

Technology for Good: How Innovation and Open Data Can Deliver Ocean Action

Monday 15 April, 14:00 – 14:50, Book Castle

Lead: Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

Co-organizers: Global Fishing Watch, Government of Greece

The side event aims to explain clearly how open data can power technological solutions to ocean problems in international commitments in a cost-effective way; outline how transparency can drive a global system of accountability; announce leading commitments from the government of Greece and the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission.

Our ocean is in trouble. Marine biodiversity is in dangerous decline. A third of the world's major commercial fish stocks have been exploited beyond safe limits. Lawless and destructive fishing is destroying ecosystems, hurting coastal communities and undermining economies. A huge growth in shipping, dumping of solid and liquid wastes by ships, abandoned fishing nets, ballast water discharges, offshore energy and other industrial activity are putting even greater stress on ocean life. Climate change is profoundly altering marine life, heating the ocean, changing its acidity and depleting its oxygen. These threats affect us all. The ocean regulates our weather, cycles fresh water, absorbs the carbon we emit, and sustains the livelihoods of millions. Putting ocean health at risk is a risk to our own future food, economic and maritime security.

The government of Greece, the Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation and Global Fishing Watch will host a 50-minute side event covering:

- *How can we best apply the technological innovations we have to the challenges we face?*
- *How can we ensure that those with limited resources are not left behind in the development and deployment of solutions?*
- *How transparency is a crucial component of good ocean governance and central to meeting our international objectives.*



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

14:00 – 14:05	<i>Introduction and setting scene</i> Tony Long, CEO Global Fishing Watch
14:05 – 14:11	<i>Experiences of technology and transparency</i> Rocío Parra Cortés, Head of the Legal Division of the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Chile
14:11 – 14:17	José Julio Casas, Technical Secretary, Corredor Marino del Pacifico Este Tropical (CMAR)
14:17 – 14:22	<i>Announcements</i> Dr Khallahi Brahim, Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission Permanent Secretary
14:22 – 14:32	Dr Petros Varelidis, Sec Gen of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy
14:32 – 14:45	<i>Q&A</i>
14:43 – 14:50	<i>Closing</i> Evi Lazou – Laskaridis, President, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation