Our Updated Annual Observance & Celebration for UN World Oceans Day / Month

**Actions to Support Revitalizing Our Oceans**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 1pm – 3:30pm, EDT – Register [Here](#)

- Registration is required by Monday, June 24th @1pm, EDT with the link to be on the Lobby Security List in attend in-person.
- **Light Refreshments Available from 12Noon**

**Co-Hosts**
The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the UN with the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY

The NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY together with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the UN and our partner organizations are celebrating our annual observance of UN World Oceans Day / Month with experts who will share their innovative initiatives to support revitalizing our Oceans. We strive to bring together stakeholders from various sectors and regions to develop partnerships for our oceans and the UN 17 SDGs. This builds upon the momentum of the UN 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) on Charting the Course Toward Resilient Prosperity in May 2024 hosted by Antigua and Barbuda which followed the recent 4th meeting of the UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Ottawa, ON, Canada (INC-4) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution to protect our environment from the impacts of climate change and plastic pollution, especially the impacts of rising sea levels on coastal cities and communities. This includes the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) regarding climate change and the oceans, with the tribunal’s ground-breaking decision delivered on May 21. We are focused on achieving the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, “To Leave No One Behind” and bringing CSO with other stakeholder voices into the UN Summit of the Future during the UN79th General Assembly.

Programme

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Introduction video: Jeremy McKane’s “My Best Friends” filmed off the Coast of Tonga

Welcome

- Margo LaZaro, President & Chair of the NGOCSD-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family, and Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster for the UN HLPF

Co-Moderators

- Hawa Taylor-Karmara Diallo, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the IBTK Foundation & Former Chief of the Civil Society Unit within the Civil Society & Advocacy Section at the UN Department of Global Communications (retired)
- Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Vice President of ASPAFrique & Vice Chair of the NGOCSD-NY

Opening Reflections

- H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations

Keynote Reflections

- H.E. Ms. Ilana Seid, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations
- Amir A. Dossal, President and CEO of the Global Partnerships Forum
- Sergio Fernandez de Cordova, Founder & Executive Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation & P3 Smart City Partners
- Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Strategic Partnerships in the New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs
- Juan Pablo Cells Garcia, Programme Management Officer in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya
- Alyn Ware, Program Director, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy. Council Member, World Future Council

Reflections on the UN Summit of the Future

- Daniel Perell, UN Representative for the Baha’i International Community to the UN, Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need Steering Committee

Our Ocean Explorer Honorary Advisors

- Jeremy McKane, CEO of OCN.ai, an Artist, Explorer and Entrepreneur
- Gaelin Rosenwaks, Founder of Global Ocean Exploration, Inc.

Action Solutions

- Isaac Rashad, Alastair Callender, Founder of Callender Designs an Award Winning Sustainable Yacht Designer, Yacht Charter Vacations Specialist & Philanthropist
- Madyson Miller, Ambassador Program Manager for Women in Ocean Science
- Junisa Sallu Kallon, African Tourism Board Ambassador for Sierra Leone & Founder & CEO of Junininho Investments Company Limited
- Brett Howell, Founder & Executive Director, Howell Conservation Fund
- Cherinet Hariffo, Temple University Political Science Graduate 2024 & NGOCSD-NY Honorary Advisor

Overview Reflections & C4UN Updates

- Jefferly Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need

Networking & Refreshment

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