



Secretariat matters

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Staffing changes

In December 2020, General Office Administrator, Maree Cowen, retired after 10 years of service. Many of you who attended meetings here in Hobart would remember her as the first face you see when entering the building, always ready with welcoming words. Dr Elanor Miller also resigned in December from the role of Data Steward.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Maree and Elanor for their contributions to the Secretariat and CCAMLR and wish them well for their future endeavours.

The following appointments have been made to General Services staff:

- Mrs Kerry Whelan, Administrative Services Officer
- Mr Thomas Williams, Database Administrator/Technical Analyst
- Mr Robert Weidinger, IT Assistant (part-time).

External advisors assisted with the appointments. We welcome Kerry, Thomas and Robert as they take up their new roles.

12th Monaco Blue Initiative meeting

The Executive Secretary has been invited to attend the online meeting of the 12th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative. The agenda is attached. The Chair of the Commission has agreed that the Executive Secretary should attend.

Sincerely,

Dr David Agnew
Executive Secretary

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Monaco Blue Initiative – 12th Edition

22nd March 2021 - Hybrid (Face to face/digital)

Provisional Program

Monaco time (UTC+2)

Session # 1

10:00-11:30 ***“The role of international negotiations for better ocean governance”***

Welcome address by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

Keynote speech: **TBC**

Panel discussion

This session aims at reviewing the high-level international negotiations and frameworks where the future of the Ocean is being discussed (BBNJ, IUCN, CBD, COP26, UN DECADES, etc) and reflecting on how to create synergies between these processes to increase their effectiveness.

Moderator: **Dr Sébastien Treyer**, Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations.

Panelists: **Ms Sophie Mirgaux**, Special Envoy for the Ocean, Belgium; **Mr Bruno Oberle**, Director general IUCN; **Ms Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity; **Dr Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Assistant DG of UNESCO (UN Decades of Ocean Sciences for sustainable development); **Ms Inger La Cour Andersen**, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Decade on ecosystem restoration); **Ms Harriet Harden-Davis**, Edinburgh Ocean Leader, Ocean Nexus Fellow at University of Wollongong.

Dialogue with participants

Brief summary of discussions (moderator)

Closing words from organizers

Session # 2

14:00 – 15:30 ***“How to integrate Ocean issues and SDGs (in particular SDG14) into companies’ Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy?”***

Keynote speech: **TBC**

Panel discussion

This session will allow to share the experience and feedback of companies involved in the blue economy.

Moderator: **Dr Ricardo Serrão Santos**, Minister of the Sea, Portugal

Panelists: **Mr Mads Nipper**, Group President and Chief Executive Officer Ørsted; **Ms Daniela Fernandez**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Ocean Alliance; **Mr Clément Ray**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Innovafeed; **Mr Adrian Portafaix**, Partner & Associate Director, Sustainability - Boston Consulting Group; **Mr Bruno Monteferri**, Edinburgh Ocean Leader, Executive Director, Conservamos por Naturaleza & Director of Marine Governance, Peruvian Society for Environmental Law.

Dialogue with participants

Brief summary of discussions (moderator)

Closing words from organizers

Session # 3

16:00 – 17:30 ***“From blue economy to blue finance: what role does the financial sector need to play in managing risks related to biodiversity loss and financing the sustainable blue economy?”***

Keynote speech: TBC

Panel discussion

This conversation will provide an opportunity for financial actors to express their views on how to direct capital flows towards a true, efficient and transparent blue economy, particularly in the context of the economic recovery linked to COVID-19.

Moderator: **Ms Sylvie Goulard**, Second Deputy Governor of the Banque de France

Panelists: **Mr David Meyers**, Chief Executive, The Conservation Finance Alliance; **Mr Klaas de Vos**, Edinburgh Ocean Leader, Independent Consultant at Ocean Fox Advisory; **Mr Chip Cunliffe**, Director of Sustainable Development, AXA XL; **Mr Antoine Sire**, Head of Company Engagement & Member of the Executive Committee, Group BNP Paribas; **Mr James Edward Staley**, Chief Executive Officer, Barclay Bank Limited; **Ms Kathy Baughman McLeod**, Senior Vice President and Director, the Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center at the Atlantic Council.

16:54-17:24 *Dialogue with participants*

17:24-17:27 *Brief summary of discussions (moderator)*

17:27-17:30 *Closing words from organizers*