

# 2nd Oceans Forum on Trade-related Aspects of SDG 14

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## Speakers

(by alphabetical order)

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**Mr. Lashen Ababouch**

Lahsen Ababouch, former Director, fisheries and aquaculture economics and policy division at FAO, is currently international consultant for FAO, UNCTAD and SIPPO. He is Professor of food policy at the American University of Rome. He has co-authored some 108 scientific publications, including books and book chapters, and some 184 scientific and technical communications on seafood trade and marketing, sustainability, eco-labelling and certification and value chain analysis. He has wide experience in training, research, technical assistance and capacity building in fish and seafood sustainability and trade, in over 70 developing countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific.



**Mr. Lucas Assuncao**

Head of UNCTAD's Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, where he is responsible for coordinating and implementing activities related to trade, investment and development aspects of biodiversity, climate change, biofuels including investment opportunities under the Kyoto Protocol. Mr. Assunção has over twenty years of work experience on issues related to environment and development. He worked previously as Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General of the 1992 Earth Summit, and Economist at the Climate Change secretariat.



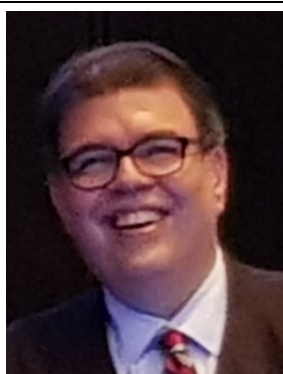
**Dr. Awni Behnam**

Dr. Awni Behnam Honorary President of the International Ocean Institute, a former Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of UNCTAD and former United Nations Assistant Secretary General is currently an Affiliate Professor at the University of Malta.



**Mr. José Luis Cancela**

Mr. José Luis Cancela is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the WTO, UNCTAD, WIPO and ITC.



**Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza**

Mr. Marcio Castro de Souza is a Senior Fishery Officer at FAO for trade issues. He is responsible for the development of studies, projects, analysis and policy orientation on topics related to international trade on fisheries, including market access aspects and regional trade agreements; their interconnectivity and the main existing instruments regulating fisheries activities internationally, as well as their impacts on trade and sustainability. He is also in charge of the development of fisheries training in the area of trade regulation. He holds a Master's degree in International Law and Economics (Magna cum Laude) from the Universities of Berne, Fribourg and Neuchâtel.

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**Prof. Alan Deidun**

Prof. Alan Deidun was nominated in March 2018 as the first Maltese Ambassador for Ocean Governance. He is a resident academic at the University of Malta as well as the Director of the IOI Training Centre in Malta. He has published over 120 peer-reviewed papers on marine biology topics.



**Mrs. Merewalesi Falemaka**

Mrs Falemaka is the Permanent Representative of the Pacific Islands Forum to the World Trade Organization (WTO) since 2013 and accredited as Permanent Observer of the Pacific Islands Forum to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.



**Ms. Benedicte Fleischer**

Benedicte Fleischer, Policy Director Trade Negotiations at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is Norway's lead negotiator to the WTO Fisheries Subsidies negotiations. Most of her career has been related to trade policy, including postings to the Norwegian Mission to the OECD and the Norwegian Embassy in Beijing. She was Norway's lead negotiator in the WTO negotiations on Trade Facilitation in 2007-2014, and board member of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) in 2011-2015.



**Mr. Javier Garat Perez**

Javier Garat was born in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain, 47 years ago. He is the Secretary General of the Spanish Fishing Confederation, Cepesca, President of the Association of National Organizations of Fishing Enterprises in the European Union (Europêche) and President of the International Coalition of Fisheries Associations (ICFA). Currently he is also President of the European Fisheries Technology Platform (EFTP), member of the board of directors of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) and member of the European Bioeconomy Stakeholders Panel. Recently, he has been appointed member of the Spanish Royal Academy of the Sea.



**Mr. Hernan J. Garrido-Lecca**

Mr. Hernan J. Garrido-Lecca is an Economist, writer, inventor and entrepreneur. Founder of BioPencil. Founder and Chairman of Auster Energia (renewable energy) and Acuisur (algae aquaculture), Former Minister of Housing and Water Services and Minister of Health of Peru. National Environmental Award 2014.



**Mr. Viwanou Gnassounou**

Mr. Viwanou Gnassounou is the Assistant Secretary-General for Sustainable Economic Development and Trade from the ACP Group.

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**Ms. Ivonne Higuero**

Ms. Ivonne Higuero is the Director of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). She was the Director of the UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division (2016-2018) and Chief of the Operational Activities and Review Section of the UNECE Environment Division (2014-2016). From 1994 to 2002, Ms. Higuero worked at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, focusing on economic instruments for environmental management, valuation of natural resources, environmental impact assessment, trade and environment, access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing, amongst others.



**Mr. Jan Hoffmann**

Jan Hoffmann is Chief of UNCTAD's Trade Logistics Branch. The Branch is responsible for research, teaching and technical assistance programmes in international transport and trade facilitation. Publications of the Branch include the "Review of Maritime Transport", "Maritime Country Profiles", and the "Liner Shipping Connectivity Index". Previously, he worked for ECLAC in Santiago de Chile (1997-2003), the IMO in London and Santiago (1995-1996) and a family shipping company. He is president of the International Association of Maritime Economists. He has studied in Germany, UK and Spain, and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Hamburg.



**Ms. Anna Holl Buhl**

Anna Holl Buhl is a Senior Policy Advisor on Fisheries for the global conservation organization World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Before joining WWF Germany, she worked in the EU public affairs sector in Brussels, amongst others building the "Alliance for Common Fisheries Policy Reform" consisting of the European associations for the fish processing, trade, consumer co-operative and retail sectors, as well as chefs and WWF. She holds a MA in European Studies, Governance and Regulation from the Center for European Integration Studies at the University of Bonn, and a BSc in International Business from Copenhagen Business School.



**Dr. Azmath Jaleel PhD**

Dr Azmath Jaleel PhD, from Cardiff University is a Chartered Marine Technologist and a Class 1 Marine Engineer. A researcher and a consultant to Seafarers' Rights International, UK, his research interests include maritime and marine management with focus on the welfare and human rights of seafarers.



**Mr. Anders C. Jessen**

Anders C. Jessen works at DG MARE in the European Commission as Head of Unit for Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs). Assuming this position on 16th December 2016 he has been in charge of the office in DG MARE responsible for the sustainable management and conservation of marine biological resources in international waters in line with the objectives of CFP and represents the EU in meetings of RFMOs, such as ICCAT, IOTC and NAFO. Since 1st June 2018 he has assumed the position of the Acting Director for the Directorate for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries.



**Mr. Daniel Kachelriess**

Mr. Daniel Kachelriess is a Marine Species Officer for CITES Secretariat.

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**Ms. Jodie Keane**

Dr Keane is an Economic Adviser within the Trade, Oceans and Natural Resources Directorate of the Commonwealth Secretariat, with responsibility for global advocacy on emerging trade issues and the supporting global architecture. Since joining the Commonwealth Secretariat in 2015, her work has focused on Small States participation in Global Value Chains and the trade-related implementation agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to joining the Commonwealth, Jodie was a country Economist in South East Asian and then subsequently a Research Fellow at the ODI, London, focusing on changes in trade relations between the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

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**Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi**

Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, of Kenya, who became UNCTAD's seventh Secretary-General on 1 September 2013, has an extensive background as an elected official, an academic, and a holder of high government office. He also has wide-ranging experience in trade negotiations, and in African and broader international economics and diplomacy.

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**Ms. Nicola Koch**

Ms. Nicola Koch was appointed as Chef de Cabinet and Secretary to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in 2015. In her twenty-year career with the United Nations she served in various capacities in the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Political Affairs, General Assembly and Conference Management, and Management, both at UN Headquarters and in various field assignments. In her work in the area of strategic planning, policy development and management, she focuses in particular on organizational reform and change management, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, and conflict prevention and resolution. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Koch worked in the private sector in the area of communications. Ms. Koch holds a PhD from the University of Munster, Germany.

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**Mr. Jesse G. Kreier**

Jesse G. Kreier is Acting Director of the Rules Division of the World Trade Organization. Since joining the GATT Secretariat in 1992, Mr. Kreier has worked on dispute settlement, Committee and negotiations matters. He has been the Secretary of the Negotiating Group on Rules since its inception, and in this respect has provided support for WTO Members' efforts to negotiate disciplines on harmful fisheries subsidies.

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**Mr. Audun Lem**

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

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**Ms. Mónica Maldonado Sabando**

Mónica Maldonado Sabando is an economist and the Executive Director of the Ecuadorian Chamber of Tuna Industrialists and Processors - CEIPA from 2007 to the present, promoter of the Ecuadorian Tuna Sustainability Standard - SEA, committed to the sustainability of fisheries resources.

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### **Mr. José Ignacio Pradas-Proveda**

Mr. José Pradas is the Deputy Director General for Competitiveness and Social Affairs, from the Secretariat-General for Fisheries, in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment, Spain. He was born in Madrid and has been promoting innovation in different sectors for 25 years. As member of the Spanish Corp of Industrial Engineers, he has taken part in white papers on competitiveness, international negotiating teams (especially in relation with the European Union) and performance evaluation of programmes in the fields of science and technology, energy, manufacturing and electrical mobility. With regard to internationalization, he has fostered Spanish exports of different products and services, especially from the engineering industries within the European single market and beyond in Russia and the CIS. He is author of 30 articles and papers and has been speaker in a great number of events as representative of both Spanish and international organizations in topics such as R&D programmes, advanced manufacturing, smart energy and cities, and Blue Growth.



### **Ms. Patricia Scotland**

The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC took office as the first female Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations on 1 April 2016 and as such serves 53 Member States from six geographical regions and 2.4 billion people. The 2018 theme of the organisation is 'Towards a Common Future'. Under this theme the Secretary General works with Member States in concrete ways to advance the inspiring goals of the Commonwealth Charter which recognises that international peace and security, sustainable economic growth and development and the rule of law are essential to the progress and prosperity of all.



### **Mr. Coly Seck**

Mr. Coly Seck is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva.



### **Ms. Reina Y.J. Sotillo de Galgano**

Reina Sotillo de Galgano, Ph.D, Plenipotentiary Minister – Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Member of Federal Council of Fisheries - responsible for establishing the national fisheries policy. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of COFI FT - FAO -re-elected in 2017-, has been representative in OECD as diplomat in the Argentine Embassy for 5 years. Lawyer and Doctor in Economics (Magna cum Laude) from Universities National of La Plata, City of Los Angeles. Author of 14 books and 115 specialized articles.



### **Ms. Lisa Svensson**

Dr. Lisa Emelia Svensson is the Director for Oceans at UN Environment, as part of which she is heading the marine and coastal ecosystem work program of the United Nations. She has been in the diplomatic service since 2002, posted in New York, Washington D.C. and Brussels. Before taking up her assignment at the UN, she was Sweden's Ambassador for the Ocean. She also served as Trade negotiator in the European Union, where she was the lead negotiator for the sustainable development chapters in the EU Free Trade Agreements in the EU. She holds a PhD in political economy.

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**Mr. Peter Thomson**

Mr. Peter Thomson is the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean. He previously was president of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, having served as Fiji's permanent representative to the UN in New York since 2010.



**Mr. Frans van Diepen**

Frans van Diepen is a senior consultant at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. He advises about the ICT architecture, GIS systems, about data modelling and the electronic information exchange in the agro food chain, both G2G and B2G domains. He is involved in the development of standard messages for agriculture (horticulture, arable farming and animal farming), food and fisheries. He contributed to the data specifications and messages in the Dutch system of key registrations (Kadaster, Buildings, Topography). He contributed to the EU Inspire program as editor for the agriculture and aquaculture facility specifications. In the UN/CEFACT he is the Domain Coordinator for agriculture, agri-food and fisheries and he is the Chair of the Team of Specialist for Sustainable Fisheries. Since two years involved in research programs about the possibilities and potentials of blockchain technology in the agro food domain.



**Mr. David Vivas-Eugui (JD, LL.M. and MBA).**

Mr. Vivas is Legal Officer, at the Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC at UNCTAD. He was also Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch at the same organization; Deputy Programmes Director at ICTSD; Senior Attorney at CIEL; Attaché for Legal Affairs at the Mission of Venezuela to the WTO and Attorney at the Venezuelan Institute of Foreign Trade. He has an Attorney-at-Law degree at the Universidad Católica Andres Bello, Venezuela, a L.L.M. on Common Law Studies at Georgetown University in the United States and a Master degree on Transnational Business at Universidad Externado, Colombia.



**Ms. Anja von Moltke**

Anja von Moltke is the Head of UN Environment's Environment and Trade Unit. She leads the Environment and Trade Hub – a partnership-based capacity building mechanism to bring environmental sustainability to the core of trade and investment policies and practices. Her expertise lies in international environmental and economic policy, international negotiations and capacity-building in sectors ranging from fisheries and agriculture to energy, climate change and technology.



**Amb. Roberto Zapata Barradas**

Amb. Zapata is currently the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the World Trade Organization, and recently appointed by the WTO Membership as the Chair of the Negotiating Group on Rules (Fisheries' subsidies). He was the Mexican Chief Negotiator for the Transpacific Partnership Agreement (TPP). During his career of more than 20 years in the Mexican Ministry of Economy, he has led Mexico's team in several negotiating processes and in Mexico's participation in multilateral organizations and initiatives (WTO, APEC, G20). Amb. Zapata received a bachelor's degree of International Relations from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 1990. In 1995, he received a master's degree of arts in International Political Economy from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

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