High-Level Scientific Conference

From COP21 towards the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

10 - 11 September 2018
UNESCO Headquarters, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris


The event aims at synthesizing recent scientific progress on ocean and climate interplays; evaluating the latest ocean, climate, and biodiversity trends; and reflecting on ways to move “from science to action”.

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Session 1
What does science tell us today about the ocean?
Room X, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Session 2
An intergovernmental organization perspective on ocean, climate and biodiversity knowledge
Room X, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Session 3
From science to action: how can the UN Decade of Ocean Science make a difference?
Room X, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Session 4
From science to action: which policies?
Room X, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

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Sciences cooperation, policies interfaces and SDGs in South Atlantic Ocean
(Room X, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm)
(UBO, IRD)

Special session
Women in Ocean Science
(Room X, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm)
(Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Permanent Delegation of Canada to UNESCO)

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Opening ceremony
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Room X)
Welcome address: Audrey Azoulay, Director-General, UNESCO
Byong Hyun Lee, Chair of the Executive Board, UNESCO
Nicolas Hulot, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (via video)
Romain Troublé, President, Ocean and Climate Platform
Ana Paula Vitorino, Minister of the Sea of Portugal

Session 1 - What does science tell us today about the ocean?
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Room X)
William Cheung, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia / NF-UBC Nereus programm
Sheila Heymans, Executive Director, European Marine Board
Patricia Miloslavich, Project Officer, GOOS Biology and Ecosystem Panel
Lauren Mullineaux, Senior Scientist and Biology Department Chair, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Martin Visbeck, Head of the Research Unit Physical Oceanography, GEOMAR
Moderators: Anny Cazenave, Member of the National Academy of Sciences and Franoise Gaill, Emeritus Research Director, CNRS

Session 2 - An intergovernmental organization perspective on ocean, climate and biodiversity knowledge
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm (Room X)
Elva Escobar, Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico
Nathalie Hilmi, Environmental Economist, Scientific Center of Monaco
Valérie Masson-Delmotte, Co-chair, IPCC
Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-chair, IPCC
Robert Watson, President, IPBES
Moderators: Joachim Claudet, Researcher, CNRS-CRIOBE and Laura Hampton, journalist

Cocktail
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (UNESCO restaurant)
Offered by the Paul Ricard Oceanography Institute as part of its Take OFF program (“Take Ocean for Future“)

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Session 3 - From science to action: how can the UN Decade of Ocean Science make a difference?
9:00 am - 10:30 am (Room X)
Peter Haugan, Chair, IOC-UNESCO
Torsten Thiele, Economist, Global Ocean Trust
Jacqueline Uku, President, WIOMSA
Anna Zivian, Co-chair, Future Earth Ocean Knowledge-Action Network Development Team; Senior Research Fellow, Ocean Conservancy
Moderators: Julian Barbière, Head of the IOC Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, IOC-UNESCO and Patricia Ricard, President, Paul Ricard Oceanography Institute

10:30 am - 11:00 am Coffee/tea break
Poster exhibition

Session 4 - From science to action: which policies?
11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Room X)
Julio Cordano, Head of the Department on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
Cameron Diver, Deputy Director-General of the Pacific Community
Serge Séguir, French Ambassador for Ocean Affairs
Ricardo Serrão Santos, Member of the European Parliament
Moderators: Rémi Parmentier, Director, The Varda Group and Salvatore Aricò, Head of the Ocean Science Section, IOC-UNESCO

Closing ceremony
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm (Room X)
Wrap up: Peter Haugan, Chair, IOC-UNESCO and Lisa Svensson, Director Ocean and Marine Programme, UN Environment
Closing remarks:
Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary, IOC-UNESCO
Frédérique Vidal, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation of France (tbc)

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