



Harnessing the Benefits of the Ocean Economy for Sustainable Development

High-level panel discussion on the road to UNCTAD15

Online event

9 June 2021

2-4.30 pm CEST, Geneva time

On the occasion of World Oceans Day Official pre-event to UNCTAD15

Tentative Programme

Moderator: H.E. Rui Macieira, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Portugal before the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva

Opening remarks

- Mrs. Isabelle Durant, Secretary-General a.i., UNCTAD – 10 min

Keynote address

- Hon. Kirk D. M. Humphrey, M.P. Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Barbados – 15 min

Panellists (10-12 min)

- Dr Filimon Manoni, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (video address)
- H.E. Stephen Fevrier, Ambassador, OECS Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva
- H.E. Michael Gaffey, Ambassador, Ireland Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva
- H.E. U. Dwarka-Canabady, Ambassador and Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Ms. Aimee Gonzales, Executive Director, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)
- Mr. Awni Behnam, Honorary President of the International Oceans Institute

Interactive discussion (30 min)

Closing remarks

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