

## From Paper to Practice in Ocean Governance: Mobilizing Constituencies

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Threats to marine systems, ranging from problems affecting specific areas like overfishing, intensification of human activities on offshore areas and marine pollution to global problems like climate change and ocean acidification have been on the rise. The policy community has launched initiatives to address ocean issues, including the UN Blueprint for Ocean and Coastal Sustainability, the Global Partnership for Oceans, and the Oceans Compact. The science community has launched a concerted effort to deal with large scale environmental issues through a concentrated effort known as Future Earth. This is a growing global network of individuals, researchers of natural and social sciences, administrators, and policy-makers promoting a vision of sustainable knowledge to bridge the gap between science and policy on oceans.

Missing from most efforts to address these problems is a productive partnership between policy makers, administrators, and scientists needed to move these initiatives from ideas on paper to effective measures in practice. It is necessary for an effective mechanism to coordinate these initiatives through joint efforts to formulate critical questions in need of systematic investigation and to translate the results of research into practical policy recommendations.

The Future Ocean Alliance is a growing global network of individuals, researchers of natural and social sciences, administrators, and policy-makers promoting a vision of sustainable knowledge to bridge the gap between science and policy on oceans.

This seminar brings together key individuals from the international research arena, administrators, and policy makers that currently are addressing challenges of coordination between science towards problem solving, and that are developing a common vision of sustainable knowledge to promote the development of a research agenda for oceans within the vision of the Future Earth initiative.

Public and free of charge seminar with limited space. Please register (name and institution) at:

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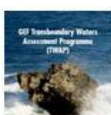
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## Provisional Agenda

### 14:30-15:00 Opening and Welcome

Charles Buchanan, Member of the Executive Council, Luso-American Foundation. -FLAD  
Isabel Torres de Noronha, Future Ocean Alliance-FOA, Portugal  
Manuel Pinto de Abreu, Portuguese Secretary of State of the Sea

### 15:00-15:40 Session 1: The Ocean Governance Seascape

**Chair:** Mário Ruivo, IOC-Portugal

1. *The Knowledge to Action Cycle in Ocean Governance*  
Oran R. Young (University of California, Earth System Governance Project-ESG, and Future Ocean Alliance-FOA, USA)
2. *Mapping Ocean Governance: Needs, Gaps and Opportunities*  
Luis Valdés (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission-IOC of UNESCO, France)
3. *Governance Assessment in the TWAP: Bridging Fresh to Ocean Waters*  
Robin Mahon (Transboundary Water Assessment Programme- TWAP and University of West Indies, Barbados)
4. *From Science to Management: The Way Forward in the Agulhas and Somali Currents Large Marine Ecosystems*  
David Vousden (Agulhas and Somali Currents LMEs-ASCLME, South Africa)

15:45-16:15: Debate/Questions and Answers

-----Coffee Break (15mins) -----

### 16:15-16:50: Session 2: Science Applied Across Scales of Ocean Governance

**Chair:** t.b.c

5. *Linking Regional Knowledge to Global Coastal and Ocean Research and Governance*  
Marion Glaser (Land-Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone Program-LOICZ and the Leibniz Center For Tropical Marine Ecology-ZMT, Germany)
6. *Knowledge Networks\**  
Peter Fox (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA, t.b.c.)
7. *Challenges toward an International Regulation of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploitation*  
Julien Rochette (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations- IDDRI, France)
8. *Progress, Challenges and Opportunities toward Sustainable Knowledge within the Context of the Portuguese and the European Union Integrated Ocean Policies*  
Joao Fonseca Ribeiro (Directorate General for Maritime Policy-DGPM, Portugal)

### 16:50 - 17:15 Session 3 - The Way Forward: From Paper to Practice in Ocean Governance

**Chair:** t.b.c.

9. *From Paper to Practice: Bridging Science and Policy Agendas on Ocean Governance. The Future Ocean Alliance Way Forward.*  
Isabel Torres de Noronha (FOA, Portugal)  
Oran R. Young (University of California, ESG Project, and FOA, USA)  
Ruben Zondervan (ESG, Lund University, and FOA, Sweden)

17:15-19:10: Debate and Conclusions

**Chair:** t.b.c.

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