Locally-driven initiatives from communities and local governments around the world have shown to be effective models at delivering results for SDG14. Good practices from rural and urban areas focused on restoring, conserving, and sustainably managing coastal and marine resources are helping build stronger and more resilient communities, while reducing disaster risk and preserving biodiversity. Most successful local initiatives are tailored to local needs; yet establishing methods for knowledge transfer, and enabling policy processes via multi-stakeholder collaboration can help foster the replication, acceleration and scaling-up of local good practices. The dynamic panel discussion will focus on catalysts and drivers for the replication, acceleration and scaling-up of local marine and coastal practices and their contribution to SDG14 and the 2030 Development Agenda, in synergy with the opportunities through Paris Climate Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

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Community Perspectives
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Q&A

Closing remarks
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Fijian Government as the Incoming COP23 Presidency (tbc)
Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN (tbc)