

Trade-related aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Oceans economy, trade policy, the climate and development nexus

5th United Nations Oceans Forum



Programme

3–5 March 2025, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Day 1: Monday, 3 March

10–11:30 a.m.

High level segment: [Towards the decarbonization of the ocean economy](#)

Co-Chairs

H.E. M. Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Ambassadeur pour les Pôles et les Affaires Maritimes et Envoyé spécial du Président pour la troisième Conférence des Nations Unies sur les océans, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères, France

H.E. Ms. Gina Guillén-Grillo, Ambassador, Presidential Envoy for the Ocean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica

Welcoming remarks: Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

High-level panel:

H.E. M. Emmanuel Macron, Président de la République Française, France / H.E. Mr. Stéphane Séjourné, Ministre de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères, France (tbc)

H.E. Mr. Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica (tbc)

High Level representative from **Portugal** (tbc)

High Level representative from **Kenya** (tbc)

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Session 1: Head of Agency Panel Session 1: Current trade-related trends in ocean economy

Introduction of UNCTAD-FAO background note:

Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora Sanchez, Director, Division of International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Head of Agency Panel (6 minutes each):

Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary General, UNDESA (Pre-recorded video address) (tbc)

H.E. Ms. Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General, the Commonwealth (tbc)

H.E. Mr Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General of the OACPS (tbc)

Ms. Susan Gardner, Ecosystems Division Director, UNEP

Mr. Audun Lem, Deputy-Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Mr. Vladimir Jares, Director, DOALOS (tbc)

Mr. Awni Behnam, Honorary President, International Ocean Institute

Interactive discussion

1:10-1:30 p.m.

Ocean Products fair. Location: Palais de Nations, Building E, Exhibition Hall, 2nd floor (tbc)

Inauguration of innovative and marine-based low carbon products exhibition

Master of Ceremonies: **Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier**, Head, TEDB/DITC, UNCTAD

Opening remarks: **Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy-Secretary General, UN Trade and Development (tbc)

H.E. Simon Manley, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO and the United Nations in Geneva (tbc)

Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment, WTO (tbc)

Represented enterprises: Catchgreen, Flipflop, Notpla, Mananasi Fibres

3–4:30 p.m.

Session 2: Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) for the sustainable use of export-oriented ocean economy sectors—fisheries, seafood processing, coastal tourism, shipping, and related multi-modal transport

Panellists: **H.E. Mr. José R Sánchez-Fung**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD, Geneva

Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Branch (TEDB), DITC, UNCTAD

Mr. Bruno Maggy G. Pozzi, Deputy Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP

Ms Frida Youssef, Chief Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD (tbc)

Ms. Jan Yves Remy, Director of the Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services at the University of the West Indies (tbc)

Interactive discussion

4:30–5:15 p.m.

Side event 1: Climate-resilient ports for sustainable trade and tourism

Panellists: Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, UNCTAD
Mr. Crispin D'Auvergne, OECS Commission (tbc)
Mr. Giuseppe Mancinelli, UNOPS (tbc)

Interactive discussion

5:15–6 p.m.

Virtual briefing on UNOC 2025 and related voluntary commitments

Panellists: UNDESA representative (tbc)
UNDOALOS representative (tbc)

Q&A

7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

Commonwealth secretariat (tbc). Further information will be provided in due course.

Day 2: Tuesday, 4 March

10–11:30 a.m.

Session 3: The potential for South-South trade in ocean-based goods, particularly fisheries and aquaculture products

Panellists: H.E. Mr. Febrian Ruddyard, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva (TBC)
H.E. Guilherme Patriota, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO and UNCTAD (TBC)
Mr. David Vivas Eugui, Chief of Section a.i. TEDB/DITC, UNCTAD
Christophe Bellmann, Head of Policy Analysis and Strategy, TESS
Ms. Yang Wei, Deputy Director of the Department of Applied Economics, Shanghai Ocean University (TBC)

Interactive discussion