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The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030:
Tropical Americas A Clean Ocean Co-Design Workshop

CLEAN OCEAN WG

The Year 2031, A Clean Ocean- Steps to Success

Tuesday, August 31st Colombia Time (09:00-11:00 EST).

Hosted by IOC of UNESCO Sub commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions- IOCARIBE

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Simultaneous interpretation will be provided: English, French and Spanish.

Programme

This virtual session of the UN Decade Ocean Western Tropical Atlantic series will result in a short regional discussion paper on **“A Clean Ocean,” where sources of pollution are identified, quantified and reduced, and pollutants are removed from the ocean”**.

These short regional discussions papers (in English and Spanish) will be prepared in close collaboration with the co-conveners of the regional session and contribute to the Western Tropical Atlantic Action Plan.

Cartagena Time	ITEM
	Part 1 Welcome/Overview
09:00 – 09:05	Technical Briefing Dr Lorna Inniss / Dr Soraya Silva Co-Chairs Clean Ocean Working Group
	Poll #1 How familiar are you with the UN Decade on Ocean Science?
09:05 – 09:08	Welcome Dr Lorna Inniss Co-chair Clean Ocean WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of Ocean Decade ● Objectives of the Meeting ● Structure of workshop
09:08 – 09:23	Part 2 State of pollution in the Western Tropical Atlantic Moderator: Lorna Inniss/Soraya Silva Western Tropical Atlantic region. Dr Darryl Banjoo Senior research officer - Institute of Marine Affairs and the Cartagena Convention Regional Activity Centre. Trinidad and Tobago
09:23 – 09:30	Plastic Pollution in the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem. Dr La Daana Kanha Marine Scientist - The University of the West Indies-
09:30 – 09:35	Moderator: Shivani Patel Presentation of the answers to the registration question: <i>“In a single word, can you comment on what area you think should be prioritised during the decade.”</i>

Part 3

09:35 – 10:05

Panel Discussion: Identifying knowledge gaps and priority areas

Moderator: Lorna Inniss / Soraya Silva

09:35 – 09:40

Identification of sources and quantification of pollution by agricultural fertilizers

Dr Carolina Ruiz Researcher - Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology, National Autonomous University of Mexico. Associate researcher at the University of Quebec in Montreal

09:40 – 09:45

Plastic Pollution

Dr Winnie Courtene Jones Post-Doctoral Research Fellow - University of Plymouth, UK

09:45 – 09:50

Sargassum

Dr Franziska Elmer Host and Executive Producer of The Sargassum Podcast

09:50 – 09:55

Pollution quantification/ science gaps

Dr Linroy Christian Director of Analytical Services at the Ministry of Agriculture, Land, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs in Antigua and Barbuda

09:55 – 10:00

Marine Life 2030 programme (endorsed by the Ocean Decade)

Dr Frank Muller Karger Professor - College of Marine Science, University of South Florida

10:00 – 10:05

Q&A - post questions and comment in chat

10:05 – 10:50

Part 4

Open discussion – to facilitate productive and interconnected discussions

Moderator: Lorna Inniss

What transformative ocean science solutions and actions have been proposed to improve the arrangements to address marine pollution as well as science gaps and governance obstacles achieving its objectives and contribute to a Clean Ocean by 2030?

1. **Pollutants, Sources and Channels** (transport and flow, ocean based, land based)
2. **Quantification** (observation, identification, measuring)
3. **Reduction and Technologies** (policies, clean up initiatives, environmental education, adaption)
4. **Impacts** (acidification, Eutrophication, toxicology)

Cross Cutting issues

- **Sectors** (tourism, aquaculture fisheries)
- **Areas** (Coastal, estuaries, terrestrial, marine)
- **Capacity building** - link with other working groups on issues. What are the capacity limitations within countries to address marine pollution? Are there specific training programmes that institutions and the working group can support during the Decade?

10:50 – 10:55

Poll #2

10:55 – 11:00

Part 5

CLOSING SESSION
Summary and Call to Action

Summary and Call for Action.
Next Steps and Way Forward for the Clean Ocean

Schedule for other WTA workshops and Kick off conference

Co chair or moderator - Secretariat



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Poll # 1

How Familiar are you with the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development?

- a) Extremely Familiar
- b) Very Familiar
- c) Familiar
- d) Not Very Familiar
- e) Not at All

Poll #2

Where should capacity be focused in the WTA region?

- a) Prevention
- b) Reduction
- c) Recycling
- d) Recovery
- e) Disposal

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