



COP28 Virtual Ocean Pavilion High-Level Closing Event: Climate and the BBNJ Agreement

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Moderators: Mr. Tony MacDonald, Director of the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute and Dr. Indumathie Hewawasam, President of Sustainable Oceans and Coasts LLC

Part 1: National and regional perspectives on Climate and the BBNJ Agreement

- **HE Ms. Rena Lee, Ambassador for International Law, Singapore**, The BBNJ Agreement: What's Next After the Ship Has Reached the Shore
- **Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office & Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK**, BBNJ Agreement: Prospects for ocean-based mitigation adaptation
- **Ms. Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission**, BBNJ and ocean governance for climate
- **Ms. Darcy DeMarsico, Director General, Blue Economy Policy, Fisheries and Oceans Canada**, The BBNJ Agreement: Prospects for ocean-based mitigation and adaptation
- **Mr. Fuad Bateh, former delegate, Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ**, The BBNJ Agreement: Its Crucial Role in Achieving the Global 30x30 Target

Part 2: Global and civil society perspectives on Climate and the BBNJ Agreement

- **Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO and Assistant Director General of UNESCO**, The BBNJ Agreement: Leveraging the UN Ocean Science Decade towards Ratification and Implementation
- **Dr. Vladimir Jares, Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea**, BBNJ Agreement: Perspectives from looking back looking forward throughout the DOALOS journey as Interim Secretariat of the BBNJ Agreement
- **Dr. Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division**, The BBNJ Agreement: An Opportunity for Fostering the Ecosystem Approach to Climate-Resilient & Sustainable Fisheries
- **Ms. Isabelle Vanderbeck, Task Manager, UNEP GEF International Waters**, The BBNJ Agreement: The Cross-sectoral Project's Potential Contribution to Early Action and Ratification
- **Ms. Kristina Gjerde, Senior High Seas Advisor, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**, BBNJ Agreement: Reconfiguring Civil Society's Role towards Early Action and Ratification

Part 3: Closing of the COP28 Virtual Ocean Pavilion

- **Ms. Thecla Keizer, Deputy Head, International Office, Plymouth Marine Laboratory**, The COP28 Virtual Ocean Pavilion: Fostering and Enabling Connections Around the Ocean and Climate Nexus
- **Mr. Richard Delaney, President, Global Ocean Forum Board of Directors**
Closing of the COP28 Virtual Ocean Pavilion

Each Part will be followed by a Q&A

