



Roundtable & networking event with the Smithsonian Institution

FRIDAY, 20 APRIL 2018 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
UNDP RIO ROOM 304 EAST 45, 9F NYC

The next session of the UNDP Roundtable & Networking series will be marking the **International Mother Earth Day**, celebrated on April 22 since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This event will feature the **Smithsonian Institution's #EarthOptimism** global digital campaign and its achievements in raising public awareness to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports. **#EarthOptimism** was created as a shared digital space for inspiration and creativity through successful and inspiring conservation stories from around the globe. As the 2018 theme of the Earth Day is **"End Plastic Pollution"**, this event will also feature a discussion on the future of our ocean and the **SDG 14: Life Below Water**.



NANCY KNOWLTON
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Nancy Knowlton is a coral reef scientist known for her research on biodiversity. She is the author of National Geographic's best-selling *Citizens of the Sea*, helped launch the social media campaign **#OceanOptimism**, and co-led the Smithsonian's 2017 Earth Optimism Summit. A member of the US National Academy of Sciences, she has also been on the faculties of Yale University, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, and the University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

ANDREW HUDSON
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Andrew Hudson oversees and provides strategic, policy and technical guidance on all aspects of the development, implementation and evaluation of UNDP's work in water and ocean governance with current portfolio in over 100 countries. He served as Principal Technical Adviser for the UNDP/GEF Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) programme, from 2001 to 2005. Prior to joining UNDP, he was Executive Director of the Center for Field Research at Earthwatch.



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#EarthOptimism2018*