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Program

Moderator: Tale Kvalvaag, Director of the Knowledge Bank at the Norwegian

Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)&

Opening session	n	
09.00-09.25	Norway's Minister of International Development	Dag-Inge Ulstein 各
	Setting the scene, opportunities and challenges facing SIDS	Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Palau's Ambassador to the United Nations &
Session 1	The role of knowledge and science in ocean and coastal zone management	Session chair <u>Peter Haugan, Programme Director at the</u> <u>Institute of Marine Research (Norway)</u> &
09.25 - 10.45	 The decade of Ocean science, milestones, knowledge gaps and solutions 	Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO &
	2. Impacts of climate change on fisheries and adaptation options	Dr. Vera Agostini, Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department at the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) &
	3. ICES transatlantic science cooperation in the Our Ocean action areas	Dr. Wojciech Wawrzynski , Head of Science Support Department at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) 2
	4. Securing Healthy Oceans, Challenges and Opportunities	John Tanzer, Global Oceans Practice Leader at the World Wildlife Fund &

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The Hon. Simon Stiell, Minister of climate resilience, the environment, forestry, fisheries, disaster management & information (Grenada) &

The Hon. Everly Paul Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and International Trade (Antigua and Barbuda) &

Hanne-Grete Nilsen, senior adviser at the Norwegian Environment Agency (Norway) &

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Coffee break

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Session 2	Lessons learned and best practice on regio and integrated ocean management. A government perspective.	nal Session chair <u>Vidar Helgesen, Norway's Special Envoy for the</u> <u>Ocean</u> 옵
11.15 - 12.40	1. Ocean management: experiences and challenges	
	- In Norway	Vidar Helgesen, Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean &
	- In the Pacific	The Hon. Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Of Natural Resources And Environment (Samoa) &
	- In Belize	Omar Figueroa, Minister of State within the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration in Belize
	2. Collaboration with regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs)	
	- In Norway	Ove Hokstad, Deputy Director in the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries &
	- In the Caribbean	Milton Haughton, Executive Director of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) &

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12.40 - 13.45	Lunch	Short address by State secretary Jens Frølich Holthe	
		Per Schive, Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment (Norway) &	
		Milton Haughton, Executive Director of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) &	
	4. Panel discussion Session chair: Vidar Helgesen	The Hon. Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Of Natural Resources And Environment (Samoa) &	
	- In the Pacific	Kosi Latu , Director General at the Pacific Regional Environme Programme (SPREP) &	
	- In the Caribbean	David Robin, Programme Coordinator, Oceans Governance and Fisheries at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) &	
	3. Regional environmental collaboration on Oceans		

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Session 3	Integrated ocean and coastal zone managemer - the key to promoting sustainable ocean industries. A business perspective.	t Session chair <u>Peter Thomson, U.N. Secretary-General's Special</u> Envoy for the Ocean 으
14.00 - 15.40	1. Pacific Island's business needs and opportunities	Ms. Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) &
	2. Enabling environment for SIDS, challenges and opportunities in a business perspective	Charlotte De Fontaubert, Program Manager for PROBLUE at the World Bank &
	3. How ocean management in the United States is contributing to sustainable use and conservation of the ocean, in order to promote sustainable ocean industries	Sandra Whitehouse, Senior Policy Advisor at the Ocean Conservancy &
	4. Fisheries and aquaculture in SIDS'	Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, Research Program Leader, Value Chains and Nutrition at WorldFish &
	5. Maritime tourism industry	
	 Norwegian experiences with managing cruise ships and Hurtigruten's green quest 	Rune Thomas Ege, Vice President of Global Communications at Hurtigruten &
	6. Deep seabed mining: challenges and perspective	Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority 2

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7. Transitioning small island nations to renewable energy	rgy Maura Pally, Executive vice president of the Clinton Foundation &
8. Panel discussion Session chair: Peter Thomson	The Hon. Kirk Duncan Humphrey, Minister for Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy (Barbados) &
	Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Pacific region) &
	Hon. Semi Tuleca Koroilavesau, Minister for Fisheries in Fiji 🕿
	Octávio Bento Gomes, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communities (Cabo Verde)
	Kjell Kristian Egge, International Law Adviser in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway) &

Closing session			
15.45 - 16.00	Director General of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)	Jon Lomøy &	

Tale Kvalvaag

Director of the Knowledge Bank at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)



Tale Kvalvaag, a sociologist from the University of Oslo, is the director of the Knowledge Bank at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad). She was previously the director of Norad's Evaluation Department and Department for Climate, Energy, Environment and Research. Her development experience includes working as Counsellor at the Representative Office of

Norway to the Palestinian Authority and as Junior Professional Officer for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS, in Geneva and Central America. Her evaluation experience includes the Office of the Municipal Auditor of Oslo, as well as Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (Sida) and Norad evaluation departments.

Dag-Inge Ulstein

Norwegian Minister of International Development



Dag-Inge Ulstein is 38 years old, and married with four children. He was a member of the Bergen City Council with responsibility for finance, innovation and real estate from 2015 to 2019. Before that, he had responsibility for social services, housing and local area development on the City Council from 2013 to 2014. He has also worked as general manager and counsellor at the Haraldsplass discussion therapy centre in Bergen from 2012 to 2014. Mr Ulstein is deeply committed to the work to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), international solidarity and justice.

Ngedikes Olai Uludong

Palau's Ambassador to the United Nation



Her Excellency Ngedikes Olai Uludong, is Palau's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Palau's Ambassador on Climate Change. She was recognized by the Pacific community as one of the 70 Inspiring Pacific Women.

She also holds the portfolio of Palau's fist Ambassador to the European Union and is also the first Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Ms. Uludong has extensive experience in environmental and foreign policy in Micronesia and Pacific region. Ms. Uludong holds a Master of Science in Climate Change and a Post Graduate Diploma

on Climate Change, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Guam and an Associate of Arts degree in Science from the Northern Marianas College.

She is an active Public servant who has coordinated environment and climate change work in the Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Maldives, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process, and served as the Lead Negotiator for the United Nations Negotiating Bloc: The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) in New York City.

Peter M Haugan

Programme Director at the Institute of Marine Research, Norway



Peter M Haugan Programme Director at Institute of Marine Research, Norway, with responsibility for international development and collaboration and also professor of oceanography at the Geophysical Institute, University of Bergen, Norway. He has more than 30 years of experience in marine scientific research and international ocean science coordination. Highlights from the period 2015-2019 when he served as Chair of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC of UNESCO) include the first ever Global Ocean Science Report (2017) and the preparation of the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). Haugan takes a keen interest in the science-policy-society interface. His professional merits include 5 years as

research engineer in the petroleum industry in the early 1980ies, active contributions to seagoing and polar oceanography from the late 1980ies, research on climate, carbon cycle and storage of CO2 from he 1990ies, head of institutions, international coordination of marine research infrastructures and science-policy interface from 2000. He has broad academic interests and has also initiated and led research and education efforts in renewable energy including offshore wind and maritime low carbon solutions. His portfolio at IMR covers fisheries and aquaculture, seafood quality and ecosystem based management. He presently serves as co-chair of the Expert Group serving the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy consisting of 14 heads of state.

Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin

Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO



Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin (Engineer, 1978; Ph.D., 1982; and Doctor of Sciences, 1995) has been the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO and Assistant Director-General of UNESCO since 2015. Dr Ryabinin is an oceanographer, marine engineer, climatologist, and emeritus meteorologist of the Russian Federation. His research has led to a number of achievements in the medium-range weather prediction, marine services, offshore engineering, ocean and

climate science. He is a key contributor to design of several key international initiatives, such as the Global Ocean Observing System, Joint Technical Commission of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and IOC for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology, International Polar Year 2007/200, and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

Dr. Vera Agostini

Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department at the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



Dr. Vera Agostini is the Deputy Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department at the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), with a primary focus on providing oversight, strategic leadership and technical support to FAO's Marine and Inland Fisheries Resource management team, Fisheries statistics and information team, and the Fishing Operations and technology team. From 2007-2017 Vera was with The Nature Conservancy, initially as Senior Scientist with the Global Oceans Team, and more recently as Director of Conservation and Director of Climate Adaptation. Dr. Agostini is a fisheries scientist by training, who has held positions across three sectors (non-governmental, government, and academia/educational)

providing technical and strategic leadership

across a range of multi-disciplinary efforts around the globe. Her experience ranges from comprehensive ecosystem research to broad policy and planning. Although her work began in temperate systems, she has spent a considerable part of her career in tropical geographies. Areas of focus include ecosystem based climate adaptation and disaster risk management, ecosystem approaches to fisheries, ecosystem services in pelagic environments, social resilience and small scale fisheries, biodiversity mainstreaming in the fisheries sector, marine spatial planning and protected area network design.

Dr. Wojciech Wawrzynski

Head of Science
Support Department at
the International Council
for the Exploration of the
Sea (ICES)



Wojciech Wawrzynski, PhD in political economics; science diplomat; Head of Science Support Department at the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Copenhagen. Chair of the LME-LEARN Working Group on Ocean Governance Mechanisms. Serving also as lead support to the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Trilateral Aquaculture Working Group.

John Tanzer

Global Oceans Practice
Leader at the World
Wildlife Fund



John Tanzer is WWF's Global Oceans Practice Leader. He has been with WWF for the last 7+ years and has raised the profile of WWF's marine work around the world. John also headed up WWF's successful global ocean campaign, 'Sustain our Seas'. His career has been defined by developing partnerships and includes over a decade as the Executive Director of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

John Tanzer originally trained in the disciplines of geography and economics, completing an honours degree at James Cook University in 1980. Since that time, he has worked in a number of areas of natural resource management and policy particularly in the marine and coastal realms. He holds a master's degree in environmental law from the Australian National University.

Simon Stiell

Minister of climate resilience, the environment, forestry, fisheries, disaster management & information (Grenada)



My professional background is varied and extensive, covering both the private and public sectors with experience gained regionally and internationally. My experience extends from senior international corporate executive and entrepreneur, to government minister and politician. I therefore offer a unique skillset combining technical, commercial, and political expertise, with a living, working and cultural knowledge of both developed and developing nations.

I am a senior minister in the Government of Grenada and currently hold the portfolio of Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries, Disaster Management and Information. This "Super Ministry", the first in the Caribbean, is mandated to:

- develop and lead Grenada's strategic approach to climate change including its transition to renewable energy
- mobilise resources accessing all available international climate financing and capacity building support to assist in implementing Grenada's ambitious climate action programme
- provide greater stewardship of Grenada's natural resources

I am a champion of the climate action agenda for all small island developing states, advocating for greater ambition, urgency and scale of action. This is a role I am passionate about.

Simon Stiell

Minister of climate resilience, the environment, forestry, fisheries, disaster management & information (Grenada)



I previously served as the Minister for Education and Human Resource Development, the Minister of State with responsibility for Human Resource Development and the Environment, and as a Junior Minister within the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

I am also a member of Grenada's (nonelected) Upper House of Parliament, the Senate, where I currently serve as the Leader of Government Business.

Prior to my return to Grenada from the United Kingdom in 2003, I had a successful career spanning some fourteen years within the technology sector, holding senior executive

positions in a number of industry leading companies, from Silicon Valley based technology start-ups, to major corporations including Nokia Networks and G.E.C.
I originally trained as an engineer, studying Electronics and Communications Engineering at London Metropolitan University, and hold a Master of Business Administration from the University of Westminster in the United Kingdom.

Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene

Minister of Foreign
Affairs, Immigration
and International Trade
(Antigua and Barbuda)



Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene (E.P. Chet Greene), born in the village of Liberta, Antigua to Joseph and Averil Greene just shortly after the assassination of one of America's most famous Presidents (John F. Kennedy), is affectionately called "Chet Greene" by his countrymen.

Minister Greene, a man of many parts is a senior cabinet member in the Gaston Browne led Antigua and Barbuda administration who once served as a senator on the opposition bench in the Upper House of Parliament and subsequently in the Lower House as the Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade, Industry, Commerce, Sport, Culture and National Festivals.

His academic exploits saw him as a student

of the University of Havana, Cuba and the University of Poitiers in France. He holds a Master's Degree in Sports Administration along with diplomas and certificates from other institutions of learning.

Hon. E.P. Chet Greene (MP) is the father of five and the husband of the Vice Counsel of the Antigua and Barbuda Consulate in Toronto Canada, Mrs. Gwendolyn Greene.

Among his accomplishments are:

- Director of Services for the Blind
- Vice President Caribbean Council for the Blind
- Life Insurance Sales Manager Colonial Life Insurance
- Assistant Manager Bryson's Shipping Agency, Antigua

Hon. Everly Paul Chet Greene

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and International Trade (Antigua and Barbuda)



 Sales Manager – Caribseas Shipping Agency, Antigua

In Sports, he has contributed to the development at many levels:

- President National Olympic Committee
 Antigua & Barbuda
- General Secretary Antigua Barbuda Football Association
- Vice President Caribbean Football Union
- Match Commissioner FIFA

Hon. E. P. Chet Greene who currently serves as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade and is also the Chairman of the ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party.

His love for Sports and Culture is second only to his passion for the advancement of Caribbean civilization and regional integration. His community mindedness can be said to be the single most important trait that has propelled and maintained him in the prominent position he occupies in the hearts and minds of his fellow citizens both home and abroad.

Hanne-Grete Nilsen

Senior adviser at the Norwegian Environment Agency (Norway)



Hanne-Grete Nilsen is a senior adviser in the Norwegian Environment Agency. She has a master's degree in biology from the University of Oslo.

For 20 years, while employed in the Ministry of Climate and Environment, her main field of work was integrated and ecosystem-based management of the marine environment, with a focus on international cooperation.

This included marine issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity, coordinating the Ministry's work related to the Norwegian Oil for Development programme

and being head of the Norwegian delegation to OSPAR (the Convention for protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic). She was also involved in preparing the management plans for Norwegian sea areas.

She has also worked in the OSPAR secretariat and in DG Environment of the European Commission.

Now in the Norwegian Environment Agency, she coordinates the Agency's work related to the marine management plans. She also chairs the Management forum for Norwegian.

Vidar Helgesen

Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean



Vidar Helgesen (born 21 November 1968) currently serves as Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean. Prior to this Helgesen was Minister of Climate and the Environment (2015-2018), Minister of EEA and EU Affairs (2013-2015) and Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Erna Solberg (2013-2015). Helgesen was Secretary-General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance from 2005 to 2013 and State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2005. He graduated from the University of Oslo with a Master of Law.

The Hon. Fiame Naomi Mataafa

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Of Natural Resources And Environment (Samoa)



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, **Afioga Fiame**Naomi Mataafa first entered Parliament in 1985 and is the Member of Parliament from the Lotofaga Constituency on Upolu's South Coast.

Fiame is the first female Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa. She first joined Cabinet in 1991 as Minister of Education, Sports and Culture. She also served as the Minister of Women, Community and Social Development and in the last Parliamentary term, she was the Minister of Justice and Courts Administration.

Fiame has represented Samoa in the Executive Boards of UNESCO and Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning. She is currently the Chair and Pro-Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific and also the

Chair of the Eminent Persons' Advisory Panel (Pacific Leadership Programme) Australia.

Fiame is a member of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa at Lotofaga, Aleipata.

Ministerial Portfolio:

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- Samoa Trust Estates Corporation

Other Responsibilities:

- National Parks, Recreation and Water Conservation
- National Disaster Council
- Meteorology and Forestry
- Planning and Urban Management Agency

Omar Antonio Figueroa

Minister of State
within the Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries,
the Environment,
Sustainable
Development and
Immigration in Belize



Omar Antonio Figueroa was born in 1969 in San Ignacio Town, Belize, Central America. In December of 1996, he obtained his bachelor's degree (cum laude) from the University of North Florida in Biology. Immediately thereafter, Omar returned home and for the next five years coordinated an avian research and conservation project. During this five-year period his volunteer initiatives included one year on the board of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation, three years as the national representative for the regional Partners in Flight Initiative and four years as the national coordinator for national wetland surveys. In August of 2003, Omar was awarded a Fulbright/Organization of American States Ecology Initiative Fellowship to pursue a

Master's of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

The centerpiece of his MS research focused on using a Global Positioning System to study habitat associations and movement patterns of the regionally imperiled Jabiru Stork in Mesoamerica. This study represents the first and only attempt to use GPS tracking technology to study Jabiru Storks in Mesoamerica. In 2005, he was awarded a Dexter fellowship to pursue a PhD in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. The centerpiece of his PhD research focused on using GPS to study habitat use and movement patterns of one of the most iconic species in Latin America, the jaguar. In 2009, Omar was nominated by the Prime Minister of Belize to serve as a Senator. His senate term ended

Omar Antonio Figueroa

Minister of State
within the Ministry of
Agriculture, Fisheries,
the Environment,
Sustainable
Development and
Immigration in Belize



in March of 2012. In 2010, Omar was awarded the globally competitive research and conservation award 'Rabinowitz-Kaplan Prize for the Next Generation in Wild Cat 2

Conservation'. Omar has also received numerous research and conservation grants to conduct his doctoral research. In March 2012, Omar received his PhD from

the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. In January 2015 Omar was elected as a member of Parliament. In November 2015 he was appointed to serve as the Minister of State with responsibility for the Environment, Protected Areas, Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Omar is married and has three kids.

Ove Hokstad

Deputy Director in the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries



Ove Hokstad is the Deputy Director of the Department for Fisheries and Aquaculture at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries in Norway. Since 2007 the focus has been on sustainable fisheries management and marine biodiversity in regional and global ocean negotiations.

Ove Hokstad has for more than a decade participated in the United Nations consultations on the draft Sustainable Fisheries resolutions.

In the period 1996 – 2007 Ove Hokstad worked as Senior Adviser for the Norwegian Ministry of Environment, and was for a period the National Focal Point to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD). Hokstad worked from 1992 – 1996 at the Directorate for Nature Management and a short period at the Institute for Nature Research. He graduated from the University of Trondheim with a Master in Biology.

Milton Haughton

Executive Director of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM)



Milton Haughton is the Executive Director of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) headquartered in Belize City, Belize. The CRFM is a specialized CARICOM institution responsible for sustainable development, management and conservation of fisheries and aquaculture in the Caribbean. He is trained in fisheries, marine sciences and law and is a graduate of the University of the West Indies, University of Buckingham, London Metropolitan University and the University of Law, London. He has over 38 years work experience in fisheries and marine resource governance and management the Caribbean.

Commander David Robin

Programme Coordinator,
Oceans Governance
and Fisheries at the
Organisation of Eastern
Caribbean States
(OECS)



Commander David Robin (Ret.), assumed the post of Programme Coordinator, Oceans Governance and Fisheries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in October 2016. In this capacity he is responsible for management of the OECS programme to contribute to sustainable Oceans Governance and Fisheries at regional and international levels.

Commander Robin has experience at in maritime safety, security and environmental protection national, regional and international levels as well as fisheries monitoring control and surveillance at the regional level. He served as Director Maritime Administration for the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with responsibility for

coordination of sustainable ocean governance and regulation maritime affairs from (2005 - 2016). He was the Commanding Officer of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Coastguard Service with responsibility for maritime law enforcement and search and rescue from 1994 to 2005 and OECS Fisheries Surveillance Coordinator, responsible for the Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance from 1989 - 1993.

Commander Robin holds a M.Sc. in Maritime Affairs (Safety and Environmental Protection), from the World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden; is a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA, and of the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Devon.

Commander David Robin

Programme Coordinator,
Oceans Governance
and Fisheries at the
Organisation of Eastern
Caribbean States
(OECS)



Commander Robin served on regional bodies including as Chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Maritime Transportation Committee (2014 - 2016), Chair and member of the OECS Ocean Governance Team (2012 – 2016). He also spearheaded and contributed to development of regional policy documents in the area maritime trade, maritime boundary delimitations and regional fisheries regulations.

Mr. Kosi Latu

Director General at the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme leads the premier intergovernmental agency for the Pacific environment established by SPREP Treaty in 1993. SPREP has 26 members and is an accredited entity to the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund with key priority areas in climate change resilience; island and ocean ecosystems; environmental monitoring and governance; and waste management and pollution control. Mr. Latu previously served as Deputy Director General.

Before joining SPREP Mr. Latu was the Manager of the UNOPS Financial Compliance Programme at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Mr. Latu also worked for the Commonwealth Secretariat for 11 years in the roles of Special Legal Adviser and Head of the Legal and Economic Division; and Deputy Director for the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Division. A graduate of Canterbury University, Mr. Latu's expertise is in international environmental law, law of the sea and financial compliance.

Per W. Schive

Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment (Norway)



Per W. Schive is Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment. He is responsible for the coordination of the Integrated Management Plans for the Norwegian sea areas. He is also working with environmental regulation of ocean industries, designation of MPAs and international cooperation on protection of the marine environment. He is a part of the Norwegian team for the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy and has been a member of the Programme Committee for the Our Ocean Conference 2019.

Jens Frølich Holte

State Secretary in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Jens Frølich Holte has a Master's degree in economics and business administration from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH) and a Master's degree in economic history from the London School of Economics (LSE).

He was born in the scenic West Coast city of Bergen in 1985 and became politically active in the Young Conservatives at the age of seventeen. While studying at NHH, he was head of media relations for the biannual student festival and played the piano for the school's male choir.

Frølich Holte has broad experience from the executive branch, having been State Secretary to the Minister for EEA and EU Affairs, acting State Secretary to the Minister of Transport and Communications, and political adviser in the Ministry of Climate and Environment. He has covered a diverse range of topics, ranging from the Paris Agreement negotiations and Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative to rail administration reform.

He has been in his current position as State Secretary in the Ministry of foreign affairs since January 2019. Prior to this he was State Secretary for International Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since January 2018.

Peter Thomson

U.N. Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean



Peter Thomson is a Fijian diplomat who served as President of the General Assembly of the United Nations from September 2016 until September 2017. He was Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations between 2010 and 2016. For the year 2014, he was elected President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS). He led the Fiji team of diplomats that in 2013 chaired the Group of 77 and China – the UN's largest negotiating group

comprised of 133 developing countries. He was elected as President of the International Seabed Authority's Assembly in 2011 and as President of its Council in 2015. In October 2017, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Ambassador Thomson as the first UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean, in which role he is driving the implementation of SDG14, the UN Sustainable Development Agenda's goal to conserve and sustainably use the resources of the Ocean.

Cristelle Pratt

Deputy Secretary
General of the
Pacific Islands Forum
Secretariat (PIFS)



Ms Cristelle Pratt is the Deputy Secretary
General of the Pacific Islands Forum
Secretariat (PIFS) in Suva, Fiji and has served
in this position since 2014. The PIFS is an
inter-Governmental organisation in the Pacific
region comprising 18 Member States. Ms
Pratt has extensive experience in climate
change and disaster risk resilience, having
being an adviser to the World Bank Group
on its disaster risk resilience policy initiatives
in the Pacific region. Ms Pratt was the
Director General of the South Pacific Applied

Geoscience Commission (now a division of the Pacific Community SPC); as well as serving in the Government of Fiji up until 2010. Ms Pratt is a leading regional expert in the area of resilience and ocean governance having been a regional policy maker and practitioner for over 2 decades. Key regional documents that she has spearheaded, in consultation with Members, include, the Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape and the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific. Ms Pratt was educated in Australia and Canada.

Dr Charlotte de Fontaubert

Program Manager for PROBLUE at the World Bank



Dr Charlotte de Fontaubert is the Program Manager for PROBLUE, the new Umbrella Trust Fund administered by the World Bank in support of the Blue Economy, particularly in SIDS and coastal Least Developed Countries. She co-authored the recent UN Report on the Blue Economy that was co-published by the World Bank and UN-DESA and launched at the UN Oceans Conference held at New York UN Headquarters in 2017. She also co-wrote the latest version of the Bank's seminal report on global fishing: Sunken Billions Revisited. She has a Master's degree from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D., in Marine Studies from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Sandra Whitehouse

Senior Policy Advisor at the Ocean Conservancy



Dr. Sandra Whitehouse is a consultant who is uses her marine science expertise to advise clients on ocean policies focused on how to advance ocean health and sustainably develop coastal and offshore projects. Her clients have included governments, companies and nonprofit organizations. Currently she

serves as the Senior Policy Advisor to Ocean Conservancy and as a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. She is on the board of The National Center for Science Education. Dr. Whitehouse holds a B.S. from Yale University in biology and a Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island in biological oceanography.

Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted

Research Program
Leader, Value Chains
and Nutrition at
WorldFish



Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is Research Program Leader, Value Chains and Nutrition at WorldFish, stationed in Penang, Malaysia. WorldFish is a CGIAR research center, working towards reducing poverty and hunger through capture fisheries and aquaculture. Her work focusses on nutrition-sensitive fish agri-food systems, in particular the potential of increased production and consumption of nutrient-rich small fish in combating and preventing vitamin and mineral deficiencies in low- and middleincome countries. She works with developing and testing fish-based products for women and children in the first 1,000 days of life. These products can improve dietary diversity and supply multiple, highly bioavailable nutrients which are essential for women's nutrition and health, and optimal growth, development and

cognition in children. She collaborates with many government agencies, international and national development partners, researchers, private sector companies and communities to find ways to include fish in investments, policies, programs and interventions for healthy diets as well as a healthy planet. She plays a pivotal role in promoting the agenda of fish for nourishing nations as well as the importance of the fisheries sector in contributing to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in many international, regional and national fora. She has recently been selected to join the Steering Committee of the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security.

Rune Thomas Ege

Vice President of Global Communications at Hurtigruten



Rune Thomas Ege (37) is Vice President Global Communication of Hurtigruten, the world's largest expedition cruise company.

A lover of our oceans, outdoor enthusiast and committed explorer, the 37-year-old joined Hurtigruten in 2016. Since then, he has held a central position in the company's efforts in expanding and setting new standards of sustainability in the global cruise industry. With a broad international background, Ege joined Hurtigruten from a position as foreign affairs correspondent for VG - Norway's largest and most read newspaper – covering major events across the globe. A former Norwegian Army officer, Ege has experience from Norwegian forces in Afghanistan, and also holds a degree in TV journalism.

Since Ege joined Hurtigruten, the company has announced that it is building the greenest fleet of ships in the industry and pushing hard to become completely emission free. Hurtigruten was the first cruise line to ban single-use plastic on all of its ships, the first cruise line to introduce hybrid powered ships – and the first cruise line in the world to start using biogas produced from organic waste such as dead fish to power its ships.

Michael W. Lodge

Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority



Michael W. Lodge is a British national. He received his LLB from the University of East Anglia, and has an MSc in marine policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is a barrister of Gray's Inn, London. Prior to his election as Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority in July 2016, he had served as Deputy to the Secretary-General and Legal Counsel. Other professional experiences include serving as Legal Counsel to the ISA (1996-2003); Counsellor to the Round Table on Sustainable Development, OECD (2004-2007); Legal Counsel to the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (1991-1995). He has also held appointments as a Visiting Fellow of Somerville College, Oxford (2012-2013), an

Associate Fellow of Chatham House, London (2007) and a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Oceans (2011-2016).

With 28 years of experience as a public international lawyer, Michael Lodge has a strong background in the field of law of the sea as well as ten years' judicial experience in the UK and South Pacific. He spent many years living and working in the South Pacific and was one of the lead negotiators for the South Pacific Island States of the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement. He has also worked as a consultanton fisheries, environmental and international law in Europe, Asia, Eastern Europe, the South Pacific and Africa.

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With extensive knowledge of the United Nations and other international organisations, Michael Lodge has facilitated high-level multilateral and bilateral negotiations at international and regional level. His significant achievements include his pivotal role in the ISA from its inception in 1996 and in helping to create and implement the first international regulatory regime for seabed mining. He also contributed to the future security of global fish stocks by leading the process to create the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission from concept to its establishment as the largest regional fisheries management organization in the world, also serving as the interim executive director of the Commission. He was

instrumental in advising the Pew Charitable
Trusts on their support for the Global
Ocean Commission and also acted as an
adviser to the Commission on international
law of the sea and ocean policy.

Mr Lodge has published and lectured extensively on the international law of the sea, with over 25 published books and articles on law of the sea, oceans policy and related issues.

Maura Pally

Executive vice president of the Clinton Foundation



Maura Pally is the executive vice president of the Clinton Foundation; she is also currently serving as the acting chief executive officer of the Clinton Climate Initiative. In this role, Maura oversees the strategic and operational efforts of the Foundation's seven initiatives, including the Clinton Climate Initiative, and fosters relationships with individuals, foundations, and corporations to support the life-changing work of the Clinton Foundation. Prior to her current role, Maura was responsible for the Foundation's women and youth programs including managing the creation, development, and implementation of No Ceilings: The Full Participation Project; Too Small to Fail; and Job One, an effort to help close the skills gap nationally. She also served as acting chief executive officer.

Maura joined the Clinton Foundation from Bloomberg Philanthropies where, as a member of the leadership team, she provided strategic direction for programmatic activities and oversight of operational management. Previously, she served as acting assistant and deputy assistant secretary of state for Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). As acting assistant secretary, Maura led a bureau of 450 employees and a \$635 million annual budget to fulfill ECA's mandate of facilitating public diplomacy through exchange programs, including the flagship Fulbright Scholarship Program. Maura oversaw the Department's exchange activities and budget strategy ensuring programs furthered the Administration's foreign policy objectives, and created new programs, including smARTpower

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and TechWomen to empower the next generation of women leaders in technology. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of State, Maura held several positions in the government and the private sector including special assistant in the Office of White House Counsel under President Clinton, manager of politics and public policy at Oxygen Media, and deputy legal counsel for Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign. She earned a bachelor's from Brown University and a J.D. from the University of Southern California.

The Hon. Kirk Duncan Humphrey

Minister for Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy (Barbados)



The Honourable Kirk D.M Humphrey is a member of the Lower House in the Barbados parliament for the peri-urban constituency of St. Michael South and is a Cabinet Minister with responsibility for the nascent Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy.

Minister Humphrey holds an honours degree from the University of the West Indies and has attended both the London School of Economics, where he gained a Master's Degree in Social Policy and Planning for Developing Countries; and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government where he received a Master's in Public Administration with concentrations in Public Policy and Leadership as well as Leadership and Human Rights.

The professional experience of Mr. Humphrey has been vast and has spanned both the public and private sector. He has worked in a number of senior posts in the Government of Barbados including Manager of the Child Care Board and directorships at the Bureau of Social Policy, Research and Planning and the Department of Constituency Empowerment respectively. During the period 2014-2018, Mr. Humphrey was a Senior Development Officer with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) Barbados office.

The Hon. Semi Tuleca Koroilavesau

Minister for Fisheries in Fiji



The Hon. Koroilavesau served 18years in the Fiji Navy RETIRED AS A NAVAL Commander. He has spent 25 years with Captain Cook Cruises in the Tourism Industry. He is a Member of Parliament. He was initially the Government Chief Whip for one year before joining Cabinet. He held the portfolio of Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations prior to becoming Minister for Fisheries in September 2016 till November 20th 2018. Re-appointed as Minister of Fisheries from November 22nd 2018 till todate.

He was President of the Naval Association and Commander of the Naval Reserve since 1999. He was the Vice Chairman of the Maritime

Advisory Board in 2000 and a member of the Australian Institute of Navigation. In August 2001 he was appointed a Consultant at New Zealand's Maritime School, Manukau Tech. He was appointed Managing Director Captain Cook Cruises, Fiji Islands in November 2005 and Executive Chairman of Captain Cook Cruises in 2013.

Hon Koroilavesau has been a champion for change and has dedicated his time to in achieving a more holistic approach in Fisheries Management. Dedicated to ensuring sustainable fisheries, through his experience in government and the private sector, Hon Koroilavesau has proven to be a proactive leader within the fisheries sector.

Kjell Kristian Egge

International Law
Adviser in the Norwegian
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs



Kjell Kristian Egge is International Law Adviser in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Egge has been Norwegian Career Diplomat since 1995 and held different positions in the Legal Department of the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 2003. He has worked extensively on Law of the Sea and Arctic Issues, including heading Norwegian delegations to various United Nations and Arctic processes. Egge is the Head of delegation to the ongoing UN negotiations on a new Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

Jon Lomøy

Director General of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)



Jon Lomøy, Director General of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) since November 2015. Mr. Lomøy came to Norad after 5 years as Director of the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate. At OECD, Mr. Lomøy led the work on peer reviews, development finance statistics and general development policy work, including on modernizing ODA. With the Tax Directorate, he initiated a major program on Tax and Development and with the Education Directorate a PISA program for developing countries. From 1989 to 1996, Mr. Lomøy held senior positions at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) headquarters. As Head of the Eastern Africa Division, and Deputy Director and Director of the Africa Department, he was responsible for the management of bilateral development cooperation with Africa and

initiated a major reorganisation of the department to decentralise programmes and enhance work on general policy issues. Mr. Lomøy served as Ambassador of Norway to Zambia from 1996 to 2000 and returned to Norad from 2001 to 2004 as Director of the Southern Africa Department. In 2004, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Director General of the Department for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, where he was responsible for the overall management of Norway's bilateral assistance programme. As Ambassador of Norway to Tanzania from 2007 to 2010, Mr. Lomøy managed one of Norway's largest bilateral aid programmes, with a particular focus on translating global policy initiatives – such as climate change, UN reform and the Partnership for Reduced Maternal and Child Mortality – to country-level activities.