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**From Commitments to Action: Implementing SDG14**

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**Biographies of Speakers**  
**(Sessions I-IX)**

## **Ambassador Lazarus O. Amayo**

### **Permanent Representative of the Republic Kenya to the United Nations**



Mr. Lazarus Ombai Amayo, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations has held several senior public positions before his current assignment among them; High Commissioner of Kenya to the United Kingdom and Permanent Representative to the Commonwealth and International Maritime Organization (IMO) (2014-2018), the Director for Europe and Commonwealth Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (2010-2014). He was also the High Commissioner of Kenya to Zambia and Malawi and the Permanent Representative of Kenya to COMESA (2006-2010).

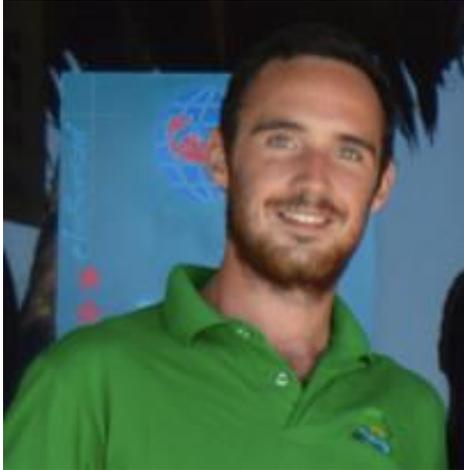
After his tour of duty as High Commissioner of Kenya to India, with concurrent accreditation to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Singapore (1999-2004), he returned to the Ministry Headquarters where he served as Director for International Organizations and Conferences (Multilateral Relations), Director of Administration as well as Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before his subsequent posting to Zambia.

Prior to diplomatic service, Ambassador Amayo served as Chief Executive Officer /Managing Director of Catering Levy Trustees (a parastatal in Kenya). He also worked as Human Resource Manager with the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation before he was elected as a Member of Parliament for Karachuonyo Constituency in the Kenya National Assembly (6th Parliament, 1989-1992) and appointed an Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, during the same period.

He holds a Master of Arts degree (MA) in Political Science from the University of Delhi and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from Spicer Memorial College in India.

Ambassador Amayo has widely travelled and represented Kenya in many regional and international conferences. He is married and has three children. He enjoys reading, tennis and chess.

**Mr. Jonathan Baines**  
**Conservation Manager**  
**Marine Conservation Philippines**



With an academic background in biological science at the crossover between biology and physics, Jon has always tried to bring an interdisciplinary approach to conservation that builds more robust and impactful strategies. With global experience in marine conservation from tropical coastal fisheries through to economic solutions for marine debris, Jon has worked at MCP since 2016 to bring together scientific, political, and socio-economic perspectives in order to build a MPA conservation strategy better suited to making real progress in the Philippines.

**Mr. Sérgio Carvalho**  
**Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations**



Sergio Carvalho has served as Counsellor responsible for the Environment and Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea with the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations since 2018. He has nearly 10 years of professional experience in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and has held jobs in the public sector for nearly 17 years. Prior to joining the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, Sergio was Head of Unit responsible for Ocean Affairs and Sustainable Development at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs; he participated in the preparatory process of the 2017 UN Ocean Conference, as an advisor to the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN, in his capacity as co-facilitator of the intergovernmental negotiations of the outcome document of the Conference. Sergio holds a Law degree from the University of Coimbra, a Master's degree in European Affairs from the Catholic University of

Lisbon, and he has completed the first phase of a Doctorate degree in International Ocean Law and Policy at the Catholic University of Lisbon.

**Mr. Virendra Kumarsingh Daby**

**Permanent Secretary**

**Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Mauritius**



**Qualifications**

***Diploma in Public Administration***

University of Mauritius – Mauritius

1990 – 1992

***BSc Biology (Second Division)***

Mohanlal Sukhadia University – India

1980 – 1983

***MSc Zoology (First Division, Gold Medallist)***

Mohanlal Sukhadia University – India

1983 - 1985

***Commonwealth Executive Development Programme***

York University – Canada

**Work Experience**

***Assistant Permanent Secretary***

April 1988 – October 2000

***Deputy Permanent Secretary***

November 2000 – May 2012

***Permanent Secretary***

May 2012 – to date

## **Queen Quet Marquette L. Goodwine**



Queen Quet Marquette L. Goodwine is a published author, computer scientist, lecturer, mathematician, historian, columnist, preservationist, environmental justice advocate, environmentalist, film consultant, and “The Art-ivist.” She is the founder of the premiere advocacy organization for the continuation of Gullah/Geechee culture, the Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition. Queen Quet was selected, elected, and enstooled by her people to be the first Queen Mother, “head pun de bodee,” and official spokesperson for the Gullah/Geechee Nation. As a result, she is respectfully referred to as “Queen Quet, Chieftess and Head-of-State for the Gullah/Geechee Nation.”

Queen Quet has not only provided “histo-musical presentations” throughout the world, but was also the first Gullah/Geechee person to speak on behalf of her people before the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Queen

Quet was one of the first of seven inductees in the Gullah/Geechee Nation Hall of Fame. She received the “Anointed Spirit Award” for her leadership and for being a visionary.

## **Dr. Thomas J. F. Goreau**

**President, Global Coral Reef Alliance &**

**Advisor for Ocean Work Programme, Small Island Developing States DOCK**

Thomas J.F Goreau, a biogeochemist, was educated in Jamaican schools and received degrees from MIT, Caltech, and Harvard. President and founder of The Global Coral Reef Alliance, he has dived on coral reefs across the Caribbean, Pacific, Indian Ocean, and South-East Asia for more than 60 years. He has published more than 150 papers and written and edited books on scientific photography, marine ecosystem restoration, soil fertility restoration and climate stabilization. He is co-inventor of the HotSpot method for predicting coral bleaching from satellite data and of the Biorock method for regenerating marine ecosystems and eroding coastlines.

**Mr. Gabriel Grimsditch**  
**Programme Management Officer**  
**UN Environment, Nairobi, Kenya**



Gabriel is currently the focal point at UN Environment for coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass ecosystems at the headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He has a background working on coral reefs and climate change, blue carbon and marine protected areas across many regions of the world with a special focus on the Indian Ocean. Gabriel has been involved in tropical coastal research, management and policy since 2004 and has a MSc in Conservation at the University College London. Prior to joining UN Environment, Gabriel acted as head of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Maldives, and as a researcher with CORDIO East Africa in Mombasa, Kenya. He has authored several peer-

reviewed scientific journal articles, book chapters and UN reports on marine science and management.

**Mr. Fredrik Haag**  
**Head of the Office for the London Convention/Protocol and Ocean Affairs**  
**International Maritime Organization**



Fredrik Haag has a background in applied environmental research, focusing on marine and coastal zone management, and holds several postgraduate degrees; an MSc in Earth Sciences and a Licentiate of Philosophy (Phil. Lic.) in Environmental Impact Assessment from Uppsala University, Sweden, as well as a Master in Maritime Affairs from the World Maritime University. Fredrik joined IMO in 2006, and represents IMO in several UN wide processes, and has been deeply involved in matters related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), as well as the Joint Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP). As head of the Office,

his primary task is to support the implementation of the London Convention and Protocol on dumping of wastes and other matters at sea, but he is also involved in IMO's work on PSSAs, marine litter, noise and ship-strikes, to mention a few. He has also contributed to work on GHG emissions from ships and Ballast Water Management.

**Dr. Joëlle Hivonnet**

**Minister – Deputy, Head of the Political, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea**



After working as a university professor in the United Kingdom (University of Northumbria), Joëlle Hivonnet became a European Official in 1992 and has worked in Brussels, New York and Geneva before joining the EU Delegation in Seoul in 2016, where she is the Deputy Head of Delegation. In the course of her EU career, she has worked on EU legislation on anti-discrimination and Gender Equality. She has represented the EU at the United Nations on various issues, such as human rights, disarmament, peace-keeping operations, development, environmental issues, health and labour issues. Prior to her posting in Seoul, she worked in the European External Action Service China Division where she contributed to the implementation of the EU-China strategic partnership and the new EU strategy on China. She is the author of a

Ph.D thesis on "The Effects of the ratification by the United Kingdom of the European Convention on Human Rights" (Paris X – 1987) and holds an M.A in International politics (Université Libre de Bruxelles – 1997). She has published various papers on the EU at the UN, the Rule of Law and Civil Society. She is a regular speaker on European issues and relations between the EU and the Republic of Korea.

**Mr. Peter Horn**

**Project Director, Ending Illegal Fishing, International Fisheries**

**The Pew Charitable Trusts**



Peter Horn directs Pew’s work on policy, markets, and enforcement as part of Pew’s ending illegal fishing campaign within the international fisheries project. His efforts include helping countries best quantify levels of illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing activity, and managing a surveillance system developed in conjunction with Satellite Applications Catapult, a platform to help authorities detect suspicious activity.

Horn joined Pew in 2015 after serving for more than 30 years in the British Royal Navy, where he reached the rank of commander. He served in the Fishery Protection Squadron as well as strategic planning and intelligence. Horn commanded HMS Middleton and led deployments throughout the Atlantic, Middle East, and parts of Asia. He was invested as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1998.

Horn holds a master's degree in intelligence and security studies from the University of Salford in the United Kingdom.

### **Ms. Stephanie Ierino**

#### **Legal Officer**

#### **Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS)**

#### **United Nations**

Prior to joining DOALOS, Stephanie worked as an international legal adviser to the Australian Government in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, where she advised on an extensive range of international law matters including the law of the sea. She holds a Master of Laws specializing in international law from the University of Cambridge, and has also worked as a Research Associate at the Lauterpacht Center for International Law, University of Cambridge.

### **Ms. Meghan Jeans**

#### **Program Director**

#### **The Ocean Foundation**



Meghan Jeans serves as The Ocean Foundation's Program Director where she is committed to fostering innovative solutions and collaborations in pursuit of healthy oceans and communities. She holds a J.D. and M.S. in environmental law and policy from Vermont Law School and a B.A. in biology and environmental science from Colby College. Meghan has spent over twenty years working across disciplines and geographies to strengthen marine conservation and inspire greater stewardship of our oceans. In addition to working as Marine Policy faculty with the Sea Education Association, Meghan previously served as the Director of Conservation at the New England Aquarium and the Director of the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum at Stanford University. She also worked to advance fisheries and marine wildlife conservation with NOAA's Office of General Counsel for Fisheries, the Marine Fish Conservation Network, Ocean Conservancy, and the

Conservation Law Foundation. She currently serves as a member of the Aquaculture Stewardship Council's (ASC) Supervisory Board and Fair Trade USA's Fisheries Advisory Council. and She previously served as an advisor to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT), the International Sustainable Seafood Foundation's (ISSF) Environmental Stakeholder Committee, the Marine Fish Conservation Network's National Policy Council, the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) Stakeholder Council Steering Group, and the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel.

**Mr. Masanori Kobayashi**

**Senior Research Fellow**

**Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation**

Mr. Masanori Kobayashi undertakes research work on ocean and sustainability policy including marine and coastal resource management, blue economy, ocean governance and fishery policies. He worked on sustainability issues in the Pan Asia Fund and Pacific Island Nations Fund of SPF, the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, the Yokohama National University Graduate School for Environment and Information Science, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the United Nations (Geneva, Bonn and New York), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan (Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York). He holds LL.M (University of Georgia School of Law, USA), M.A. (International Christian University, Tokyo), and LL.B. (Chiba University, Japan) and completed the doctor course of the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Life and Agricultural Sciences without degree. His latest publications include "Sustainable Development Goal 14 for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Oceans and Resources: Strategies and Challenges for Pacific Small Island Developing States (2017)" and "Participatory Sustainability Research for Risk Management and Leadership Development (2014)".

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**H.E. Mr. Peter LESCOUHIER**

**Ambassador of Belgium to the Republic of Korea**



Ambassador of Belgium to the Republic of Korea since July 2018

Worked mainly on European Affairs and on relations with China

Studied Oriental languages and culture

**Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri**

**Country Representative of IUCN in Sri Lanka**



Dr. Mallawatantri holds a Bachelors of Science Special degree in Chemistry and a Diploma in Business Administration from University of Colombo. He received his Doctorate in Soil Physics and Masters in Environmental Science from the Washington State University, Pullman, USA.

Before IUCN, he served as the Assistant Country Director for Environment Sustainability and Disaster Resilience at the UNDP Sri Lanka. He held several leadership positions including the position of Senior Advisor for Energy and Environment at USAID Colombo and Country Director for USAID/US-Asia Environmental Partnership and USAID/South Asia Regional Initiative on Energy. He counts more than 35 years of work experience in policy

formulation, strategic planning, project management, consulting, research, student advising and university teaching.

## **Dr. Aban Marker Kabraji**

### **Regional Director for IUCN Asia and Director of the IUCN Regional Hub for Asia-Oceania**



Ms Kabraji oversees and maintains an active presence in 15 countries, and is responsible for more than 70 wide-ranging environmental initiatives. With more than 30 years of experience, her leadership has been instrumental in bringing awareness to vital conservation issues such as gender, culture, and sovereignty. In 2018, she was awarded the Tamgha-i-Imtiaz Pakistan Civil Award, the fourth-highest decoration given to any citizen or non-citizen of Pakistan, for her outstanding contributions to conservation and development in Pakistan. Ms Kabraji serves as Co-Chair of the Mangroves for the Future initiative. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development and was the Chair of TRAFFIC from

2015 to 2017. She led the External Review of the International Institute for Environment and Development (2011-2012) and sits on the Green Economy Coalition Steering Group. Recently, Ms Kabraji was appointed Team Leader of the Special Policy Study on the “Green Belt and Road Initiative and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” under the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. She was also appointed by the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province to sit on the Global Environmental Advisory Committee for Jeju Province. Ms Kabraji is a member of the External Advisory Board for the Yale Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, a McCluskey Fellow, a visiting professor with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a sought-after lecturer worldwide.

## **Dr. Cornelia E. Nauen**

### **President**

### **Mundus maris**



Cornelia holds a PhD in fisheries science/marine ecology from Kiel University, Germany. She worked in FAO's Fisheries Department, and, since 1986, in the development cooperation department and later in international science cooperation of the European Commission. Since 2010 she heads the international non-profit association Mundus maris – Sciences and Arts for Sustainability, registered in Belgium. Mundus maris seeks to combine scientific concepts with participatory research, arts and practice embedded in local, mixed and global cultural spaces in Africa, Europe and elsewhere. She is also chair of the Board of Trustees of the scientific non-profit Quantitative Aquatics, Inc., based in the

Philippines. Q-quatics maintains and develops such global biodiversity databases as FishBase and SeaLifeBase. Her current research interests focus on sustainable small-scale fisheries (SSF), including the essential gender dimension. She supports the implementation of the SSF Guidelines as part of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN. She sees critically engaged science and arts as among the most promising approaches to support transitions for sustainable living, thus supporting active participation of citizens, private and civil society organisations as well as governments at various levels.

**Dr. Barbara Neumann**

**Senior Research Associate**

**Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)**



Barbara Neumann is a senior research associate with the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam, Germany. She has been with the IASS since 2017 and is specialized in sustainable development and governance of coastal and marine areas, with a specific focus on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Her research interest also expands into the analysis of human-environment interactions and global change impacts for coupled human-ocean systems. She holds a doctorate in Geography from Saarland University, Germany, and was a postdoctoral researcher in applied environment science with Saarland University from 2002 until 2010. From 2010 to 2017, she worked as research associate with the Coastal Risks and Sea-Level Rise research group at Kiel University and was member of the Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean” in Kiel, Germany, where she undertook research on sea-level rise impacts, sustainability and governance of coastal areas. Between 2014 and 2018, she was honorary senior fellow with the Australian National Institute of Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) at the University of Wollongong, Australia.

**Mr. Cush Ngongo Luwesi**

**Associate Professor of Economics and Environment, University of Kwango (DR Congo),  
Deputy Director General (Academic) of the Health College of Kenge (DR Congo)**

Prof. Cush Ngongo Luwesi is currently an associate professor of economics and environment at the University of Kwango (DR Congo), and the Deputy Director General (Academic) of the Health College of Kenge (DR Congo). He is also a national consultant at UNDP’s “Inclusive growth and Resilient Development” in DRC and a member of the scientific advisory committee of the Climate Research for Development (CR4D) program championed by the United Nations’ Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) as well as Vice-President of the Pan African initiative on water; energy and climate (APIWEC). Prior to these assignments, he was a guest

researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) of the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and the Focal Region Manager of the CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) in West Africa, a program managed by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) on behalf of the Consultative Group for International Agriculture Research (CGIAR). He attained PhD and Msc degrees in applied sciences (Integrated Watershed Management) specializing in the economics of water and climate change from Kenyatta University (Nairobi). He has also postgraduate certificates from Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada) and Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. He has published over 70 publications and supervised about 20 Masters' students in Kenya, Ghana and DRC.

**Mr. David Osborn**

**Director of the Environment Laboratories of the International Atomic Energy Agency**



Located in Monaco these are the only marine laboratories in the UN system and host the Ocean Acidification – International Coordination Centre. Formerly with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi and The Hague, Mr Osborn was Coordinator of the 1995 Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities and Coordinator of UNEP's Ecosystem Management Programme. A national of Australia with qualifications in applied science and environmental law, his career has focussed extensively on the link between science and good governance. He has held director posts at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Australian Government's Department of the Environment and Water Resources. He has served as an Advisor to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and was formerly an officer in the Royal

Australian Navy.

**Ms. Angélique Pouponneau**

**Chief Executive Officer, SeyCCAT**

**Seychelles' Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust**

Angélique is the Chief Executive Officer of the Seychelles' Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust. Angélique has always had a passion for advancing the sustainable use and conservation of our oceans. She was born and grew up in a fishing district, Bel Ombre, in Seychelles where she gained a firsthand perspective on the critical importance to preserve marine resources.

Angelique is a lawyer (Seychelles and UK) and she holds an LLM in Environmental law specializing in the law of the sea and natural resources law. Also, Angelique is a trained climate change negotiator under the AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Programme at the United Nations.

Angelique has worked in different countries in the Caribbean, Pacific and the Indian Ocean on a wide-range of projects relating sustainable fisheries, sustainable management of marine biodiversity within and beyond national jurisdiction, and climate change, in particular, climate adaptation and climate finance. Further, she served as a legal expert of the African Group of Sixth Committee in works of oceans and law of the sea at the United Nations.

Moreover, Angelique has experience working with civil society as a co-founder for a not-for-profit organization in Seychelles and a Board member of a Commonwealth-wide youth-led organization.

**Ms. Katherine Chaston Radway**

**Pacific Ocean Governance Advisor**

**The Nature Conservancy**



Kathy is the Pacific Ocean Governance Advisor for the Nature Conservancy’s Global Oceans and Pacific Programs with a focus on addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and biodiversity conservation in the Pacific Islands region. She has over 20 years of experience in coastal and marine resource management, working with governments, institutions, and relevant stakeholders at the international, national and community level. With a doctorate in marine botany and a bachelor’s degree in applied science from the University of Queensland, Kathy has spearheaded multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder projects in the Pacific Islands and the United States. In that

work, Kathy has obtained rich experience in understanding and advancing locally-appropriate management solutions in the Pacific Islands, including the development of the first comprehensive management plan for the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon Area in Palau.

Previously, Kathy was the regional coordinator for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coral Reef Conservation Program in the Pacific, and has served as an advisor to the Locally Marine Managed Area Network, Wildlife Conservation Society-Fiji, the University of Hawaii, The Koror State Government in Palau, and Yap Community Action Program in Micronesia.

## **Ms. Claire Rumsey**

### **International Year of the Reef Coordinator**

#### **International Coral Reef Initiative**



Claire Rumsey was the International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2018 coordinator for the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI). IYOR 2018 was a year-long worldwide campaign of events and initiatives hosted by Governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) around the world, to promote conservation action and strengthen long-term collaborations for coral reef conservation. As part of her role, Claire recently finalised the publication of the end of the Year report for IYOR 2018. Claire is now in charge, in collaboration with UN Environment, of overseeing the implementation of the voluntary commitments for the Community of Ocean Action related to coral reefs. Her work aims to support progress and reporting on VCs, to

share good practices and lessons learned and to assess their results in supporting Sustainable Development Goal 14. She holds a master's degree in tropical marine biology from the University of Essex, and a bachelor's degree in marine biology. She is an avid qualified PADI Divemaster, and when she's not at work she's either diving or planning her next diving trip.

## **Ms. Christina Schönleber**

### **Director of Policy & Programs at the Association of Pacific Rim Universities**



Christina Schönleber, is responsible for the direction of APRU's strategic priority of informing policy development on solutions to Asia Pacific challenges and developing the Association's key program areas accordingly.

Prior to this Christina was Head of Knowledge Exchange at the Royal College of Art in London responsible for developing and implementing the RCA's strategy for Knowledge Exchange and developing key industrial and third-party partnerships. During her time at the RCA Christina set up new strategic collaborations with major international corporations such as Tata Consultancy Services and Visa Europe.

As Assistant Director of the University of Kent's Innovation and Enterprise Department Christina led the University's Knowledge Exchange development in key areas of science and social science. In this role, she set up and facilitated the university's engagement with the UK security and information sectors

and forged lasting strategic partnerships with Government and industry. Following this she worked as a business development consultant in Hong Kong, developing Sino-German business partnerships.

Before joining the higher education sector, Christina held senior business roles with international media corporations in the UK addressing IP, licensing and challenges while developing new programs for TV and music formats.

Born in Germany, Christina Schönleber was educated in Germany, the USA, the UK and Hong Kong. She holds an MBA from the University of Kingston, London, a Bachelor of Science Degree and studied Mandarin for non-Chinese speakers at the Chinese University Hong Kong.

### **Mr. Michael Stewart**

#### **Founder, Director of Partnerships, Sustainable Surf**



Michael Stewart is a social entrepreneur who founded the award winning nonprofit organization Sustainable Surf – with the intent to transform the culture and business of surfing (worth ~14 \$Billion annually) into a truly sustainable model, capable of inspiring positive behavioral lifestyle changes in individuals that leads to the low carbon future the world needs.

Sustainable Surf's latest program is called SeaTrees. It is the first regenerative ocean-health-focused platform created for the global surfing community, and it uses the framework of the UN's SDGs (including #13 and #14) to make holistic positive impacts for both people

and planet.

Before founding Sustainable Surf in 2011, Michael specialized in consumer-focused carbon offset programs and sustainable product certification programs for several non-profit and for-profit companies over the last decade. As a part of the initial launch team for UL Environment (a part of Underwriters Laboratories), Michael managed the energy efficiency certification program for the world's leading consumer electronics manufacturers. While at Carbonfund.org, Michael developed and managed partnerships with many Fortune 500 brands, including the 'VW Forest' campaign partnership with Volkswagen of America that reforested over 1,100 acres in the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, which planted 270,000 trees and sequestered 400,000 tons of CO2.

## **Ambassador Peter Thomson**

### **UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean**



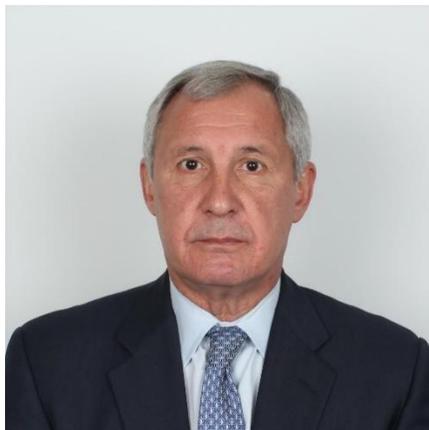
Peter Thomson is a Fijian diplomat who served as President of the General Assembly of the United Nations from September 2016 until September 2017. He was Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations between 2010 and 2016. For the year 2014, he was elected President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Office of Project

Services (UNOPS). He led the Fiji team of diplomats that in 2013 chaired the Group of 77 and China – the UN's largest negotiating group comprised of 133 developing countries. He was elected as President of the International Seabed Authority's Assembly in 2011 and as President of its Council in 2015. In October 2017, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Ambassador Thomson as the first UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean, in which role he is driving the implementation of SDG14, the UN Sustainable Development Agenda's goal to conserve and sustainably use the resources of the Ocean.

## **Mr. Alexander Trepelkov**

### **Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA**

#### **United Nations**



Mr. Alexander Trepelkov is Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). The Division serves as the global secretariat for the 17 SDGs, with a focus on providing substantive support and capacity development in thematic areas such as water, energy, climate, ocean, transport, science and technology and SIDS. In 2010-2018, he was Director of the Financing for Development Office, where he worked since 2000. His previous work in UNDESA was in the areas of Macro- and Micro-economics for Development. Prior to joining the UN Secretariat, Mr.

Trepelkov was employed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the former Soviet Union.

**Ms. Jessie Turner**

**Government Affairs/ Policy Specialist**

**Cascadia Law Group PLLC**

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Jessie leads advocacy and facilitation projects at the local, state, regional and international level and has 10 years of experience working in public policy development, advocacy and stakeholder engagement. She is a facilitator to the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC), a collaboration between the states of California, Oregon, Washington and the Province of British Columbia in Canada working together on climate and energy issues that impact the North American West Coast region. In that role, Jessie led the PCC ocean acidification working group between 2013-2016 and assisted in the creation of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance). The OA Alliance is now an initiative of more than 80 governments and non-government members dedicated to taking action to protect coastal communities and livelihoods from the threat of ocean acidification. Through her

position at Cascadia Law Group, Jessie is now the Secretariat for the OA Alliance, helping to set its strategic direction, establish partnerships across a wide variety of disciplines and coalitions, and support members in the development of practicable and implementable adaptation and resiliency strategies.

**Dr. Marjo Vierros**

**Director of Coastal Policy and Humanities Research**



Dr. Marjo Vierros is the director of Coastal Policy and Humanities Research, which undertakes interdisciplinary research on ocean issues. She is also a Research Associate at the University of British Columbia Nereus Program and a Senior Fellow with the Global Ocean Forum. Previously she coordinated the Global Marine Governance Project at the United Nations University and the work programme on marine and coastal biodiversity at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. With degrees in biology, oceanography and marine biology, her career has included work in marine research, ocean governance, policy, and sustainable

development in the Caribbean, North and Central America, Bermuda and the Pacific islands. Originally a Finnish national, she currently lives in Vancouver, Canada.

**Mr. George Woodman**  
**Director, Stop Fish Bombing!**



George grew up in the UK but has lived and worked in Hong Kong since 1997. Building on a PhD in experimental physics, George started to apply his scientific training to tackle environmental issues, the first significant one being fish bombing. He was a founding director of Teng Hoi Conservation Organization, an NGO set up in Hong Kong that means ‘listen to the sea’ created to build a partnership with the UNEP and seven nations surrounding the South China Sea. This was a fertile training ground for learning the ropes of international diplomacy with governments, militaries, the private sector and other NGOs.

Over time George discovered through experience just how much was possible by building networks widely across organizations of very different natures. Moreover, he discovered that the only practical way to resolve many of the entrenched human problems he encountered was to work through networks to develop an understanding of the differences, and the common ground that could then inspire solutions.

George remains as involved as ever in the fish bombing project with many international partners. He also helped to found the Hong Kong Sustainable Seafood Coalition formed of businesses that handle seafood and has recently started to work on some solutions to the ocean plastics problem through the applications of a novel technology to develop a more holistic solution. These activities connect people from all over the globe, but with a shared vision of developing better outcomes for the environment and connected communities of people.

## **Harry Yuli Susanto**

### **Vice Chair, Asian Seafood Improvement Collaborative**



Harry Yuli Susanto has worked in the aquaculture sector for 19 years, building on extensive field experience while working alongside multiple stakeholders in the industry.

He has helped to support the development on Southeast Asia Aquaculture and Fisheries through the Asian Seafood Improvement Collaborative (ASIC), a group of stakeholders working to build their own fisheries and shrimp aquaculture improvement tools.

Currently work as managing director of PT. Alter Trade Indonesia (PT. ATINA), processor and Exporter of Frozen Shrimp and Seafood Products.

He also one of directors of the “Indonesian Fishery Product Processing & Marketing Association” (AP5I) a entrepreneurs and professional associations in the field of processing, production and marketing of fishery products. AP5I move in the corridors of the Law and Regulations applicable regulations issued by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the competent authority.

He has played a key role in his organization’s focus on development of small-scale aquaculture producers engaging in a unique “people-to-people” trade connecting between producers and consumers with the developing world handling “eco-food” items.

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