



## **SIDE EVENT AGENDA**

### **Our Deep Ocean: the growing momentum for a halt to deep-sea mining**

Tuesday, April 16, 1500h-1550h, Alternative Stage

**Lead: Deep Sea Conservation Coalition**

**Co-organizers: Government of Palau, Government of Costa Rica, Government of France, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Sustainable Ocean Alliance, World Wide Fund for Nature**

Deep-sea mining presents a once-in-a-generation question to destroy or preserve the ocean. If the industry is permitted to proceed, the planet could see the largest mining operation in human history, during a triple planetary crisis, with an already overstressed ocean that has bore the brunt of each. Experts warn that deep-sea mining poses irreversible risks to nature and climate on multi-generational timescales and that a only small few will reap the financial benefits.

This side event will bring together key high-level champion governments, businesses, scientists, and youth leaders to elevate the need and build momentum for a deep-sea mining moratorium amongst governments in favor of the protection and conservation of deep-sea ecosystems for the benefit of humankind as a whole, as required under the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.



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<b>Time (from-to)</b>	<b><i>Title of intervention/presentation</i> Name, Affiliation</b>
1500h-1502h	Opening – Sofia Tsenikli, Global Moratorium Campaign Lead, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition
1503h-1505h	Introductions – Demetres Karavellas, CEO, WWF Greece
1506h – 1510h	Speech – H.E. Surangel S. Whipps Jr., President, Palau
1511h – 1515h	Speech – H.E. Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
1516h – 1520h	Speech – H.E. Hervé Berville, Secretary of State of the Sea and Biodiversity, France
1521h- 1525h	Speech – H.E. Alberto Van Klaveren, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chile



1526h – 1530h	Speech – H.E. Teresa Ribera, Deputy Prime Minister, Spain
1531h – 1535h	Speech – H.E. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, Geohazards and Disaster Management, Vanuatu
1536h – 1540h	Speech – H.E. Sebastian Unger, Federal Government Commissioner for the Ocean, Germany
1541h – 1545h	Speech – H.E. Iseult Fitzgerald, Ambassador of Ireland to Greece, Ireland
1546h – 1548h	Youth Perspective and Group Photo – Forbi Nyosai, African Regional Representative, Sustainable Ocean Alliance
1549h – 1550h	Closing remarks – Minna Epps, Director, Global Marine and Polar Programme, International Union for the Conservation of Nature