



Invitation to SIDE EVENT:

## “Sargassum Weed - Challenges and Opportunities”

**Time:** Thursday 24 October, 16:00 - 17:30 **Location:** Thon Hotel opera – Room Rigoletto (10 min. walk from conference venue).

*This side event aims to draw attention to and shed light on the problems, challenges and opportunities posed by Sargassum weed for ecosystems, tourism and fisheries in the Caribbean.*

*Massive Sargassum weed arrival in coastal areas of the Caribbean region represents a major challenge for affected countries. At the same time Sargassum weed may provide opportunities for economic activity. At the event, representatives of affected stakeholder countries and two Norwegian companies are invited to present approaches to dealing with Sargassum.*

### PROGRAM

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| 16:00-16:15 | Registration   |
| 16:15       | Norway's State Secretary <b>Mr Jens Frølich Holte</b> : Opening words. 5 min.  |
| 16:20       | Mexico's Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs, <b>Ms Martha Delgado</b> : Sargassum - Challenges and Opportunities. A Regional perspective. 10 min. |
| 16:30       | Grenada's Minister for Climate Resilience and the Environment, <b>Mr Simon Stiel</b> : National strategy and regional perspective. 5 min.              |
| 16:35       | Saint Lucia's Minister with responsibility for External Affairs, <b>Ms Sarah Flood Beaubrun</b> : National strategy and regional perspective. 5 min.   |
| 16:40       | Norwegian companies <b>EnviroNor</b> and <b>Brightcore Quantum</b> : “Solutions and commercial opportunities”. 5 + 5 min.                              |
| 16:50       | Questions and discussion: 20 min.  |
| 17:10       | Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean, <b>Mr Vidar Helgesen</b> : Concluding remarks.   |
| 17:15-17:30 | Time for networking  |