exchange on how to generate policy-relevant scientific information and knowledge in collaboration with various actors. Sessions will analyse existing regional collaborations between science organisations and decision-making bodies, consider the challenges of integrating different types of knowledge, and explore the potential of ongoing global science processes and

assessments, such as the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and the World Ocean Assessment. Furthermore, an artistic intervention presented during the Marine Region Forum's evening reception and a special panel session will explore the relationship between the ocean and the public, and the role of arts in building ocean literacy and stewardship with the next generation.

### Topic 3.1 Stronger together: Enhancing regional science-policy-society practices

Sound science is crucial for robust decision making. Enhanced science-policy interfaces and new modes of knowledge integration are needed to translate knowledge into policy-relevant advice and, conversely, to translate policy needs into relevant research questions. Development of such interfaces is uneven across different regions and integration of important traditional, indigenous and local knowledge is often limited.

The objective of this topic is to explore how the science-policy-society interface is currently organized and reflect on how suitable structures for enhanced exchange can be developed at the regional level. Sharing varied experiences from different marine regions, practical guidance will be developed for the advancement of good practices and the integration of different types of knowledge.

<b>Sessions</b>	3.1.1 Building regional science-policy interfaces: Good practices, lessons learned and ways forward
	3.1.2 Inclusive ocean governance: Weaving science with traditional ecological knowledge

### 3.1.1 Building regional science-policy interfaces: Good practices, lessons learned and ways forward

Connecting science and policy is a major concern for achieving sustainable development. Target SDG 14.a, calling for an increase in scientific knowledge and the development of research capacity, recognizes the significance of data and information for effective ocean governance. While the importance of establishing science-policy interfaces is widely recognized, they are scarce or not well developed in many regions. The objective of this session is to introduce and reflect upon the mechanisms behind existing regional science-policy interfaces. Lessons learnt will be presented from the Northeast Atlantic and Western Indian Ocean, and group exercises will provide opportunities to discuss challenges, chances and solutions for different marine regions.

**Date** Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time** 14:00-17:30

**Session hosts**

- Jörn Schmidt, Kiel University
- Janina Lobmüller, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Henri Döring, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Nicole Wienrich, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
- Barbara Neumann, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Alice Vadrot, University of Vienna
- Anne Christine Brusendorff, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- Jacob Hagberg, Ministry of the Environment and Energy, Sweden
- Julius Francis, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)
- Dixon Waruinge, UN Environment - Nairobi Convention Secretariat
- Henri Döring, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

### 3.1.2 Inclusive ocean governance: Weaving science with traditional ecological knowledge

The role of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) is increasingly recognized as important component of conservation and governance processes. Especially where gaps in scientific data exist, TEK can be a critical source of basic environmental and socio-economic data. However, there is still limited engagement with indigenous and local knowledge systems. Robust and appropriate inclusion of TEK into science-policy practices as well as greater understanding of the challenges is required also in the context of ocean governance. The aim of this session is to advance our understanding of the state of TEK involvement in science-policy processes and to identify ways to support the integration of TEK in ocean governance.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 09:00 – 13:00

**Session hosts**

- Sebastian Ferse, Future Earth Coasts
- Elle Meret Omma, Saami Council
- Laura Weiland, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Elle Meret Omma, Saami Council
- Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)

### Topic 3.2 Strengthening global science-policy processes to support regional ocean governance

Ambitious global science processes are putting ocean science high on the international agenda. The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) aims to catalyse international science cooperation and capacity development, while the second cycle of the UN Regular Process (2016-2020) is set to deliver a comprehensive assessment of the state of the marine environment. Such efforts could revolutionise the available knowledge base, providing the data, technology and cooperation needed for informed decision making and good governance.

This topic will therefore explore the current state-of-play of these initiatives, identify possible contributions for regional actors, and consider how such processes can best support the work of regional institutions.

**Sessions**

- 3.2.1 The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: Engaging marine regions
- 3.2.2 Enhancing the role of regions in global ocean assessments

### 3.2.1 The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: Engaging marine regions

The United Nations have proclaimed a Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and gather ocean stakeholders behind a common framework so that ocean science can fully support countries in the quest for sustainable development of the ocean. The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) is coordinating the preparatory process, inviting the global ocean community to plan for the next ten years in ocean science and technology. This session will contribute to the ongoing planning and consultation for the Decade, providing a status update and discussing how best to engage regional actors and processes.

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 09:00-10:30

**Session hosts**

- Julian Barbière, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO)
- Glen Wright, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

**Speakers**

- Julian Barbière, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO)
- Martin Visbeck, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
- Anne Parge, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- Robert Glazer, Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
- Joanna Post, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat
- Gaetano Leone, UN Environment - Barcelona Convention Secretariat
- Ibukun Jacob Adewumi, National University of Ireland Galway

### 3.2.2 Enhancing the role of regions in global ocean assessments

Ocean governance requires science and appropriate knowledge, and especially at the regional level there is a need for better provisioning of data and integration of knowledge in decision-making. A range of global scientific processes and assessments are ongoing or under development, and there is a window of opportunity for enhancing the role of regional ocean governance. This session seeks to explore the role of regional actors in global ocean assessments and develop potential solutions to key stumbling blocks, e.g. differences in capacity, unequal participation in agenda setting, and access to technology.

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 11:00 – 12:30

**Session hosts**

- Sebastian Ferse, Future Earth Coasts
- Glen Wright, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDR)

**Speakers**

- Sebastian Ferse, Future Earth Coasts
- Ana Tejedor, European Environment Agency
- William Cheung, University of British Columbia
- Val Cummins, Future Earth Coasts
- Kyle Fawkes, Future Earth Coasts

### Topic 3.3 Engaging with the next generation: Arts for ocean literacy and stewardship

Tackling the ocean issues alone through public action and governance will not be sufficient. There is an urgent need to raise awareness of the ocean’s issues and of the close linkages that exist between humans and the ocean. Even when living far away from the sea, shifting the narratives surrounding the ocean is needed more than ever. Enhancing ocean literacy with the public has thus become an important aspect of ocean actions taken by state and non-state actors, at all scales.

This topic will build on the WE ARE OCEAN project, an interdisciplinary art project which brings together artists, school students and teachers, ocean experts and policy makers, art collectors and curators in order to raise awareness and engage in dialogue about the state of the ocean and the role humans play in its current and future state. Through artistic intervention with the Marine Regions Forum’s participants during the evening reception and in an open panel discussion, school students together with artists and ocean experts will explore how arts can help to mobilize the public for ocean action.

**Session** 3.3.1 WE ARE OCEAN: Can the arts mobilise youth for ocean conservation?

### 3.3.1 WE ARE OCEAN: Can the arts mobilize youth for ocean conservation?

This interdisciplinary panel will discuss, together with the audience, if and how arts can help to build interest and understanding of ocean issues and the interdependence of ocean and humans with the public and particularly the young generation. The panel will raise the question if transdisciplinary artistic projects like the WE ARE OCEAN project allow for building of a substantive consciousness, and by that contribute to positive change through knowledge creation and participatory artistic activities. The panel will include young representatives of workshops offered by ARTPORT\_making waves in August/September 2019 in the context of WE ARE OCEAN project in Berlin/Brandenburg, giving insights into what they learned and how they will implement this newly gained knowledge.

**Date** Tuesday, 01 October 2019

**Time** 11:15-12:45

**Session hosts**

- Anne-Marie Melster, ARTPORT\_making waves
- M. R., Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

**Speakers**

- Markus Reymann, TBA21-Academy
- Antje Boetius, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar und Marine Research
- Thierry Pérez, Labex-OT-Med/ Institut Pythéas, Marseille
- Michelle-Marie Letelier, artist, Chile/Germany
- Lisa Rave, artist, Germany
- Jay Pauls, Barbara-Zürner-Oberschule Velten, Brandenburg
- Annie Dobschanski, Barbara-Zürner-Oberschule Velten, Brandenburg

## 4.3 SOCIAL EVENTS

**Evening reception**
**Programme**
**Welcome**

- Welcome by the organisers
- Welcome note by Patrizia Nanz, Scientific Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

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**WE ARE OCEAN\_making waves. A floating conversation on ocean awareness and action**

In an interactive intervention, school students together with the artist Lisa Rave will present results from artistic workshops and, together with Julia Moritz and Anne-Marie Melster from Artport\_making waves, create a situation of direct exchange with the participants and guests of the Marine Regions Forum on the interdependence of humans and the ocean.

This activity is part of the WE ARE OCEAN project which is facilitated by ARTPORT\_making waves and the IASS. It aims to show how artistic projects can help to bring together different groups in society in order to create interest in complex issues, enrich knowledge, and foster behavioural change on the case of the ocean.

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**Informal get-together** – light food and drinks will be served

**Date**

Monday, 30 September 2019

**Time**

18:30-21:00

**Location**

Vienna House Andel's Berlin, main lobby

Conference dinner	
<b>Programme</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by the organisers</li> <li>• Welcome note by Maria Krautzberger, President of the German Environment Agency</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Buffet dinner</b> with opportunities for socializing and networking.</p> <p>The Eatside restaurant is located in a refurbished former cold-storage warehouse, right at the river Spree and next to famous Berlin must-sees East Side Gallery, Oberbaum Bridge and the sculpture “Molecule Man”.</p>
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 01 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	<p>18:30 Bus transfer from Vienna House Andel’s Berlin to conference dinner (busses leave outside the main lobby at the east entrance)</p> <p>18:30 – 19:00 Arrival of guests</p> <p>19:00 - 22:00 Conference dinner</p> <p>22:00 Bus transfer back to Vienna House Andel’s Berlin</p>
<b>Location</b>	<p>Eatside im Universal-Haus, Stralauer Allee 1, 10245 Berlin</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.eat-side.de/">http://www.eat-side.de/</a></p> <p>Google maps: <a href="#">click here</a></p>

4.4 THE OCEAN REALM – EXHIBITIONS AND SIDE EVENTS

**Graphic recording - Leave your mark**

This is a space where you can actively engage and leave your mark. Our graphic artist will record the plenaries and selected sessions. All participants are invited to add their thoughts to the graphic recordings and make this an interactive discussion depicting the wealth of perspectives and expertise present at the conference.

The graphic recordings will be displayed in the Foyer.

<b>Host</b>	Sabine Söder
<b>Date</b>	30 September – 02 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	During lunch, coffee and afternoon breaks
<b>Location</b>	Foyer on ground floor

**Meet & Greet Space**

The Meet & Greet Space offers participants the opportunity to meet and discuss potential ideas, partnerships, burning questions, or simply network. Participants are welcome to make use of the Attendify conference app to connect digitally with colleagues and arrange a meeting.

An array of brochures and leaflets that have been brought along by fellow participants will also be displayed in this area.

<b>Date</b>	30 September – 02 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	continuous
<b>Location</b>	Foyer on first floor

### MSP Challenge board game

The MSP Challenge board game was developed in 2015 by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management in the Netherlands and Signature Games. Over the past years, the board game evolved and changed according to the needs of the institutions using it. The MSP Challenge board game is a highly transferable tool which can be applied anywhere around the world. While the sea space of the board is fictive, it does not create limitations for using it.

On Tuesday, 01 October 2019 at 14:00-15:00, Malena Ripken and Xander Keijser will offer a simulation of the MSP Challenge board game for interested participants.

Hosts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xander Keijser, Rijkswaterstaat, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Water Management, Netherlands</li> <li>• Malena Ripken, University of Oldenburg, Germany</li> </ul>
Date	30 September – 02 October 2019
Time	<p>30 September – 02 October 2019: Introduction to the board game during lunch and afternoon breaks by Xander Keijser and Malena Ripken</p> <p>01 October 2019, 14:00-15:00: Simulation of the MSP Challenge board game by Xander Keijser and Malena Ripken</p>
Location	Foyer on first floor

### VR corner - Take a virtual plunge into the ocean

We invite you to immerse yourself in the 360 degree stories and documentaries on the ocean and the life that it sustains.

- Arctic 360 (The Guardian VR Films)
- Baltic Sea Life (NABU)
- Camilla Plastic Ocean Plan (AWI; Filmuniversität Babelsberg; !KF)
- Out of the Blue (VR for Good; Pelagic Life and Reelfx)
- Sea Prayer (UNHCR; Google; Guardian VR Films)
- Valen’s Reef (Conservation International)
- • 3D Virtual Reef (Leibniz-ZMT)

<b>Date</b>	30 September – 02 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	During lunch, coffee and afternoon breaks
<b>Location</b>	Foyer on first floor

**Photo exhibition - Tropic Ice\_Dialog between places affected by climate change**

Barbara Dombrowski is a renowned German photographer and artist. For her project “Tropic Ice\_Dialog between places affected by climate change” she visited and portrayed communities in East Greenland, the Amazon basin, the Gobi Desert, the Republic of Tanzania and in Kiribati, Oceania. Not only do these communities represent all continents, they also emblematised other criteria such as climate zones and tipping points. By showcasing sensitive portraits of indigenous and other people within their natural environment, she aims to make the direct impacts of our behaviour towards nature and people more tangible.

In the context of the Marine Regions Forum, Barbara Dombrowski is showing her pictures from two marine regions representing two rather different extreme climate zones, bringing the two into dialogue: Greenland and Kiribati.

<b>Host</b>	Barbara Dombrowski Web: <a href="https://www.barbaradombrowski.com/">https://www.barbaradombrowski.com/</a>
<b>Date</b>	30 September – 02 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	Continuous 30 September, 12:30-12:45: Introduction to the photo exhibition Tropic Ice_Dialog between Places Affected by Climate Change by Barbara Dombrowski
<b>Location</b>	Foyer on ground floor and first floor

**Young Ocean Professionals | Daily debriefing**

We invite all young ocean professionals attending the Marine Regions Forum to gather for a daily debriefing in the afternoon/evening. During the debriefing, you will be able to jointly reflect upon the daily discussions at the conference with a view to enriching the plenary discussions on the last day with your ideas and experiences.

<b>Hosts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Wienrich, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</li> <li>• Klaudija Cremers, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)</li> <li>• Glen Wright, , Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)</li> </ul>
<b>Date</b>	30 September 2019 - 02 October 2019
<b>Time</b>	30 September 2019, 17:30 – 18:00 01 October 2019, 17:00-17:30 2 October 2019, 15:30 – 16:00
<b>Location</b>	Opal / Opal 1

**5 PUBLIC EVENT**

Intervention, dialogue and film

**Berlin am Meer / Berlin by the sea**

What is it that occupies school students when they think about climate change? And while living in Berlin, how can we protect our ocean which spans the globe and plays a central role in the Earth's climate system? School students from Berlin present an interactive intervention, staged by the Berlin artist Lisa Rave and ARTPORT\_making waves and developed during artistic workshops at their school. In a fishbowl dialogue, they will then address their questions to experts from science, art and politics. All (young) visitors to the event are invited to participate with questions.

The discussants of the evening are:

- School students from the school at Berlinickeplatz in Berlin
- Antje Boetius, Director at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research
- Lukas Köhler, Member of the German Bundestag
- Markus Reymann, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary
- Sebastian Unger, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)

This is an associated public event and participation is optional.

Event languages: German and English (with simultaneous translation)

**Hosts** Anne-Marie Melster, ARTPORT\_making waves  
 Web: <https://artport-project.org/we-are-ocean/>

**Date** Wednesday, 02 October 2019

**Time** 18:00 – 19:30

**Venue** Futurium, Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin  
 Web: <https://futurium.de/>  
 Google maps: [click here](#)

This event is part of the project WE ARE OCEAN / WIR SIND MEER BERLIN and hosted by the Futurium together with ARTPORT\_making waves and the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS). The event is kindly supported by STADT UND LAND Wohnbauten Gesellschaft mbH, the Stiftung Berliner Sparkassen and the Fonds Soziokultur.

6 PRESS AND NEWS

News and conference reports

The Marine regions Forum will be covered by **IISD Reporting Services** through daily reports and a final conference report.

**News from the conference** will further be shared by the Marine Regions Forum hosts through the Attendify conference app.

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