Marine Protected Areas: SDG Catalysts?

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Date: Wednesday, 7th June

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Conference A in the First Basement of the Conference Building in UN HQ
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SPEAKERS:

Welcome
Didier Dogley, Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Government of Seychelles

Co-Chairs:
Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, GEF Secretariat
Adriana Dinu, Executive Coordinator, UNDP Global Environmental Finance

Panelists:

MPAs – Catalyst for SDGs? Midori Paxton, Head of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, UNDP

MPAs and Marine Spatial Planning – Building a Blue Economy: Alain de Commarmond, Principal Secretary for Environment, Government of Seychelles

The Maldives – The World’s Largest Biosphere Reserve: Dr. Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister for Environment and Energy, The Maldives (tbc)

Managing Our Ocean Resources to Achieve the SDGs: Captain Francisco Arias, INVEMAR – Marine Research Institute, Colombia

Reconnecting Communities with the Ocean from a Cultural and Gender Perspective through MPAs: Yoshitaka Ota, Policy Director, Nippon Foundation Nereus Program, University of British Columbia

Investing in MPAs to Secure Long-term Sustainability of the Ocean – The WCS Marine Protected Areas Fund: Cristián Samper, President and CEO, Wildlife Conservation Society

MPAs – Are They Worth It? Katia Karousakis, Economist and Biodiversity Team Leader, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development