

Fiji COP23 Presidency Ocean Pathway Journey

A COP23 Presidency ocean initiative, the Ocean Pathway embodies the important relationship between the Ocean and Climate Change. It:

- Affirms the Call for Action from the UN Ocean Conference,
- Flags the possibility of a UNFCCC agenda item and a work programme by 2019 and ensures the insertion of the ocean into NDCs,
- Enhances the opportunity to support ocean health and maintain critical ocean ecosystems from current and emerging climate change funding under the UNFCCC,
- Supports existing priorities that affect and are impacted by ocean and climate including: sustainable transport, cities and human settlements, population displacement and migration, coastal infrastructure, marine ecosystem services, ocean food security and ocean energy,
- Strengthens mobilization and cooperation of the Parties for the conservation and enhancement of the resilience of ocean under the UNFCCC, and links existing ocean activities and partnerships through the introduction of the Oceans Pathway Partnership.

Marrakech
Partnership



The Journey identifies the events which have been associated with / co-branded Ocean Pathway. It is by no way exhaustive and many other Ocean events are taking place at COP23, confirming the increasingly visible positioning of Ocean within UNFCCC process.

5 November 2017

9.00-12.30 Hilton Hotel	Towards Ocean-related NDCs (contact: events@vardagroup.com), a workshop organised by Chile and Monaco in the context of the Because The Ocean initiative and branded by the Ocean Pathway to present countries' case studies on ocean and NDC, highlight Ocean-Climate solutions such as blue carbon and Ocean-Climate commitments.
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7 November 2017

11.30- 13.00 Room 2 Bonn zone	CCS developments towards a 1.5 world. Will it help the oceans and Small Island Developing States? (contacts: tke@pml.ac.uk), The panel will present on ocean acidification and the need for CO2 reduction, London Convention's response, project updates from SECARB and Offshore, opportunities for technology transfer, CCS supporting renewables, CCS infrastructure to achieve 1.5C, how politicians see the societal case for CCS.
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8 November 2017

14.00 – 15.15 UK Pavilion	Ocean Options: Climate challenges & science responses for seas and society (contacts: tke@pml.ac.uk). The event will showcase how action-driven transdisciplinary science can help understand and manage the pressures placed on the ocean and so improve sustainable development. The panel will discuss the ocean challenges and highlight some of the science responses to them. It will also make recommendations for future UNFCCC actions. Panellists from Plymouth Marine Laboratory, IEAGHG and University of East Anglia
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9 November 2017

12.00 – 13.00 Fiji Pavilion	The Special Case for Coastal Towns, Cities and Settlements and Islands – Blue Urbanism (contacts: tkami@cop23.com.fj). Coastal cities and islands sit on the nexus of climate change and the ocean. Dealing with climate change call for a tripartite of actions that include reducing emissions, adaptation and ocean health. Blue economies are sustainable, adapted and resilient economies that are deeply impacted by their relationship with the ocean economically, socially and as a responsibility.
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10 November 2017

13.20 – 14.20 Fiji Pavilion	Navigating the Ocean Pathway - Fiji Pavilion (contact: tkami@cop23.com.fj / sylvieg@spc.int). An Informal introduction and "Talanoa" discussion on the Ocean Pathway which seeks to establish the role of Oceans and Climate Change in the UNFCC process by 2020 starting with the Fiji Presidency of COP23 and an Ocean Pathway Partnership.
11.15 – 12.45 France Pavilion	From Science to action, the Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance (contact: secretariat@ocean-climate.org). Co-organized by IOC of UNESCO, the French Agency for biodiversity (Agence française pour la Biodiversité), The French Ministry for Ecological and Inclusive Transition, and the Ocean and Climate platform, it will be





organised around an interactive panel of politicians, representatives of intergovernmental organisations, civil society and science and will focus on three different topics: the inclusion of the ocean in international dynamics, the role and needs of science to support these dynamics, and the perception of civil society initiatives members of OCIA. It will launch the first Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance (OCIA) report.

11 November 2017

10.00 – 18.30
Several rooms
Bonn zone



Global Ocean Forum

Ocean Action Day ([contact: bilianacicin-sain@globaloceans.org](mailto:bilianacicin-sain@globaloceans.org)) **See detailed programme.** An all-day event that brings together heads of state, ministers, financial organizations, international agencies, civil society and other key stakeholders to focus attention on the issues related to oceans and climate and on the practical actions being taken to address these issues. The Day is focused on three main emphases: 1) concrete actions and commitments with a special attention to SIDS; 2) linkages of actions to NDCs; 3) specific requirements for capacity development. The Day features 9 sessions focused on, inter alia: high-level perspectives on the way forward, resilience of fisheries and aquaculture to climate change, ocean renewable energy, Blue Carbon, financial resources, ecosystem-based adaptation in ocean and coastal zones, migration and displacement, and keynote addresses on what must be done now to ensure a sustainable future. In the concluding session of the Oceans Action Day, the Because the Ocean Signing Ceremony will take place, chaired by the Government of Chile.

The report on Assessing Progress on Ocean and Climate Action: 2016-2017, prepared by the partners of the ROCA Initiative (Roadmap to Oceans and Climate Action), will be unveiled. A reception will follow at the end of the Day.

The Oceans Action Day is organized by FAO, Global Ocean Forum, IOC/UNESCO, IUCN, Ocean and Climate Platform, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan, Oceano Azul Foundation/Oceanário de Lisboa, Portugal; in collaboration with Conservation International, Future Ocean Alliance, Government of Chile, Government of Grenada, Government of Seychelles, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Roadmap to Oceans and Climate Action (ROCA) Initiative, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, The Nature Conservancy, University of Delaware, World Bank.

12.00 – 13.00
Fiji Pavilion



Frontline Cities and Islands Talanoa Exchange ([contact: jessica.robbins@glispa.org](mailto:jessica.robbins@glispa.org)) Bringing together mayors and champions from islands and also from cities that have been working on sustainability including **GLISPA** members and those engaged in **ICLEI** in small group discussions to amplify the importance of sustainable urbanization in building resilience across islands and lay the groundwork for targeted action. It is an opportunity for all session participants to join interactive dialogues to share innovative solutions and examples of what is working in urban and island resilience and explore creative funding mechanisms.

18.30 – 20.00
Room 12 Bonn zone



Because the Ocean Matters ([contact: jcordano@minrel.gob.cl](mailto:jcordano@minrel.gob.cl)). Organized by the Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego and the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the event brings views from science, Parties and NGOs to build a common understanding on the challenges ahead. While most NDCs include ocean-related information, there is need to identify the best tools available to ensure the ocean stays healthy as it continues to be a global climate regulator.

12 November 2017

<p>16.30 – 17.45 WWF Pavilion</p> 	<p>The Ocean and Climate: the evidence unwrapped (contacts: tke@pml.ac.uk). Policy makers and experts will tell the real story of ocean and climate change: how the ocean is mitigating climate change on land but at a cost to its physics, chemistry, biodiversity, ecosystems and its coastal and island communities. They will make clear recommendations for policy makers based on scientific evidence. Panelists from UK Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Scripps Oceanographic Institute, IUCN, OPRI, EPHE and UK Government Office for Science</p>
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13 November 2017

<p>12.00 – 13.00 Fiji Pavilion</p> 	<p>Sustaining Fiji's Great Sea Reef (Contact: aralifo@wwfpacific.org) - An integrated response-solution to Build Resilience of Fiji's Land, People and Oceans. An event to showcase Fiji's GSR's Integrated Land and Sea-Scape Programme as a unique opportunity to develop a sustainable low carbon, resilient blue/green economy within the GSR region through strategic and innovative partnerships that can be up-scaled and replicated in other parts of Fiji and the Pacific SIDS.</p>
<p>15.45 - 16.45 Fiji Pavilion</p> 	<p>Ocean Acidification Alliance – Protecting Coastal Communities and Livelihoods (contacts: julie.horowitz@gov.wa.gov / Jessie@oaalliance.org / sylvieg@spc.int). A side event to showcase national and subnational commitments to addressing ocean acidification; highlight the critical role of businesses and non-governmental partners; present approaches for responding to the science of ocean acidification and creating OA Action Plans; and invite COP23 participants to make commitments to address ocean acidification and other changing ocean conditions within climate agreements at COP23, COP24 and across the UN Climate Action Agenda.</p>
<p>19.00 President Hotel</p> 	<p>Towards Ocean-related NDC: high level working dinner organised by Because The Ocean and co-branded Ocean Pathway for a strategic discussion on the concept of Ocean-related NDCs, and on the ideas of developing guidelines and integrating ocean-climate activities within the UNFCCC in the coming years. By invitation only (contact: events@vardagroup.com)</p>

14 November 2017

<p>18.30 – 20.00 Room 4 Bonn zone</p> 	<p>Sailing the past into the future (contacts: Dena Seidel <dena.seidel@okeanos-foundation.org>). Pacific island nationals join together with the support of Okeanos Foundation for the Sea to establish a regional sustainable sea transportation network of traditionally designed, modernised sailing canoes. With participation of HE Tommy Remengesau, President of Palau, and HE Hilda Heine, President of Marshall Islands.</p>
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15 November 2017

<p>15.00 – 16.99 German Pavilion</p>	<p>Fishing for Resilience: the importance of Oceans for coastal communities for climate change, conservation and livelihoods (contact: jessica.robbs@glispa.org). The event will highlight existing bright spots to empower coastal communities to increase their capacity and access the resources needed to respond to the adverse</p>
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consequences of climate change while fostering sustainable development as called for in the Oceans-related SDGs. Supporters: Rare, IUCN, GLISPA, FAO, BMUB

16 November 2017

<p>10.00-11.30 Fiji Pavilion</p>	<p>High Level Sustainable Transport Panel – Marshall Islands (contacts: Tristan.smith@ucl.ac.uk). Aligning shipping emissions with the 1.5 degrees target - voices from the Pacific Island leaders and the shipping industry. Speakers include the President of the Republic of Micronesia, the Tuvalu Prime Minister, Fiji’s CoP23 Climate Champion, the University of the South Pacific, the Shipping Industry and the University College of London.</p>
<p>14.30-15.30 Fiji Pavilion</p>	<p>Ocean Policy and Climate Change – MACBIO GIZ, SPREP, IUCN (contacts: mason.smith@iucn.org, jan.steffan@giz.de). The Pacific island countries have begun “ocean wide” planning of their whole EEZ with the intention of sustainable use and resilience to climate change. Leaders from Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and the Pacific Ocean Commissioner will share their experiences</p>
<p>15.45- 18.00 Fiji Pavilion</p>  <p>COP23 FIJI UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE BONN 2017</p>	<p>Launching the Ocean Pathway Partnership (contacts: tkami@cop23.com.fj / sylvieg@spc.int).</p> <p>The Ocean Pathway Partnership will bring together existing coalitions, alliances, parties and partners engaged in ensuring that the role of the ocean and climate change receives the appropriate recognition and engagement in the UNFCCC process by 2020. This is a high level event that builds up on the COP23 President announcement at opening and that will feature heads of states, ministers and prominent representatives of various alliances and partners.</p> <p>The event will allow Parties and partners to confirm commitment to the Ocean Pathway by signing a formal communication.</p>

