

Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Australia's Continuing Role

Australian Museum, Sydney
16 March 2017
8.50am to 5.00pm

A G E N D A

SESSION 1 – Where we are now: progress on protecting the world's ocean

Chair: **Katherine Zischka**, Director, ACIUCN

Time	Title	Speaker
8:30	Registration / Tea & Coffee	
8:50-9:00	Welcome to the Australian Museum	Kim McKay AO , Director and CEO, Australian Museum
9:00-9:10	Welcome & overview	Katherine Zischka , Director, Australian Committee for IUCN
9:10-9:35	Keynote: UNCLOS & SDGs - 2017 a year for ocean conservation decisions, action and accountability	Karen Sack , Managing Director, Ocean Unite
9:35-10:00	Australia's role in the International Oceans Policy agenda, UN negotiations and beyond	Michael Bliss , Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government
10:00-10:30	Q&A & discussion (30min)	

10:30-11:00 – MORNING TEA (30min)

SESSION 2 – Priorities for High Seas Biodiversity

Chair: **Peter Cochrane**, IUCN Regional Councillor

Time	Title	Speaker
11:00-11:25	Keynote: IUCN priorities for a global oceans conservation agenda	Carl Gustaf Lundin , Director, IUCN Global Marine & Polar Programme
11:25-11:50	Keynote: The value of Oceans; managing high seas biodiversity and fisheries reform	John Tanzer , Director Global Marine Program, WWF International
11:50-12:00	Why now is the important time for High Seas Conservation [Video Message – 5 min]	Maria Damanaki , Global Managing Director for Oceans, The Nature Conservancy
12:00-12:30	Q&A & discussion – identifying key issues (30 min)	

12:30 – 13:30 – LUNCH (1 hour)

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SESSION 3 – PROGRESS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARINE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Chair: Rachel Walmsley, Director, Policy & Law Reform, EDO NSW

Time	Title	Speaker
13:30-13:35	The urgency to act for the blue heart of our planet [Video Message – 5 min]	Dan Laffoley , Principal Advisor, Marine Science and Conservation, IUCN / Marine Vice Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
13:35-13:55	Threats facing marine biodiversity and current multilateral frameworks to address them	Nicola Beynon , Head of Campaigns, Humane Society International
13:35-13:40	Three critical elements for a new High Seas implementing agreement [Video Message]	Kristina Gjerde , Senior High Seas Advisor, IUCN
13:55-14:15	Opportunities for ocean governance reform: changing the game	Alistair Graham , High Seas Advisor, Humane Society International
14:15-14:35	Bringing high seas to the national level: global high seas conservation as part of a holistic national oceans agenda for Australia	Michelle Grady , Director for Oceans, Pew Charitable Trusts Australia
14:35-15:05	Q&A & discussion – identifying key issues (30 min)	

15:05 – 15:35 - AFTERNOON TEA (30 min)

SESSION 4 – Key Directions for Australia

Chair: Robert Hill AC, former Global Ocean Commissioner

Time	Title	Speaker
15:35-15:55	Leading the way for high seas: priorities from the Global Ocean Commission	The Hon Robert Hill AC , former Global Ocean Commissioner
15:55-16:05	Opportunities for Australian law reform to meet domestic, regional and global challenges through a national 'Oceans Act'.	Rachel Walmsley , Policy and Law Reform Director, EDO NSW
16:05-17:00	<p>OPEN DISCUSSION - Setting key priorities for high seas conservation as part of a holistic Australian national oceans policy agenda</p> <p><i>A collegiate discussion will follow to bring together the day's discussions around existing policy and potential policy reform opportunities for Australia to enhance global oceans governance and conservation as part of a comprehensive and connected national oceans agenda. The outcomes of this session will shape the forum's key directions policy recommendations.</i></p>	
17:00	Forum close	
17:00-18:00	Networking drinks	

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