



Side event at the Sixth UN Open Working Group on SDGs

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1:15pm-2:30pm

Conference Room E (NLB)

The sustainable development of many small islands developing States (SIDS) is linked to the health, resilience and productivity of oceans and seas. Marine resources and ecosystems provide valuable services in critical areas such as food security and poverty eradication not only to islands and coastal states but to all. As custodians of the oceans and seas, SIDS societies have a particular affinity for them and are cognizant of the importance of restoring the balance to ensure long term sustainable development. For these reasons, PSIDS and others are championing a standalone SDG on Oceans and Seas.

Panelists will underscore the important role of oceans and seas for sustainable development drawing from their backgrounds in policy and science as well as sharing country perspectives. They will speak on the justification for an oceans SDG and speak on elements. Additionally, the event will open a dialogue on the role of oceans and seas in sustainable development. Inputs will be considered in the elaboration of the goal.

THE CASE FOR A STAND-ALONE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL ON OCEANS AND SEAS

Featured Speakers

**H.E. Marlene Moses, Permanent Representative of Nauru to the United Nations and
Member of the PSIDS Troika to the Open Working Group on SDGs**

**H.E. Ronald Jumeau, Seychelles Ambassador for Climate Change and Small Island
Developing State Issues**

Dr. Jeremy Jackson, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Facilitator: H.E. Stuart Beck, Palau Ambassador on Oceans and Seas

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