



## PROGRAM CORE EVENT

5 April, 10:00 pm – 6 April, 1:15 am CEST

### MODERATOR

Monika Jones, International TV and Conference Host, Germany

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### 10:00 pm **OPENING**

- **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “A Safe Ocean”**  
**Burkard Baschek**, Director, German Ocean Museum, Stralsund, Germany
- **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “A Safe Ocean”**  
**Christa von Hillebrandt-Andrade**, Deputy Director, International Tsunami Information Center, Caribbean Office, Puerto Rico, USA
- **Anne Parge**, Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
- **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, France

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## PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED – EXAMPLE OF HUNGA TONGA–HUNGA HA‘APAI VOLCANO ERUPTION AND TSUNAMI

10:20 pm Impulse Lectures

**Local eyewitnesses will share their impressions of the Tonga volcano eruption and tsunami as an ongoing example of a disaster, with its co-occurring and cascading events and devastating impacts on life and livelihoods. The situation**

**highlights how ocean hazards affect the sustainability of nations, communities, and the environment.**

- **Iliesa Tora**, Consultant, Nuku'alofa Times Media, Tonga
- **Ofa Fa'anunu**, Director of Metereology, Tonga Meteorological and Coast Radio Services, Tonga

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10:40 pm Panel Discussion

**How do we prepare for the unexpected? Discussion on social perception and new approaches and opportunities for international cooperation and coordination for monitoring submarine and island volcanoes and forecasting all tsunamis.**

Co-moderation

- **Silvia Chacon-Barrantes**, Coordinator, National Tsunami Monitoring System (SINAMOT) and Professor, National University of Costa Rica

Panelists

- **Monitoring submarine and island volcanoes**  
**Geoff Kilgour**, Senior Volcanologist, GNS Science, New Zealand
- **Detecting tsunamis from all sources**  
**Esline Garaebiti Bule**, Director General, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu
- **Disaster Risk Communication**  
**Irina Rafliana**, Researcher, Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional (BRIN) Indonesia & German Development Institute (DIE), University of Bonn, Germany

11:00 pm Q&A with audience/online participants

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11:10 pm **BREAK**

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11:20 pm **INTEGRATED COASTAL HAZARD EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND SERVICES IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Panel Discussion

**The integration of coastal hazard early warning systems and services in the Caribbean will be key for addressing the increase in frequency, intensity and duration of weather, water, and climate events. Core elements of risk knowledge, warning, communication, and response capability will be addressed.**

Co-moderation

— **Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade**, Deputy Director, International Tsunami Information Center, Caribbean Office, Puerto Rico, USA

Panelists

— **Key Initiatives for Multi-hazard Early Warning in the tropical Americas and Caribbean**

**Raul Salazar**, Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, Panama

— **Risk Knowledge**

**Albert Martis**, Director, Meteorological Department Curaçao, Second Vice President of WMO, Curaçao

— **Monitoring and warning (including co-occurring and cascading impacts)**

**Arlene Laing**, Coordinating Director, Caribbean Meteorological Organization (CMO), Headquarters Unit, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

— **Warning dissemination and communication**

**Jacqueline Rivera**, Impact Forecast Specialist, Coordinator, Salvadorean Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARN), El Salvador

11:55 pm Q&A with audience/online participants

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12:05 am **BREAK**

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12:15 am **ENDORSED OCEAN DECADE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: SOLUTIONS FOR A SAFE OCEAN**

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12:25 am **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIGHT**

Panel Discussion

**A Safe Ocean for everybody – today and tomorrow: Integrating traditional knowledge, gender, and generational considerations to ensure equal and fair access to warning systems, information, and disaster relief, while weighing societal resilience against political and economic priorities.**

Co-moderation

— **Debra Lekanoff**, Washington State Representative (Position 1, 40th Legislative District), Skagit Valley, USA

Panelists

— **Equal and fair access to warnings**

**Ria Sen**, Lead Preparedness Officer, Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, World Food Programme, Italy

— **Traditional knowledge**

**Claudia C. Baron-Aguilar**, Ph.D. student, University of South Florida (USF) & Member of the Wayuu indigenous community, Colombia

— **Gender and generational considerations**

**Shulqwilum**, Co-Chair, First Nations Summit & Member, Chemainus First Nation, Vancouver Island, USA

12:55 am Q&A with audience/online participants

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1.05 am **OUTLOOK AND EXPECTATIONS**

Summary/Closing and outlook on Satellite Activities and Networking Table

— **Christa G. von Hillebrandt-Andrade**, Deputy Director, International Tsunami Information Center, Caribbean Office, Puerto Rico, USA

— **Burkard Baschek**, Director, German Ocean Museum, Stralsund, Germany