



Oceans Action Day at COP25

Madrid, Spain • December 6 and 7, 2019

PROGRAM



UN Climate Change Conference
2–13 December 2019 Madrid, Spain

The Oceans Action Day at COP25

6-7 December 2019

The Oceans Action Day at COP25 is the eighth in a series of ocean thematic days held at the UN Climate Change Conference since COP 15 in Copenhagen. Oceans Days have focused on promoting the oceans agenda at the COPs and on developing cooperation and coherence in policies and programs at multiple levels in order to articulate a comprehensive strategy on oceans and climate, both within and outside the UNFCCC process. In the Marrakech COP (COP 22), oceans became one of the thematic areas covered by the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, formed to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement by enabling collaboration among governments, cities and regions, businesses, and civil society that must act on climate change.

The Oceans Action Day at COP25 will assess existing ocean and climate action and identify the gaps that need to be addressed. While there is some discussion/work in various bodies and processes of the UNFCCC on the oceans and climate nexus, these do not correspond to the magnitude and importance (environmental, social, and economic) of the oceans and climate interface. The Oceans Action Day at COP 25 will highlight, in particular, the policy implications of the IPCC Special Reports on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate and on Global Warming of 1.5°C and debate possible avenues for policy actions in response to these analyses.

The main organizers of Oceans Action Day at COP25 are the Global Ocean Forum; Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan; Oceano Azul Foundation, Portugal; Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK; Future Ocean Alliance; International Union for Conservation of Nature; Because the Ocean; Ocean and Climate Platform; The Carbon Institute; Coastal Zone Canada Association; International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification; with collaboration from the Governments of Chile, European Union, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

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The UN Climate Change Conference COP 25 (2–13 December 2019) will take place under the Presidency of the Government of Chile and will be held with logistical support from the Government of Spain at the IFEMA – Feria de Madrid.*

Oceans Action Day and Related Events will be held over two days during COP25:

Friday, 6 December 2019

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Oceans and Coastal Zones Action Event (15:00 to 18:00, Hall 4: GCA/PRC2/Side Event Room 6)

UK Pavilion Events

- Marine Protected Areas and Climate Change—Marine Protected Areas as Tools for Adaptive Marine Resource Management in the Face of a Changing Climate (11:20 to 12:30)
- Ocean Acidification: Managing and Adapting to the Challenge of Ocean Acidification: Strategies from around the World (13:00 to 14:15)

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- Connection Oceans, Science, Society and the UNFCCC –Raising Ambition on Climate Mitigation and Adaptation (15:00 to 16:30, Room 4, Blue Zone)

*See venue maps on pp. 13, 14, and 15.

Saturday, 7 December 2019

Oceans Action Day (13:00 to 20:30)

High-level Panels on:

- **The Oceans and Climate Nexus within the UNFCCC and Beyond** (13:00 to 14:30, Japanese Pavilion)
- **Incorporating Ocean-Related Options in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** (14:45 to 15:45, Japanese Pavilion)
- **Ocean Science to Action for Adaptation and Displacement Solutions** (16:00 to 17:00, Japanese Pavilion)
- **Galvanizing Support for Oceans and Climate Action** (17:15 to 18:30, Chile Pavilion)
- **Oceans Action Day at COP25 Reception** (19:00 to 20:30, UK Pavilion)

EU Ocean Day (10:00 to 16:45, EU Pavilion)

- **Opening Session** (10:00 to 11:15)
- **Oceans and Climate: From Science to Policy** (11:15 to 12:45)
- **Networking Lunch** (12:45 to 13:30)
- **EU Copernicus Marine and Climate Services Driving Solutions** (13:30 to 15:00)
- **Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies in Changing Oceans** (15:00 to 16:30)
- **Conclusion** (16:30 to 16:45)

UK Pavilion Event

- **Blue Carbon—Role of Natural Systems to mitigate Climate Change** (10:00 to 11:00)

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Friday, 6 December 2019

MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION OCEANS AND COASTAL ZONES ACTION EVENT (15:00 to 18:00) (Hall 4: GCA/PRC2/Side Event Room 6)

Organized within the framework of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, this event focuses on the challenges and cross-cutting experiences faced by the communities and ecosystems in ocean and coastal zones, when implementing actions to combat the impacts of climate change, across all scales of governance. It features the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on 1.5°C of Global Warming above pre-industrial levels and on the Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate as well as the knowledge-to-action initiatives needed for achieving the necessary levels of mitigation, adaptation and resilience of communities at various levels. For information on the Marrakech Partnership, please go to <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/marrakech-partnership-for-global-climate-action>

Main Organizers: UNFCCC Global Climate Action Secretariat, Future Ocean Alliance, Global Ocean Forum, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO

Saturday, 7 December 2019

I. THE OCEANS AND CLIMATE NEXUS WITHIN THE UNFCCC AND BEYOND (13:00 to 14:30) (Japanese Pavilion)

This high-level panel will focus on key challenges posed by the findings of the IPCC Special Reports on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate and on Projected Impacts of Global Warming of 1.5°C. This panel will also feature the 2019 Progress Report on Oceans and Climate Action

prepared by Party and non-Party stakeholders which, together with the IPCC reports, provide the context in developing updated climate policies in support of action pathways on oceans and coastal zones.

Main Organizers: Global Ocean Forum; Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan; Oceano Azul Foundation, Portugal

Welcome to the Japanese Pavilion: Japanese Government Representative

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Atsushi Sunami, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Mr. Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation, Portugal

Speakers:

Dr. Biliانا Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum, Policy Directions Highlighted in the 2019 Progress Report on Oceans and Climate

H.E. Dr. Safri Burhanuddin, Deputy Minister for Human Resources, Sciences and Technologies and Maritime Culture, Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Resources, Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Mrs. Janine Coyo Felson, Ambassador/DPR, Belize UN Mission, Deputy Chairperson and Lead on Climate Finance and Oceans, Alliance of Small Island States

Ms. Rosana Garay Maldonado, Chilean Foreign Service, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Affairs

H.E. Ms. Haydée Rodríguez-Romero, Vice-Minister for Freshwater and Oceans Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

H.E. Ms. Helen Ågren, Swedish Ambassador for the Ocean, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden, and **Mr. Taholo Kami**, Special Representative for the Ocean Pathway, COP 23 Presidency Secretariat, Fiji

Dr. Nick Hardman-Mountford, Head of Oceans and Natural Resources, The Commonwealth Secretariat

Discussants: **Prof. Manuel Barange**, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO, and **Mr. Ariel Troisi**, Chair, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

II. INCORPORATING OCEAN-RELATED OPTIONS IN NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCS) (14:45 to 15:45) (Japanese Pavilion)

This roundtable session will identify measures for the integration of key ocean issues within NDCs, including taking into account recommendations contained in the recent Because the Ocean and IDDRI works on the integration of the ocean in NDCs.

Organizers: Because the Ocean Initiative and Ocean and Climate Platform

Co-facilitators:

Mr. Rémi Parmentier, Coordinator, Because the Ocean Initiative

Ms. Loreley Picourt, Secretary General, Ocean and Climate Platform

Setting the Scene:

Mr. Rémi Parmentier, Coordinator, Because the Ocean Initiative and **Mr. Jean-Pierre Gattuso**, Associate Researcher, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

Roundtable Speakers:

Ms. Lisa Levin, Professor, University of California, San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, *From 2015 to 2020*

Mr. Joachim Claudet, Research Director, National Center for Scientific Research, *MPAs and Ecosystem Services*

Ms. Emily Pidgeon, Senior Director, Strategic Marine Initiatives, Conservation International, *Blue Carbon*

Ms. Karen Sack, Managing Director, Ocean Unite, *Tourism and Fisheries*

Mr. Rémi Collombet-Gourdon, Policy Officer, Ocean Energy Europe, *Blue Energy*

Ms. Monica Verbeek, Executive Director, Seas at Risk, *Greening the Shipping Sector*

Mr. Marc Van Peteghem, Naval Architect, Co-Founder and CEO, VPLP Design, *Wind Propulsion for Shipping*

Respondent:

Ms. Sylvie Goyet, Director of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, The Pacific Community (SPC), *A View From The Pacific Islands*

III. OCEAN SCIENCE TO ACTION FOR ADAPTATION AND DISPLACEMENT SOLUTIONS (16:00 to 17:00) (Japanese Pavilion)

This panel will draw perspectives from high-level representatives of inter-governmental organizations and civil society on how to take advantage of existing knowledge and opportunities associated with adapting to climate change in developing, disseminating, and using adaptation and displacement policies and practices in the context of oceans and coastal zones.

Main Organizers: Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan; Global Ocean Forum; Coastal Zone Canada Association

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Miko Maekawa, Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Dr. Peter Ricketts, Coastal Zone Canada Association, and Acadia University, Canada

Speakers:

Mr. Javier Garat, Secretary General, Spanish Fishing Confederation, Cepesca, and Chairman, Européche and the European Fisheries Technology Platform (EFTP)

Mr. Espen Ronnenberg, Climate Change Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Ms. Dina Ionesco, Head, International Organization for Migration, Environment and Climate Change Division

Mr. Atle Solberg, Head, Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement

Ms. Donna Lagdameo, Senior Policy Adviser and Asia Pacific Focal Point, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

Ms. Ingrid Timboe, Policy Director, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)

IV. GALVANIZING SUPPORT FOR OCEANS AND CLIMATE ACTION (17:15 to 18:30) (Chile Pavilion)

This panel will feature interventions from high-level representatives of Parties and Non-State Parties to the UNFCCC on pre-2020 climate action and raising ambition to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement in the context of oceans and coastal zones.

Main Organizers: Government of Chile, Global Ocean Forum

Welcome to the Chilean Pavilion:

Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, High-level Climate Champion of Chile;
Mr. Julio Cordano, Head, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile; **Ms. Rosana Garay Maldonado**, Chilean Foreign Service, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Affairs

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum

Mr. Richard Delaney, President, Center for Coastal Studies, US, and Board of Directors, Global Ocean Forum

Speakers:

H.E. Ambassador Peter Thomson, Fiji, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean

Ms. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility

Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Mr. Anders Geertsen, Nordic Council of Ministers Secretariat

Ms. Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

H.E. Ambassador Álvaro Mendonça e Moura, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal

Prof. Micheni Ntiba, Principal Secretary Fisheries, Aquaculture and Blue Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya

Mr. Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation, Portugal

H.E. Ambassador Patricia Fuller, Canada's Ambassador for Climate Change

H.E. Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno, Indonesian Ambassador to Germany, former Deputy Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Indonesian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and EU

Mr. Ariel Troisi, Chair, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

V. OCEANS ACTION DAY AT COP25 RECEPTION (19:00 to 20:30) (United Kingdom Pavilion)

Main Organizers: Government of the United Kingdom (Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs); Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK; Global Ocean Forum

High level reception (by invitation)

Contact Information

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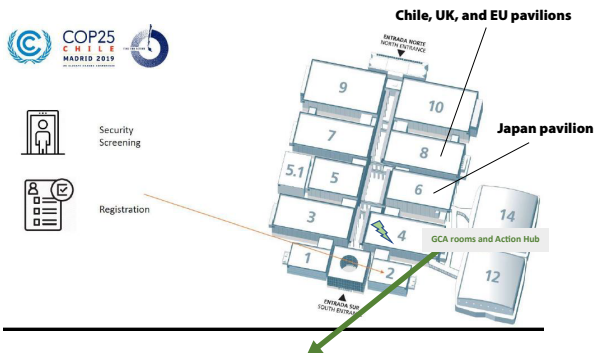
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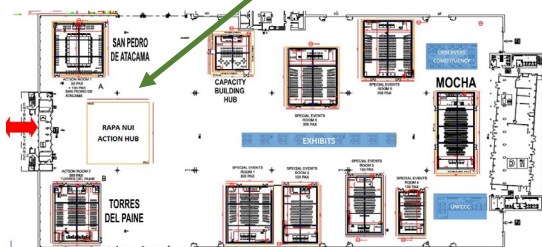
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Overall plan of COP 25 including Halls 4, 6, and 8



HALL 4: GCA / PRC2 / Side Event Rooms 1-6



Hall 8 - Concepción

