

ACHIEVING SDGs: PROTECT, RESTORE & MANAGE MARINE COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

Monday 5 June, 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm – Conference Room B

Sustainable fishing and marine protected areas are critical components to ensure a steady food supply, the preservation of marine biodiversity, and a key source of livelihoods for local communities and indigenous peoples around the world. Yet, marine and coastal habitats are consistently under threat from pollution and invasive species, destructive fishing practices, destruction of habitats, ocean warming, acidification, and large scale infrastructure projects that can severely affect the delicate marine ecosystems. The interactive session will explore how communities are responding to the above-mentioned challenges to safeguard their marine resources and livelihoods.

MODERATOR

Jamison Ervin, Manager, Nature for Development Global Programme, UNDP.

SPEAKERS

Nik Sekhran, Director, Sustainable Development, UNDP.

José Inés Loria Palma, San Crisanto Foundation, México.

Aulani Wilhelm, Senior Vice President for the Center for Oceans, Conservation International.

Maria Rain, Indigenous Community of Manquemapu, Chile.

Matthias Krause, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Fatou Sarr, Local Federation of GIE of Niodior (FELOGIE), Senegal.

POWER OF LOCAL ACTION: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Wednesday 7 June, 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm - Conference Room A

Seafood provides a crucial source of nutrition for millions of people as well as generating livelihoods for fishers and fish farmers around the world. Demand for fish globally is growing rapidly as the global population expands, placing an ever-greater demand on the aquatic environment that supports the production of fish and shellfish. Yet, there are ways to fish sustainably, allowing us to enjoy seafood while ensuring that fish and shellfish populations remain for the future. The dynamic side-event session will explore solutions from local communities and indigenous peoples promoting sustainable fishing practices and marine conservation, while reducing poverty, securing food sources, and strengthening their livelihoods to achieve the 2030 agenda.

MODERATOR

Gerald Miles, Vice president, Global Development RARE.

SPEAKERS

Eva Gurria, Equator Initiative, UNDP.

Jeannette Naranjo Gonzalez, Coope Tárcoles, Costa Rica.

Johan H. Williams, Specialist Director, Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs.

José Angel Canto, Cooperative Societies of Fisheries Production of Cozumel and Vigía Chico, Mexico.

Yoshitaka Ota, Nereus Programme.

Fidison Jean Luc Miniminy, Consultation platform for the sustainable development of Antongil Bay, Madagascar.

LEARNING FROM AND ACCELERATING GOOD PRACTICES OF LOCAL ACTION FOR SDG14

Tuesday 6 June, 9:00 am - 10:30 am, Conference Room 12

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.

MODERATOR

Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI.

SPEAKERS

Grete Faremo, Under-Secretary-General and UNOPS Executive Director (tbc).

Inci Tuney Kizilkaya, Akdeniz Koruma Derneği, Turkey.

Leonardo Balote Rosario, Trowel Development Foundation, Philippines.

Abdelouahed Kaikai, Association de Gestion Agréée des Ressources, Morocco.

Trevor Graham, St Helena Government.

Carina Svensson, Chair Environment Committee, City of Malmö, Chair Water Utility.

Michael Palmgren, Sea-U.

Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister, Sweden (tbc).

Fijian Government as the Incoming COP23 Presidency (tbc).

Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN (tbc).

ACCELERATING SDG IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH IMPACT INVESTMENTS ON SDG 14

Thursday 8 June, 5:00 pm - 6:15pm . Conference Room B

Investments in the protection, restoration and sustainable use of marine habitats and fisheries are widely viewed as an efficient, inclusive and catalytic approach to implementing multiple SDGs, including those related to food security, economic growth through tourism, jobs and livelihoods, and disaster risk reduction, among others. There is a growing demand by impact investors to use their funds to achieve modest economic returns, while also achieving social and environmental returns. At the same time, projects at the local community level in restoration, protection and sustainable management also lend themselves to small-scale impact investment. This side event explores the current state of the market, and identifies potential bottlenecks and solutions to accelerate nature-based impact investments.

CO-HOSTS

Jamison Ervin, Manager, Nature for Development Global Programme, UNDP.

SPEAKERS

Ian Dutton, Nautilus Impact Investing.

Anurag Agarwal, Co-Founder of JanaJal and Board Member of Blue Sphere Foundation.

Government of Seychelles.

Spencer Thomas, Government of Grenada.

Budi Setiawan, Equator Prize Winning Community.

NatureVest (TBD).

Gerald Miles, Rare.

Massimiliano Riva, UNDP.

LARGE OCEAN STATES BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR SDGs AND BEYOND

Tuesday 6 June, 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm - Conference Room 12

This side event will demonstrate how the ocean unites us on a common sail plan to achieve implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal 14, and the Sustainable Development Goals to effectively build island resilience. The event will tie together the island journey from the SAMOA Pathway, the Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Agreement and present a new Island Resilience Initiative model centered on strong multisectoral partnerships for islands to both survive and thrive. This Island Resilience Initiative model was first launched by the President of Palau at the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders in Hawaii in August 2016.

MODERATOR

Kate Brown, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership.

SPEAKERS

H.E. Thomas Remengesau Jr., President of Palau, as Leader of the Global Island Partnership.

High level representative, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

High level representative, Republic of the Fijian Islands.

Yoko Watanabe, Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP.

Francois Martel, Secretary General, Pacific Island Development Forum Secretariat.

Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy, Global Island Partnership.

POLYCENTRIC OCEAN AND COASTAL GOVERNANCE TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS

Friday 9 June, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm - Conference Room B

This side event advocates a polycentric governance approach that utilizes nested and coordinated sets of local actions linked to the implementation of coherent regional frameworks. The side event discusses the need to incorporate local actions into national and regional management frameworks, and develop and implement local actions in alignment with regional and national priorities and considerations. Such vertical links between regional processes and local actions not only enhance the effectiveness of local actions in addressing international waters issues but also improve the effectiveness of regional frameworks. GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) has served as a delivery mechanism and collaborated with UNDP and UNEP in implementing community initiatives under regional frameworks of larger GEF interventions.

MAKING WAVES: PUBLICATION LAUNCHING

Adriana Dinu, Executive Coordinator, UNDP Global Environment Finance.

Gustavo Alberto Fonseca, Director of Programmes, Global Environment Facility Secretariat.

MODERATOR

Tehmina Akhtar, Deputy Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme.

SPEAKERS

GEF Secretariat IW team representative (TBD).

Sulan Chen, GEF Small Grants Programme.

Isabelle Vanderbeck, UNEP.

Chris Patterson, UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project.

Patrick DEBELS, UNDP CLME+ Project.

Budi Setiawan, Founder of the Kelompok Peduli Lingkungan Belitung, Indonesia.

Yoko Watanabe, Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992.

SGP grantmaking in over 125 countries promotes community-based innovation, capacity development, and empowerment through sustainable development projects of local civil society organizations with special consideration for indigenous peoples, women, and youth.

In particular, SGP supports biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals, while generating sustainable livelihoods.

EQUATOR INITIATIVE AND SGP @ UN OCEAN CONFERENCE

As a contribution to the UN Ocean Conference, Equator Initiative will invite fifteen Equator Prize winners to the UN Ocean Conference to showcase community action to advance SDG 14. Representatives from indigenous peoples and local communities (from Equator Prize winning communities), will showcase their initiatives' achievements in advancing sustainable development by conserving and sustainably managing their marine and coastal ecosystems.

They will also demonstrate how local actions on marine and coastal ecosystems can contribute to a range of SDGs, in addition to SDG 14, including poverty reduction; livelihoods and jobs; food and water security; climate resilience; and biodiversity conservation.

EQUATOR INITIATIVE

The Equator Initiative (EI) is a United Nations-led partnership that brings together governments, civil society, and grassroots organizations, to recognize and advance local nature-based solutions for sustainable development. The Equator Initiative creates opportunities and platforms to share knowledge and good practice; informs policy to foster enabling environments for local and indigenous community action; and develops the capacities of local and indigenous initiatives to replicate and scale-up their impact. The Equator Initiative accomplishes these goals through three action areas:

The Equator Prize is awarded biennially to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities. As local and indigenous groups across the world chart a path towards sustainable development, the Equator Prize shines a spotlight on their efforts by honoring them on an international stage.

Equator Dialogues are an ongoing series of community-driven meetings and exchanges, held in conjunction with related international forums. Equator Dialogues provide opportunities for people to share experiences, develop capacities and influence policy.

Equator Knowledge is a research, documentation and learning program focused on local best practice in sustainable development. The Equator Initiative works with partners to identify, document, and analyze the success factors of local best practice, and to catalyze ongoing peer-to-peer learning, knowledge exchange and replication of best practices.



LOCAL ACTION FOR SDG14

