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Workshop on Climate, Biodiversity and Marine Protection in Latin America October 21, 2021

Co-hosted by: International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, The Ocean Foundation, Latin America Ocean Acidification Observing Network, International Partnership on MPAs Biodiversity and Climate Change, Chile California Council

Confirmed date and time:

October 21, 2021

- 10:00am in California
- 11:00am in Costa Rica
- 12:00pm in Mexico/ Ecuador/ Panama/ Colombia/ Peru

- 2:00pm in Chile/ Brazil/ Argentina
- 6:00pm in United Kingdom

Duration 120 minutes - 2 hours

Overview:

Regions and local communities are already experiencing the impacts of climate change to fisheries and aquaculture, food security, economies and livelihoods and cultural practices and traditions. Multiple high-level reports through the IPCC, FAO and other climate, biodiversity and ocean fora confirm these impacts will worsen in the future without urgent action.

In the coming decade, it is imperative that governments and civil society continue to advance the suite of science and policy actions that will be needed to support food security and sovereignty, increase resilience of marine ecosystems and build a sustainable ocean economy in the face of future change. This is reflected in targets set forth under the UNFCCC, UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Convention Framework on Biodiversity and government commitments to entities like the High Ambition Coalition, Race to Zero, High-Level Ocean Panel, Because the Ocean Initiative, OA Alliance and more.

As the science, research and observed impacts of climate driven ocean change continue to grow, there is a continued need for increased knowledge exchange and expertise on the substance and process for developing local, regional and national resiliency building strategies in the face of cumulative ocean change.

In advance of COP26, this regional workshop will provide:

- o overview of high-level commitments to ocean climate action made across Latin America.
- o updates from regional science and monitoring networks working to document ocean change in the region.
- examples of policy frameworks and co-beneficial integrated management strategies related to coastal and marine protection (and connected lands, rivers, lakes and wetlands) that provide data and research on climate change impacts and support resiliency building strategies.

Invited participants:

Government and policy leaders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru. Emphasis on Climate and Environment, Water Quality and Monitoring Programs and Marine Managers.

*Workshop to be conducted primarily in Spanish, with support from facilitator. Translations will be available. *

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12:00pm	Welcome	15
-12:15	Mr. Mark Spalding, The Ocean Foundation & Ms. Jessie Turner, International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (5 minutes)	minutes
	Overview of Workshop	
	Andrew Rhodes Espinoza, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mexico and Sherpa of the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (10 minute)	
12:15	Opening Remarks	10
12:25	Ambassador Coutts, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile; Sherpa of the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (confirmed)	minutes
	 Leadership and commitments related to 30x30, high-seas MPA, national climate change observatory, ocean acidification research and Because the Ocean Initiative. Calling on increased ocean mitigation and adaptation ambition at COP26, including a commitment to ocean inclusion across NDCs. Calling for on the ground partnerships and projects to support implementation of commitments; lessons learned at regional scales. 	
12:25- 12:45	Regional Science Activities for Addressing Climate and Ocean Change	20 minutes
	 <u>Latin American Ocean Acidification Observing Network (LAOCA)</u> Overview of LAOCA (origin; purpose; participating members) Update on recent dialogues concerning priorities for regional research and information needs 	
	 Dr. Cristian Vargas, Universidad de Concepcion, Chile—LAOCA Co-Chair (10 minutes) 	
	 Overview of Mexico Ocean Observing and OA Monitoring Program Integrating OA and ocean change information across existing monitoring and data hubs for national application 	
	 Alejandra Navarrete, The Ocean Foundation (10 minutes) 	
12:45- 1:00	Questions moderated by Mr. Rhodes	15 minutes
1:00- 1:10	Intervention • Ambassador Filmus, Ministry of Science (<i>invited, not confirmed</i>)	10 minutes
	 Emphasis on the importance of integrated climate and ocean policy Importance of meeting commitments to UN SDG 14 "Life Below Water" 	

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1:10 -	Integrating "Climate Responsive" Ocean Policy and Management Across 30x30 Goals and Targets	20 minutes
1:30	 International Partnership on MPAs Biodiversity and Climate Change Overview of mission; members and desired outcomes Relevant activities/ science related to OA How can governments participate or engage? Ms. Laura Cussen, Ministerio del Medio Ambiente, Gobierno de Chile (10 minutes) 	
	 Chile California Council Overview of "enabling conditions for effective coastal-marine protection policies" Lessons learned in California through MPA mapping and applying integrated management approaches. Mr. Matias Alcalde, Director (10 minutes) 	
1:30 1:40	Questions and break	10 minutes
1:40- 1:50	Interventions: Integrating Ocean in Climate Policies In the context of Regional Collaboration • Ms. Marcia Tambutti, Agricultural Development Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/ CEPAL) (5 minutes)	10 minutes
	In context of International Collaboration Because the Ocean Declaration Mission, membership, and desired outcomes at COP26 and beyond How can domestic policy, management and science integration support ocean ambition and commitments across NDCs? (Invited) Mr. Remi Parmentier, Because the Ocean Initiative (5 minutes)	
1:50	Closing Remarks • Andrew Rhodes Espinoza, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mexico and Sherpa of the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (10 minute)	10 minutes