

# Concept Note:

OUR OCEAN CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT, 15-17 APRIL

## Organisations

Getting to Zero Coalition, Climate Champions Team, UN Foundation, Lloyd's Register Foundation, Sustainable Shipping Initiative, Maersk-McKinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping, Equal Routes, World Economic Forum.

## Proposed Panelists

### Panelists:

- Sue Biniaz, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, Department of State, United States
- Ambassador Ishoda, Special Climate Envoy for Maritime Decarbonization, Republic of Marshall Islands
- Semiramis Paliou, CEO Diana Shipping & Chair of HELMEPA
- Grenada, TBC
- Elissama Menezes, Climate & Shipping Consultant, Equal Routes

### Moderator:

Maersk-McKinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping

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### Areas of Action

Sustainable Blue Economy  
Climate Change  
Marine Protected Areas

### Key Focus Areas

Green Shipping

### Event Description

#### *Context*

Shipping is a pivotal component of the blue economy as well as the wider global economy which exists at the intersection of the triple planetary crisis - climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, stretching across all key areas of actions of Our Ocean Conference. To curb these crises, a sustainable and resilient maritime industry is pivotal, which includes matching sector-wide, ambitious industry action with policy on national, regional and international levels.

First movers within the industry are already undertaking action through pilot projects, early discussion on offtake agreements and initiatives like Green Corridors whilst in parallel political momentum has been building as the IMO adopted the 2023 Revised GHG Strategy and policy measures to deliver on this Strategy will be adopted in 2025. With this increasing focus on the need – and opportunities – to decarbonize international shipping, a sustainable, resilient maritime industry needs to consider not only how to decarbonise, but also how this is aligned with efforts to improve shipping’s environmental and social impacts so the co-benefits of decarbonizing shipping for people and nature are realized through a harmonized approach.

National and regional policymakers are also exploring and implementing tools to support international shipping decarbonization as well as addressing shipping’s wider environmental and social impacts. This event will explore shipping’s short and long-term impact on ocean health, productivity, and biodiversity, identify links - convergence and trade-offs - between actions to decarbonize and actions to protect ocean health/biodiversity and anchor these in the shipping community. This combination of policy and private sector action is crucial and through working together must address a global, just and equitable transition to a zero-emission, resilient maritime sector that benefits both people and ecosystems.

#### *Objectives*

- To demonstrate decarbonizing shipping is a positive contribution to the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus.
- To showcase industry action and highlight the role that policy frameworks and measures need to play to support and enable a just & equitable transition to a sustainable and resilient maritime sector.

#### *Description*

In this session, a panel discussion will examine the progress, commitments and actions from across the globe to address the impact of shipping on the climate and the marine environment, including that on pollution and ocean biodiversity. We will also highlight how policy commitments and initiatives both nationally and multilaterally can support and drive further efforts.

5 min – Welcome & Opening remarks

35 min – Panel discussion (1 question per panelist + follow ups)

10 min – Questions from audience