

OCEAN ACTION EVENTS AT COP28



Note: The UN Climate Change High-level Champions, the Global Climate Action Agenda for Ocean & Coastal Zones, the Ocean & Climate Platform, together with partners, are organising the **Ocean Action Events Package** at COP28 to power the **Ocean Breakthroughs**: the Land Use x Ocean Action Event, the High-Level Ocean Event, and two Implementation Labs on Coastal Zone Resilience and on Aquatic Food and Protein Transition.



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OCEAN x LAND USE ACTION DAY

NATURE FIRST: FROM LAND TO OCEAN, OUR BEST ALLY FOR CLIMATE ACTION

9 DECEMBER 2023

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (GST)

ARENA 1 (AL HUR), GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION ZONE

Organised by the UN Climate Change High Level Champions, Land Use and Ocean & Coastal Zones groups of the Marrakech Partnership, FAO, IUCN, and the Ocean & Climate Platform.

For the first time, the Marrakech Partnership on Ocean & Coastal Zones will team up with their counterpart from Land Use to organise a joint Action Event at COP28. The whole nature system, from land to ocean, is the fundamental pillar of life on Earth and must be front and centre in climate action for a resilient, net-zero and biodiversity-positive world.

The event will showcase remarkable initiatives across land and ocean spearheaded by a multiplicity of non-state actors to reverse biodiversity decline by 2030, increase ecosystem and human resilience to climate change, and achieve a sustainable balance within planetary boundaries.



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PROGRAMME

Masters of Ceremony: **Liva Kaugure**, Natural Resources Officer, FAO and **Loreley Picourt**, Executive Director, Ocean & Climate Platform

LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH MIKE HORN

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING REMARKS: THE STATE OF OUR PLANET

- **Dr David Obura**, Chair, IPBES
- **H.E. Razan Al Mubarak**, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP28

HIKING

Moderated by **Josefina Braña Varela**, Vice President, Deputy Lead of the Forest team, WWF-US

- **Julian Hill-Landolt**, Senior Director, Nature Action & Member of the Extended Leadership Group, WBCSD
- **Pedro Barata**, Associate Vice President, Carbon Markets and Private Sector Decarbonization, EDF
- **Melissa Garvey**, Global Director for Nature Bonds, The Nature Conservancy
- **Jennifer Corpuz**, Representant of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Niatero



TRANSITION - Ayadi Mishra, Co-Chair, We are Tomorrow – Global Partnership

SURFING

Moderated by **Ignace Beguin Billecocq**, Nature and Ocean Lead, Climate Champions Team

- **Gabriel Muswali**, Manager, Aquaculture Production, East Africa Platform of Non-State Actors in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector, EARFISH
- **Abdou Karim Sall**, President, Management Committee of the Joal-Fadiouth Marine Protected Area, Senegal
- **Dr Megan Morikawa**, Global Director of Sustainability, Iberostar Hotels
- **Lealaisalanoa Frances Reupena**, CEO, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa



DIVING

Moderated by **Shamini Selvaratnam**, Associate Director - International Climate Policy, Ocean Conservancy

- **Minna Epps**, Director of Global Marine and Polar Programme, IUCN
- **Antonella Battaglini**, CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative
- **Manuel Barange**, Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO
- **Julio Cordano**, Director Environment, Climate Change and Ocean, Chile



HIGH-LEVEL CLOSING REMARKS: NO FUTURE WITHOUT NATURE

- **H.E. Marina Silva**, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil (TBC)

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON OCEAN

POWERING OCEAN BREAKTHROUGHS THROUGH 100% SUSTAINABLE OCEAN MANAGEMENT

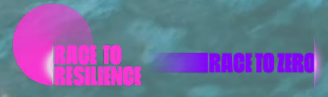
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2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (GST)

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Co-organised by the COP 28 Presidency, the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, Ocean Action 2030, the Ocean & Climate Platform on behalf of the Marrakech Partnership and UN Climate Change High Level Champions.

This event will cast a spotlight on the ocean and underscore country commitments toward the goal of achieving 100% Sustainable Ocean Management through the development and implementation of Sustainable Ocean Plans (SOPs), which are integral to addressing Ocean Breakthroughs. Participants will showcase ocean-based climate solutions to reduce the emissions gap between current and future emissions by up to 35 percent on a 1.5°C pathway, as well as to strengthen food security, energy capacity, and local livelihoods through enhanced climate action.



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Master of Ceremony: **David Eades**, *Journalist*

THE OCEAN BREAKTHROUGHS, OUR LIGHTHOUSE

- **Loreley Picourt**, Executive Director, Ocean & Climate Platform
- **Ignace Beguin**, Nature and Ocean Lead, Climate Champions Team

ONE OCEAN, MANY VOICES

- **H.E. Isabelle Berro Amadei**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Monaco
- **Enric Sala**, Explorer in Residence, National Geographics
- **Ivory Vogt**, Youth Representative, Republic of Palau

100% SUSTAINABLE OCEAN MANAGEMENT TO POWER THE OCEAN BREAKTHROUGHS

- **H.E Anne Beathe Tvinnereim**, Minister for International Development, Norway
- **H.E Flavien P. Joubert**, Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change and Energy, Seychelles
- **H.E Alicia Bárcena**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- **H.E John Kerry**, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, United States of America
- **Mark Lambrides**, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development at the Organization of American States
- **Cynthia Barzuna, Director**, Ocean Action 2030, World Resources Institute
- **H.E. Ambassador Ilana Seid**, Sherpa Co-Chair, High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy

POWERING THE OCEAN BREAKTHROUGHS ACROSS NATURE AND INDUSTRY

Moderated by **Sturla Henriksen**, Special Advisor Ocean, UN Global Compact

- **Adam Brennan**, Group Director - Sustainability, Thai Union
- **Karen Sack**, Executive Director, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance
- **Susan Gardner**, Head of Ecosystems, UNEP
- **Ariane Pevide**, Climate Finance Director, MUFG
- **Nikolaus H. Schües**, CEO, F. Laeis
- **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Director of the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection

TAKING THE BATON FROM COP28 ON THE ROAD TO 2025

Moderated by **H.E. Razan Al Mubarak**, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP28

- **H.E. Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean
- **H.E. Franz Tattenbach**, Minister for Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
- **H.E. Christophe Bechu**, Minister of the Ecological Transition and Territory Cohesion, France

IMPLEMENTATION LAB

COASTAL ZONE RESILIENCE

Accelerating Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Resilience: Financing and Policy Tools

9 DECEMBER 2023

4:00 - 5:00 PM (GST)

Lab 1 (Al Shaheen), Global Climate Action Zone



Co-organised by the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA), in collaboration with Conservation International (CI) and the Ocean & Climate Platform (OCP).

This roundtable will discuss how to accelerate the implementation of nature-based solutions for coastal adaptation and resilience at scale, including financing, investment and policy pathways. The Lab will identify next steps needed for building the next generation of resilient infrastructure to reduce flood risk in coastal zones and to protect climate vulnerable coastal people.



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WELCOMING REMARKS- SCENE-SETTING

- **Karen Sack**, Executive Director, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance - Changing the global ocean financing architecture
- **Jennifer Howard**, Vice President, Conservation International - Leveraging policy & financing tools to create an enabling environment for action

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- **Simon Young**, Senior Director, WTW
- **Simon Dent**, Outrigger Ocean Impact Fund
- **Francine Baron**, CEO, Climate Resilience Execution Agency, Dominica
- **Oliver Withers**, Head of Biodiversity, Standard Chartered
- **Théophile Bongarts-Lebbe**, Project Manager, Ocean & Climate Platform
- **Mahlet Mesfin**, US Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans
- **Filimone Ralogaivau**, Principal Climate Change Officer, Fiji

NEXT STEPS & CLOSING REMARKS

- **Karen Sack**, Executive Director, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance
- **Jen Howard**, Vice President, Conservation International

IMPLEMENTATION LAB

AQUATIC FOOD AND PROTEIN TRANSITION

10 DECEMBER 2023

12:30 - 13:30 PM

Lab 2 (Al Jeer), Global Climate Action Zone

Co-organised by Madre Brava, UN Global Compact, Food and Agriculture Organisation, Environmental Defense fund and SeaBOS.

This event aims to look at the necessary measures to achieve the food systems transformation and the role aquatic foods and alternative proteins can play in this vision. It will convene civil society, private sector champions, and policymakers to discuss the necessary actions to elevate the role and importance of these nutrition sources.



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Moderated by **Vincent Doumeizel**, Senior Advisor, UN Global Compact and Director Food Programme, Lloyd's Register Foundation

HIGH LEVEL OPENING REMARKS

- **Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary General Special Envoy for the Ocean

ROUNDTABLE

- **Jacques-Chai Chomthongdi**, South East Asia Director; Madre Brava
- **Adam Brennan**, Director - Global Sustainability, Thai Union
- **Bubacarr Zaidi Jallow**, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, Gambia
- **Suzanne Njeri**, Association of Women in Fisheries Kenya (AWFBK)
- **Gabriel Muswali**, Small scale fisheries representative, EAFISH
- **Sharon Blight**, Director of Health and Sustainability, Consumer Good Forum
- **Dr. Michelle Tigchelaar**, Research Scientist, Stanford Center for Ocean Solutions

Q&A WITH THE AUDIENCE

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Gonzalo Munoz**, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP25 and Global Ambassador for Race to Zero and Race to Resilience

EVENTS PARTNERS



The Ocean Action Events are organised by MP-GCA Ocean & Coastal Zones, the Ocean & Climate Platform and the High-level Climate Champions, with the support of:



ABOUT THE MARRAKESH PARTNERSHIP - GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION FOR OCEAN & COASTAL ZONES

Building on the recognition that all Parties to the UNFCCC and Non Party Stakeholders (NPS) must take action to reach the goals set by the Paris Agreement, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MP-GCA) was launched in 2016 during COP22. Under the leadership of the High-Level Climate Champions (HLC), the MP-GCA acts as a framework to raise ambition and help accelerate the pace and scale of climate action. It especially aims at strengthening and nurturing the mobilisation of NPS and their collaboration with Parties to the Convention.

“Ocean and coastal zones” is one of the priority themes of the MP-GCA, among 6 others (Energy, Human settlements, Industry, Land Use, Transport and Water). The MP-GCA Ocean & Coastal Zones brings together 120 organisations from non-state actors - including NGOs, business and industry, indigenous populations, research and academic institutes, international organisations - to raise ambition and accelerate ocean-based climate solutions. Since COP22, in Marrakech, the MP-GCA Ocean & Coastal Zones coordinates the official Ocean Action Day at COP.

In 2023, On the occasion of the IUCN Leaders Forum and in the run-up to COP28, the ocean community, united under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, with the support of the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions, launched the Ocean Breakthroughs: transformative pathways covering five key ocean sectors, where accelerated action and investments could deliver up to 35 percent GHG emissions reduction and contribute to a resilient, nature-positive and net zero future by 2050. [Learn more](#)



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