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AGENDA

## Monday, 15 April 2024

- 10:00 – 19:00      **Registration**
- 09:00 – 17:00      **Young Ocean Leaders Forum**  
Education, Employment, Innovation  
Venue: Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC) | Lighthouse
- 17:30 – 19:30      **Our Ocean Film Festival Opening & Reception**  
Venue: Megaron Athens Concert Hall
- 20:00 – 22:00      **Reception hosted in honor of the Heads of accredited delegations to the 9<sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference**, co-hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic. By invitation only (1+1).  
Venue: Acropolis Museum
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## Tuesday, 16 April 2024

- 07:00 – 09:00      **Delegations Arrivals, Registration & Coffee**
- 08:45 – 09:30      **Welcoming, Video address by H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Katerina Sakellariopoulou and Keynote Addresses**  
**Actions to save the ocean**

### **SPEAKERS**

- **George Gerapetritis** – Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic
- **Theodoros Skylakakis** – Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic
- **Secretary John Kerry**
- **Peter Thomson** – UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean



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- **Virginijus Sinkevicius** – EU Commissioner for the Environment, Ocean and Fisheries
- **Melina Travlos** – President of the Union of Greek Shipowners
- **Jennifer R. Littlejohn** – Acting Assistant Secretary, US Department of State

09:30 – 10:30

**Plenary Session I**  
**Greening the Shipping Sector**

**MODERATOR:** **Nigel Lowry** – Lloyd's List Intelligence

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Christos Stylianides** – Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Hellenic Republic
- **Karin Orsel** – President, European Community Shipowners' Associations
- **Dimitrios Fafalios** – Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Union of Greek Shipowners
- **Dorota Lost-Sieminska** – Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO
- **Guy Platten** – International Chamber of Shipping
- **Sue Biniaz** – Principal Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, US Department of State
- **Harald Fotland** – President of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association

10:30 – 11:00

**COFFEE BREAK – SIDE EVENTS**

11:00 – 12:00

**Plenary Session II**  
**Confronting Plastic Pollution**

**MODERATOR:** **DR. Thomais Vlachogianni** – Senior Policy & Programme Officer on Marine Litter, MIO-ECSDE



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**SPEAKERS:**

- **Evi Lazou – Laskaridis** – President, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation
- **Susan Gardner** – Director of Ecosystems Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Dr. Amna Bint Abdullah Al Dahak Al Shamsi** – Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates
- **Forbi Perise Eyong** – Young Voice, Cameroon / Regional Representative for Africa
- **Dr. Dana Miller** – Director of Strategic Initiatives, Oceana
- **Inga Berzina** – Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

12:00 – 14:00

**LUNCH BREAK – SIDE EVENTS**

12:00 – 14:00

**High-Level working luncheon for Heads of Delegations on the protection of marine biodiversity: international processes**  
Venue: DELTA restaurant – SNFCC

**MODERATOR:** **Maria Damanaki** – f. Commissioner for the Environment, Ocean and Fisheries

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Katrina Maguire** - First Assistant Secretary, International Environment Reef and Oceans, Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water of Australia
- **Susanne Kraus - Winkler** - State Secretary of Labour and Economy of the Republic of Austria
- **Dr. Ibrahim Alarabi Munir** - Minister of Environment of the State of Libya
- **Ionut - Sorin Banciu** - Secretary of State at the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania
- **Dr. Joyelle Trizia Clarke** - Minister of Sustainable Development of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis



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- **Ernesto D. Adobo** - Undersecretary for Legal and Administration of the Republic of Philippines
- **Ambassador Lazar Comanescu** - Secretary General of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organisation
- **Ralph Regenvanu** - Minister of Climate Change Adaption of the Republic of Vanuatu
- **Abner Andre Perez** - Minister of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management of Belize
- **Vladimir Jares** - Director of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs at the UN Secretariat

12:30 – 14:00 **Working luncheon offered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to Ministers and Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs (upon invitation)**

14:00 – 15:00 **Plenary Session III**  
**Effective Management of Marine Protected Areas**

**MODERATOR:** Alexandra Cousteau – Senior Advisor, Oceana

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Herve Berville** – Secretary of State for the Sea and Biodiversity of the French Republic
- **Secretary John Kerry**
- **Dona Bertarelli** – Philanthropist
- **Angelo Villagomez** – Center for American Progress
- **Jelta Wong** - Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea
- **Enric Sala** – National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, Pristine Seas
- **Teresa Ribera Rodriguez** – Third Vice-President of the Government and Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of the Kingdom of Spain

15:00 – 16:00 **COFFEE BREAK – SIDE EVENTS**





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**15:30- 16:45**

**Plenary Session IV**  
**Ocean – Climate Nexus**

**MODERATOR:** Axel Threlfall – Editor at Large for Reuters

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Sun Shuxian** – Vice Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the People's Republic of China
- **Loreley Picourt** – Young Voice, Executive Director, Ocean and Climate Platform
- **Secretary John Kerry**
- **Fabrizia Lapecorella** – OECD Deputy Secretary
- **Asterio Appi, MP** – Minister of Climate Change and National Resilience of the Republic of Nauru
- **Cristelle Pratt** – Assistant Secretary General Environment & Climate Action, Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States

**17:00 – 18:00**

**SIDE EVENTS**

**17:00 – 17:20**

**Family Photo for Heads of delegations**

**17:20 – 17:30**

**Keynote Address by the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Kyriakos Mitsotakis**

**17:30 – 19:15**

**High-Level Segment with the participation of Heads of State | Government | 3 min. intervention**

**MODERATOR:** Maria Damanaki – f. Commissioner for the Environment, Ocean and Fisheries

**SPEAKERS:**

- **His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**
- **Secretary John Kerry**
- **H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan** – President of the Republic of Seychelles



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- **H.E. Surangel S. Whipps, JR** – President of the Republic of Palau
- **H.E. Wesley W. Simina** – President of the Federated States of Micronesia
- **H.E. Dr. Roosevelt Skerrit** – Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica
- **H.E. Ulysses Correia e Silva** – Prime Minister of the Republic of Capo Verde
- **H.E. Mark Brown** – Prime Minister of the Government of the Cook Islands
- **H.E. Hu’akavameiliku Sovaleni Siaosi** – Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga
- **H.E. Dickon Mitchell** – Prime Minister of Grenada
- **H.E. Patrice Emery Trovoada** – Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
- **H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao** – Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste

19:30 - 20:30 **Cocktail Reception for Heads of State | Government +1  
Hosted by the Prime Minister**

20:00 - 22:00 **Dinner | Hosted by the Minister of Environment and  
Energy for counterparts**

## **Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

08:00 – 09:00 **Delegations Arrival and Coffee - Side Events**

09:00 – 10:00 **High-Level Panel on Ocean Sustainable Management |  
Ministers for Foreign Affairs | 3 min. intervention**

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **George Gerapetritis** – Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic
- **Arnoldo Andre Tinoco** - Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica



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- **Dr. Hasan Mahmud** - MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- **Rui Alberto Figueiredo Soares** - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration of the Republic of Capo Verde
- **Gareth Haddad do Espirito Santo Guadalupe** - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

10:00 – 11:00

**Plenary Session V**

**The Pathway to Innovative Maritime Security and Emerging Technologies**

**MODERATOR:** Nick Clark – Al Jazeera

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Maja Markovic Kostelac** – Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Organization
- **Steven Brock**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy
- **Konstantinos Kyranakis** – Deputy Minister of Digital Governance of the Hellenic Republic
- **Viriato Luis Soares Cassama** – Minister of Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- **Dieudonne Loic Ndinga Moudouma** – Minister of Transport, Merchant Navy and the Sea Environment of the Gabonese Republic
- **Kwaku Ofori Asiamah** – Minister of Transport of the Republic of Ghana

11:00 – 12:00

**Plenary Session VI**

**Sustainable Tourism – Sustainable Blue Economy**



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**MODERATOR:** **Tatiana Der Avedissian** - World Ocean Initiative, The Economist Group

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Olga Kefalogianni** – Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic
- **Craig Cogut** – Founder and Chairman of Pegasus CapiAdvisors, Six Senses hotels, Global Fund for Coral Reefs
- **Terry Tamminen** – President / CEO of Alta Seas and the Port of Los Angeles, f. Environment Secretary of California
- **Achilles V. Constantakopoulos** – Chairman, T.E.MES. S.A.
- **Minister Walter Roban** – Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs, Bermuda
- **Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi** – Minister of Tourism and Environment of the Republic of Albania
- **Hassaan Mohamed** – Deputy Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy of the Republic of Maldives

12:00 – 14:00

**LUNCH BREAK – SIDE EVENTS**

12:00 - 14:00

**High-Level working luncheon for Heads of Delegations on Sustainable Tourism on the Mediterranean** | Venue: Delta restaurant – SNFCC

**MODERATOR:** **Perit Karmenu Vella** - f. EU Commissioner of the Republic of Malta

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Olga Kefalogianni** – Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic
- **HSH Prince Albert II** – Sovereign Prince of the Principality of Monaco
- **Abadi Almotaz** – Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean



- **Claudio Barbaro** – Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security of the Italian Republic
- **Senator Matthew Samuda** – Minister, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation of Jamaica
- **Vladimir Martinovic** – Minister of Tourism, Ecology, Sustainable Development of Montenegro
- **Zane Lightbourne** – Minister of State for the Environment of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas
- **Stelios Kypouropoulos** – Member of the European Parliament

14:00 – 15:00

**Plenary Session VII**  
**Promoting Sustainable Fisheries**

**MODERATOR:** **Alfredo Giron** – Head, Ocean Action Agenda, World Economic Forum

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Lefteris Avgenakis** – Minister of Rural Development and Food, Hellenic Republic
- **Esben Sverdup-Jensen** – CEO at Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) and ICFA Board member
- **Carmen Ivelise Van Dunem do Sacramento Neto dos Santos** – Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources of the Republic of Angola
- **Steffi Lemke** – Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection of the Federal Republic of Germany
- **Charlina Vitcheva** – Director General, DG MARE, European Commission
- **Kevin Brosseau** – Associate Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada

15:00 – 16:00

**Plenary Session VIII**  
**The Challenges & Solutions of the Mediterranean Countries**

**MODERATOR:** **Prof. Michael Scoullos**

**SPEAKERS:**

- **HSH Prince Albert II** – Sovereign Prince of the Principality of Monaco
- **Tatjana Hema** – Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme / Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), Barcelona Convention Secretariat
- **Leila Chikhaoui Mahdaoui** – Minister of Environment of Tunisia
- **Masa Kociper** – State Secretary in the Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Julia Manning** – Associate Director, Senior Environmental Adviser, EBRD
- **Hon. Dr. Alicia Bugeja Said** – Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Animal Rights of the Republic of Malta

16:00 – 17:00

**COFFEE BREAK – SIDE EVENTS**

17:00 – 17:45

**Closing Ceremony | High-Level Panel on OOC Legacy  
Official Handover: Looking to Our Ocean 2025**

**MODERATOR:** **Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou** – Greek Prime Minister’s Special Envoy for the Ocean | Our Ocean Conference 2024 Coordinator

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Khadija Stewart** – Regional Representative for the Caribbean
- **Kirsten Grorud-Colvert** – Oregon University
- **Ambassador Julie Lympelopoulos** – Ambassador and General Consul of the Republic of Panama to the Hellenic Republic
- **H.E. Surangel S. Whipps, JR** – President of the Republic of Palau
- **Ambassador Bebeb A. K. Nugraha Djundjunan** – Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Greece
- **Georg Borsting** – Norwegian Sherpa to the Ocean Panel, MFA Norway



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- **Perit Karmenu Vella** - f. EU Commissioner of the Republic of Malta
- **Ambassador Julio Cordano** – Director of Environment, Climate Change and Ocean Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
- **Myeong-dal SONG** – Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea on OOC10

17:45– 18:00      **Cultural Event: Chorus featuring Sounds of the Mediterranean**

18:00 – 20:00      **Closing Reception**