



## SIDE EVENT AGENDA

### **Women in Blue Economy**

April 16, 11:30 – 12:20, Lighthouse Room

**Lead: Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association - HELMEPA**

The side event aims at an open discussion on the situation of women in the Blue Economy Sector and its subsectors and in the whole system of Ocean Governance.

We would to present the obstacles, challenges, and opportunities that women have to handle and the possible ways to empower their participation and upgrade their presence, benefiting not only them but the whole society and economy.

We are going to focus on four main questions -topics:

What is the current role of women in the Blue economy and Ocean governance?

What can be the added value of women's substantial participation in these sectors?

How can we empower women for a successful presence?

What would this success be like?



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Maria Damanaki – Founder, Leading Women for the Ocean (LWO), Former EU Commissioner for Maritime & Fisheries

Semiramis Paliou – Director and CEO DIANA SHIPPING INC., Chairperson, HELMEPA& INTERMEPA

Prof. Assuncao Cristas - NOVA School of Law, Portugal

The Honorable Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. - Deputy Director for Climate and Environment, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

Mrs. Zefi Dimadama – Secretary General for Equality and Human Rights, Ministry of Social Cohesion and the Family

Dr. Minako Iue – Chair and CEO Sailors for the Sea, Japan

Nancy Lindborg – President and Chief Executive David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Elpi Petraki – President Women’s International Shipping & Trading Association WISTA



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Mrs Tatiana Der Avedissian – Head of business development, World Ocean Initiative, The Economist Group,  
Co-president, Harvard Kennedy School Women’s Network