National Action on Ocean Acidification: Implementing SDG 14.3

Immersed In Change Conference
8 June 2024 | 1:30-2:30pm
Leatherback Turtle Room of the Convention Center, Costa Rica

Co-Hosts
International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, UN Foundation, Ocean Foundation, MarViva Foundation

Description
The world is waking up to the threat that ocean acidification (OA) poses to marine ecosystems and to the coastal economies that depend on them. OA is a rise in the acidity of seawater caused by an excess of anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions (CO2) being absorbed by the ocean.

To implement SDG 14.3 “to minimize and address ocean acidification”, OA must become a cross cutting issue embedded across climate, ocean, and marine policies.

Advancing national OA actions will inform better decision making for achieving domestic mitigation, adaptation, and resilience goals.

Come learn about the National OA Action Planning Leadership Circle, where invited governments finding their unique approach to OA Actions across 2024-2025, leading to national implementation of UN SDG 14.3 “to minimize and address OA” by the 3rd UN Ocean Conference in 2025.

Agenda:

| Welcome and Release of OA Poetry for World Ocean Day | Jessie Turner, Director of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification | 10 minutes |
| Overview of ocean acidification science in the region: what do we know, what information needs should we prioritize? | Dra. Celeste Sánchez Noguera, Centro de Investigación en Ciencias del Mar y Limnología (CIMAR), Universidad de Costa Rica | 15 minutes |

- Why is it important to understand regional trends of ocean acidification?
- How has CIMAR been contributing to national and international efforts to monitor for ocean acidification?

Andres Beita, Science coordinator at Fundación Marviva
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