14th Meeting of the UN Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

SIDE EVENT

Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing the Rio+20 Outcomes

Thursday, 20 June 2013, 1:15-2:45 PM, Conference Room 6 (North Lawn Building), United Nations, New York

Ocean and coastal issues were a key focus of the Rio+20 Conference, thanks to the strong mobilization of Member States and the broader ocean community. Rio+20, however, was just one step in advancing sustainable development of oceans, as the global ocean community now faces the challenges of implementing the Rio+20 ocean outcomes. This side event will offer the opportunity to discuss key challenges and opportunities in implementing the Rio+20 ocean outcomes as well as Member State perspectives and priorities with regard to oceans in the post-Rio+20 context.

1:15 – 1:30 PM	**Opening remarks by the co-organizers**
	Mr. Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief, Outreach and Communications Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
	Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware
1:30 - 2:20 PM	**Panel discussion: Perspectives and Priorities with regard to Oceans in the Post-Rio+20 Context**
	Ambassador Isabelle Picco, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations
	Ambassador Eden Charles, Deputy Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations (Invited)
	Mr. Jón Erlingur Jónasson, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations
	Mr. John Brincat, Administrator, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
	Ambassador Carlos Michelen, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations
	Mr. Vladimir Jares, Deputy Director in Charge of Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UN-DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
2:20 - 2:40 PM	**Open discussion**
2:40 - 2:45 PM	**Closing remarks**

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