



UN OCEAN CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT

Sustainable Ocean Economies that can drive a Blue Recovery and Sustainable Development

Launch of the Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report: Towards a Blue Recovery in Fiji

TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE 2022 • 4:00-5:15PM • SIDE EVENT ROOM 1

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The global COVID-19 pandemic has considerably affected Small Island Developing States, hitting at the heart of backbone economic sectors, such as international tourism and export fisheries. The COVID-19 crisis has also brought to the fore the need to embark on a more sustainable model of development and is offering an opportunity to shift to a new, more sustainable development trajectory that leverages the ocean sustainably.

This event will provide an opportunity to discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on the ocean economies of small island developing states. It will explore how existing ocean economy sectors can be restarted more sustainably and how new, sustainable opportunities from the ocean economy can be seized, giving impetus to a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery. This event will provide an opportunity to investigate and discuss countries' practical experiences, potential barriers, enabling actions and new initiatives to facilitate a sustainable blue recovery. Focus on new initiatives will include the UNEP Sustainable Blue Economy Transition Framework, and the Blue Recovery Hub of Fiji, a collaboration between the OECD, World Economic Forum and Friends of Ocean Action. New initiatives will also include the G20 proposal for a Global Action Plan for a Blue Recovery.

This event will see the official launch of the Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report: "Towards a Blue Recovery in Fiji". The Blue Recovery Hub of Fiji is a collaboration between the OECD, Friends of Ocean Action, and the World Economic Forum.

Conclusions from the side event will inform international and country ocean action at the UN Ocean Conference.

The event will be moderated by Alain de Serres, OECD, Director of the Environment Directorate.



AGENDA

4:00-4:15

15 mins

1. Welcome and introductory remarks

- Frank Bainimarama, Fiji, Prime Minister (tbc)
- Mathias Cormann, OECD, Secretary General
- Cynthia Barzuna, Costa Rica's ex Vice-Minister of Water and Seas

4:15-4:30

15 mins

2. Presentation of the Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report: Towards a Blue Recovery in Fiji

- Piera Tortora, OECD, Sustainable Ocean for All Initiative Coordinator

4:30- 5:10

40 mins

High level panel discussion: impacts from covid and new initiatives for a blue recovery and sustainable ocean economies

- Satyendra Prasad, Fiji, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations
- Amalia A Widyasanti, Indonesia, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs
- Shawn Edward, Saint Lucia, Minister for Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training
- Ole Vestergaard, UNEP, Programme Management Officer in Marine and Freshwater Branch
- Jerry Velasquez, Green Climate Fund (GCF), Director, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation
- Rosie Carpenter, UK, Head of Resource Mobilisation, International Sustainable Blue Finance
- Mitch Fifield, Australia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations

5.10 – 5.15

5 min

3. Wrap-up and closing

- Alain de Serres, OECD, Director of the Environment Directorate



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The Fiji Blue Recovery Hub report: Towards a Blue Recovery in Fiji