

High Ambition and Partnerships for the High Seas

Draft Programme

April 16, 2024

1:30 pm - 2:50 pm

Lighthouse Room, Stavros Niarchos Center

1:30 pm Welcome Remarks

(event moderator: Lucie Debaere, Belgium)

1:35 pm Panel on international Collaboration and Partnerships (25 min):

(moderator: Dr. Dionysia Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Greece, Our Ocean Conference 2024 Coordinator and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the Ocean)

Vladimir Jares, DOALOS

Minna Epps, IUCN

Darius Campbell, NEAFC

Melissa Wright, Bloomberg Ocean Fund

Susan Gardner, UNEP

Mehak Arora, Earth Echo (Youth)

2:00 pm Government Interventions (2 min per person):

These interventions will focus on announcements and progress towards implementing the Treaty and high seas protected areas. Please note that the order of the interventions can change, and that other high-level representative interventions might be added.

Palau - HE Surangel Whipps Jr., President

Seychelles - HE Wavel Ramkalawan, President (TBC)

European Commission - HE Virginijus Sinkevicius, Commissioner for Environment Oceans and Fisheries

Chile - HE Alberto van Klaveren, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Costa Rica - HE Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Nigeria - HE Iziaq Salako, Minister of State for Environment

Republic of Korea - HE Song Myeongdal, Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries

France - HE Hervé Berville, State Secretary for the Sea (TBC)

Belgium - HE Marc Calcoen, Ambassador of Belgium to Greece and Cyprus

2:40 pm IPLC Speaker:

Rapa Nui Community Representative from Koro Nui o te Vaikava (Ocean Council)

2:45 pm Closing Remarks:

Dr. Sylvia Earle, Mission Blue

2:50 pm Event closes