

2023 IPBC Dialogue

22-23-24 February 2023

Room IX, UNESCO HQ

7, Place de Fontenoy, Paris, France

Agenda

Wednesday, 22 February		
Time	Item	Speakers
09.00-09.30	Registration UNESCO entrance at 7, Place de Fontenoy	
09.30-10.00	Session 1 Opening remarks	Moderator: Kirsten Isensee , Programme Specialist, Ocean Carbon Sources & Sinks, IOC/UNESCO Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary and Assistant Director General, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO • H. E. Ms Megan Anderson, Australian Ambassador to UNESCO, Deputy Head of Mission to France • Christophe Guilhou, Director, Sustainable Development, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
10.00-11.00	Session 2 An overview of the latest developments in global blue carbon science	Format: Presentations (15 minutes each, including questions) Moderator: Kirsten Isensee , Programme Specialist, Ocean Carbon Sources & Sinks, IOC/UNESCO Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Catherine Lovelock, University of Queensland (remote) • Steve Crooks, Co-chair, The Blue Carbon Initiative (BCI) • Prof. William Austin, Co-chair, Global Ocean Decade Programme for Blue Carbon (GO-BC) • Elle Gillard, Marine Programme, UNESCO World Heritage Centre
11.00-11.30	Coffee break Mall	
11.30-12.30	Session 3 Blue carbon in international frameworks: IPBC Countries' commitments (Part 1)	Format: Presentations (10 minutes each), followed by moderated panel discussion with Countries' representatives Moderator: Prof. Daniel Murdiyarmo , Principal Scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF Speakers:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisabetta Bonotto, IPBC Project Coordinator, IOC/UNESCO • Loreley Picourt, Executive Director, Ocean and Climate Platform <p>Guiding questions for Countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are your Country's current commitments to international frameworks relevant to blue carbon?</i> 2. <i>What are the main challenges in meeting these commitments?</i> 3. <i>What are your Country's blue carbon plans for the next 2 years?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Clark, Director, Blue Carbon and International Partnerships, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water • Frida Sidik, Researcher, Indonesia National Research and Innovation Agency
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.30	Session 4 Blue carbon in international frameworks: IPBC Countries' commitments (Part 2)	<p>Format: Presentations (10 minutes each), followed by moderated panel discussion with Countries' representatives</p> <p>Moderator: Steven Lutz, Blue Carbon Lead, GRID-Arendal</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Hamilton, Director, Blue Climate Strategy, Conservation International • Anelise Zimmer, Principal Associate, Protecting Coastal Wetlands and Coral Reefs, The Pew Charitable Trusts <p>Guiding questions for Countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are your Country's current commitments to international frameworks relevant to blue carbon?</i> 2. <i>What are the main challenges in meeting these commitments?</i> 3. <i>What are your Country's blue carbon plans for the next 2 years?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elissa Lalande, Senior Policy Analyst for Climate Change, Seychelles Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment • Jacklyn Rivera Wong, Focal point of Ramsar Convention and Director of National Wetland Program, Ministry of Environment and Energy Costa Rica • Heidi Prislan, Adviser, The Commonwealth Blue Charter
15.30-16.00	Coffee break Mall	
16.00-17.30	Session 5 Launch of the High-level	<p>Format: Remarks, followed by moderated floor discussion</p> <p>Moderators:</p>

	Ambition Group and opportunities for engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romain Chabrol, Biodiversity and Oceans Expert, French Development Agency (AFD) • Chenae Neilson, Assistant Director a/g, Blue Carbon and International Partnerships, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nabil Medaghri Alaoui, Global Ocean Protection, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs • Jill Hamilton, Director, Blue Climate Strategy, Conservation International • Steve Clark, Director, Blue Carbon and International Partnerships, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water • H. E. Ms Ana Elena Pinto Lizano, Permanent Delegate of Costa Rica to UNESCO • Wilfrid Deri, Senior Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Monaco
18.00-20.30	Evening reception	UNESCO Restaurant (7 th floor)
Thursday, 23 February Day 2		
09.30-11.00	Session 6 Scene-setting session: Examples of blue carbon projects from around the world and lessons learnt	<p>Format: Presentations (15 minutes each)</p> <p>Moderator: Luz Gil, Climate and Ocean Advisor, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Glass, Technical Advisor, Mangroves and Blue Carbon, Blue Ventures • Dominic Wodehouse, Executive Director, Mangrove Action Project • Steve Crooks, Principal, Wetland Science and Coastal Management, Silvestrum • Prof. Daniel Murdiyarto, Principal Scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF • Steven Lutz, Blue Carbon Lead, GRID-Arendal
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	Mall
11.30-12.30	Session 7 The Blue Carbon High-Quality Principles and Guidance: Overview and next steps	<p>Format: Presentations (10 minutes each), followed by floor discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Beatriz Machado Granziera, Advisor, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfredo Giron, Programme Lead, Ocean Action Agenda, World Economic Forum • Jen Howard, Vice-president, Blue Carbon Program, Conservation International (remote)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maddie Millington-Drake, Blue Carbon Researcher, Blue Marine Foundation
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-15.00	Session 8 Interactive session: Needs and challenges of blue carbon projects, including risks and opportunities of the carbon markets	<p>Format: Moderated floor discussion</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Schindler Murray, Director, Natural Climate Solutions, Blue Carbon, Rare • Daniel Crockett, Director, Oceans and Climate, Blue Marine Foundation <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What challenges are you facing during different phases of blue carbon project development and/or implementation?</i> 2. <i>How important do you consider the active participation of sovereigns and central governments in a stable future for blue carbon projects?</i> 3. <i>How has the recent carbon markets and standards news impacted your projects or thinking about the blue carbon market opportunity?</i> 4. <i>What will forthcoming adjustments to verra methodologies (the merging of VM33 and VM07) mean for blue carbon projects?</i> 5. <i>Will there be a future where local communities can deploy affordable, out of the box technologies for every stage of MRV?</i>
15.00-15.30	Coffee break Mall	
15.30-17.00	Session 9 Finance session	<p>Format: Panel discussion, followed by floor discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Torsten Thiele, Director, Global Ocean Trust</p> <p>Guiding questions for panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How important is donor and grant support in getting blue carbon projects of the ground and what you consider best practice in that area?</i> 2. <i>How do you see the role of carbon credits, what has been your experience and what would be your suggestions as to how to develop blue carbon markets?</i> 3. <i>What other financing mechanisms have you come across in the blue carbon area and what are your views on those?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Abderrahim, Marine Programme Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) • Lalao Aigrette Ravaoarinorotsihoarana, National Technical Advisor for Mangroves, Blue Ventures (remote)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hasna Wihdatun Nikmah, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The World Bank (remote)
17.00-17.15	Wrap-up	
Friday, 24 February		
09.30-10.30	Session 10 Translating international commitments into national policy, regulations and management plans (Part 1)	<p>Format: Moderated panel discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Tom Hickey, Senior Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts</p> <p>Guiding questions for Countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are the policy frameworks relevant to blue carbon in your country?</i> 2. <i>Could you provide one or more examples of case studies of blue carbon projects or action supported by your government in your country?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Clark, Director, Blue Carbon and International Partnerships, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water • Daeun Lee, Deputy Director, Korea Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries • Lisa Schindler Murray, Director, Natural Climate Solutions, Blue Carbon, Rare • Aimee Gonzales, Executive Director, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)
10.30-11.00	Coffee break Mall	
11.00-12.00	Session 11 Translating international commitments into national policy, regulations and management plans (Part 2)	<p>Format: Moderated panel discussion</p> <p>Guiding questions for Countries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are the policy frameworks relevant to blue carbon in your country?</i> 2. <i>Could you provide one or more examples of case studies of blue carbon projects or action supported by your national government in your country?</i> <p>Moderator: Leah Glass, Technical Advisor, Mangroves and Blue Carbon, Blue Ventures</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Crooks, Principal, Wetland Science and Coastal Management, Silvestrum • Stephanie Ockenden, Head of Ocean and Climate Change Policy & International Evidence, UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra Sungi, A/General Manager MRV & NC, Climate Change and Development Authority of Papua New Guinea
12.00-12.30	Session 12 Wrap-up and Road to COP28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Clark, Director, Blue Carbon and International Partnerships, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water • Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary and Assistant Director General, IOC/UNESCO