



## PROGRAM CORE EVENT

17 November, 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm CET

### MODERATOR

Monika Jones, International TV and Conference Host, Germany

4.00 pm

### OPENING

- **Volker Rieke**, Director General at Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
- **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, France
- **Angelika Brandt**, Head of Department Marine Zoology, Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

4.10 pm

Panel discussion

### WHAT IS A CLEAN OCEAN?

Co-moderation

- **Colin Devey**, Professor of Seafloor Volcanology, GEOMAR – Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany

Panelists

- **Shorelines without sewage**  
**Hugo Tagholm**, Surfers Against Sewage, United Kingdom

— **Coasts free from debris**

**Heidi Tait**, CEO & Founder at Tangaroa Blue Foundation, Australia

— **Shallow and deep seas unspoiled by pollution**

**Judith Gobin**, Head, Department of Life Sciences, St. Augustine Campus,  
The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago

— **Seas with plastics drawn down**

**Ben Jack**, Director, Programmes at Common Seas, United Kingdom

Q&A with audience

4.50 pm

Interactive breakout sessions

**THE QUEST FOR CHANGE –**

**THE NEED FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

**Breakout Session 1**

**"Strengthening Governance for a Clean Ocean within Large Marine Ecosystems"**

- **David Vousden**, Chair, United Nations Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection, South Africa (*Speaker*)
- **Harriet Harden-Davies**, Research Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, Australia (*Co-moderation*)

**Breakout Session 2**

**"The challenge of a clean ocean: past, present & future – the need to work together"**

- **Peter John Kershaw**, Independent Consultant, Marine Environmental Protection, United Kingdom (*Speaker*)
- **Kaveh Samimi-Namin**, Associate Researcher, Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Netherlands (*Co-moderation*)

**Breakout Session 3**

**"Point of departure: Seabed mining"**

- **Tanja Stratmann**, Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Earth Sciences, Geochemistry, Utrecht University, Netherlands (*Speaker*)

- **Elva Escobar**, Professor in Oceanography at Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología (ICML) UNAM, Mexico (*Co-moderation*)

#### Breakout Session 4 “Towards quieter oceans”

- **Christine Erbe**, Director, Centre for Marine Science & Technology (CMST), Curtin University, Australia (*Speaker*)
- **Colin Devey**, Professor of Seafloor Volcanology, GEOMAR – Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany (*Co-moderation*)

#### Breakout Session 5 „Managing risks of marine litter and plastic pollution“

- **Heidi Savelli**, UN Environment Programme, Australia (*Speaker*)
- **Simon Jungblut**, Project Manager of "FACE-IT" at the Department of Marine Botany, University of Bremen, Germany (*Co-moderation*)

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6.00 pm

### ARTISTIC BREAK

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6.15 pm

### REPORTS FROM THE BREAKOUT SESSION

- **Harriet Harden-Davies**, Research Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, Australia
  - **Peter John Kershaw**, Independent Consultant, marine environmental protection, United Kingdom
  - **Tanja Stratmann**, Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Earth Sciences, Geochemistry, Utrecht University, Netherlands
  - **Christine Erbe**, Director, Centre for Marine Science & Technology (CMST), Curtin University, Australia
  - **Heidi Savelli**, UN Environment Programme, Australia
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6.30 pm

Panel discussion

### **“CLEAN UP”**

Panelists

— **Waste as a cultural challenge**

**Jana Steingässer**, Head of Communication and Project Development, Okeanos Foundation for the Sea, Germany

— **A renaissance of traditional knowledge for day-to-day needs**

**Peia Patai**, Fleet Commander, Okeanos Foundation for the Sea, Pacific

— **Smarter big shipping**

**Sofia Fürstenberg Stott**, Partner at Fürstenberg Maritime Advisory, Sweden

— **More and better education for sustainable development**

**Gina Bonne**, Officer in Charge, Head of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Indian Ocean Commission for IOC, Mauritius

— **Cooperation, communication and climate at the North Pole**

**Jessica Nilsson**, Chair of PAME, Arctic Council's work on Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME), Sweden

Q&A with audience

7.15 pm

### **ENDORSED PROGRAMS**

Speakers (in speaking order)

— **Cleaner estuaries: “Global Estuaries Monitoring (GEM) Programme”**

**Kenneth Mei Yee Leung**, Director of State Key Lab. of Marine Pollution, City University Hong Kong, Hong Kong

— **Quieter oceans: “Ocean Decade Research Programme on the Maritime Acoustic Environment”**

**Kyle Becker**, Program Officer, Office of Naval Research, USA

— **Comparing the ocean 150 years ago and today: “Challenger 150 – A Decade to Study Deep-Sea Life”**

**Kerry Howell**, Professor of Deep-Sea Ecology, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom



— **Knowledge for a clean ocean: “Sustainability of Marine Ecosystems through global knowledge networks”**

**Jörn Schmidt**, Chair of the Science Committee, International Council for the Exploration of the Seas, Denmark

— **Monitoring and conserving the deep ocean: “Deep Ocean Observing Strategy”**

**Laura Cimoli**, Postdoctoral Researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, USA

Q&A with audience

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8.00 pm

**LOOKING FORWARD**

Wrap-up and next steps

— **Cleaner oceans from near shore to mid-ocean, sea floor to sea surface, and Antarctica to the North Pole**

**Angelika Brandt**, Head of Department Marine Zoology, Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany