

# CAN WE ACHIEVE SDG 14 WITHOUT LOOKING UPSTREAM?

## STARTING AT THE SOURCE TO SAVE THE SEA

Welcome to Side Event at  
The Ocean Conference

**Thursday June 8  
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Conference Room 6,  
UN Headquarters, New York**

### About the event

A central challenge in the effort to achieve sustainable development concerns how to balance needs for economic development with measures to ensure social and environmental sustainability in the continuum from “source-to-sea”. There are linkages between sustainable management of freshwater systems, sanitation, land use, urban development and climate change with the health of our oceans that points to the importance of coordinating management efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across sectors and administrative borders.

### Objectives

This side event will showcase experiences from industrialized as well as developing regions on the governance and management of resource flows from “source-to-sea”. The ambition is to learn how nations and regional organisations can support the implementation of source-to-sea measures in a broader economic perspective to achieve SDG 14. Recommendations that can be taken onboard by governments, private sector and other actors to reach the SDG 14, implementing a system perspective from source-to-sea at the national and regional levels, will be identified.



### Programme

The event will be chaired and moderated by Dr. Jakob Granit, Director General, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM).

*A light lunch will be served at 12:45 pm outside the conference room.*

#### 1:15 pm – 1:25 pm Opening Remarks

**Setting the scene:** Dr. Jakob Granit, Director General, SwAM

**Welcome address:** Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Officer in Charge: Economic Affairs Department, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

#### 1:25 pm – 2:05 pm Keynote speakers

**Sweden** – H.E. Karolina Skog, Minister for the Environment

**Germany** – H.E. Dr. Barbara Hendricks, Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

**Republic of Seychelles** – H.E. Didier Dogley, Minister of Environment, Energy & Climate Change

**Jamaica** – The Honourable Daryl Vaz, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation with responsibility for Land, Environment, Climate Change and Investments

**Fiji** – H.E. Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Agriculture, Rural & Maritime Development & National Disaster Management

**Republic of South Africa** – H.E. Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs

#### 2:05 pm – 2:30 pm Keynote address, technical reflections and discussion

**Keynote address:** Dr. Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson for the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

#### Technical reflections

- How can the international community support source-to-sea efforts supporting sustainable economic growth reaching SDG 14?
- How can regional cooperation be built and sustained to successfully achieve coordinated management from source-to-sea?
- What type of institutions are needed at the national level to achieve a sustainable blue economy addressing key flows in the continuum from source-to-sea?

#### Panelists

Mr. Carl Gustaf Lundin, IUCN

Mr. Torkil Jonch Clausen, Action Platform on Source to Sea Management

Ms. Emma Nohrén, Swedish Green Party

#### Concluding remarks

Dr. Jakob Granit, SwAM

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