



## **Voluntary Commitments for SDG 14**

### **Invitation to a Special Event to Launch the Registration of Voluntary Commitments for The Ocean Conference**

15 February 2017, 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM, Conference Room 3, UNHQ, New York

One of the outcomes of The Ocean Conference is a **list of voluntary commitments** for the implementation of Goal 14, to be announced at the Conference.

This special event marks the launch of **The Ocean Conference Registry of Voluntary Commitments on SDG 14** by the Conference Secretariat (UN DESA). The event will **demonstrate the online registration process**, including with a few real examples of voluntary commitments that are being made. To be included in the final report of the Conference, voluntary commitments should be registered, or announced, by 9 June 2017.

The event will also include a brief overview of the **Ocean Action Hub**, a knowledge sharing web platform developed by UNDP that provides resources and opportunities for interaction around the globe to assist stakeholders get engaged on ocean action.

**Moderator:** Ms. Francella Strickland, Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development Goals Team, Office of the President of the General Assembly

#### AGENDA

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Semi Koroilavesau, Minister for Fisheries of Fiji</li> <li>- Mr. Johannes Oljelund, Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden</li> <li>- Mr. Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA</li> </ul>
1:30 PM – 1:40 PM	<b>Presentation - Mobilizing voluntary commitments: Why is this important? What is a voluntary commitment? Who can register?</b> <b>Mr. Andrew Hudson, Head, Water &amp; Ocean Governance Programme, UNDP</b>
1:40 PM – 1:50 PM	<b>Presentation - The Ocean Conference Registry of Voluntary Commitments</b> <b>Mr. Ola Göransson, Partnerships Coordinator, UN DESA</b>
1:50 PM – 2:10 PM	<b>Showcase – Examples of Voluntary Commitments for SDG 14</b>
2:10 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>