

## Ocean Decade Laboratories

# 6/ AN ACCESSIBLE OCEAN

10 to 12 May 2022

## PROGRAM

The transformation to sustainability in general as well as a sustainable use and governance of the ocean is a knowledge-intensive process. Although enough knowledge is available to act, in order to achieve international targets such as the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda, it also has to find its way into the political process in order to inform decision-making. This Ocean Decade Laboratory understands ‘accessible’ to mean findable, as well as understandable and usable. It is positioned at the interface between science and policy, and reflects on innovative ways of turning knowledge into action.

### CORE EVENT, 10 MAY, 2:30 – 5:30 PM CEST

#### MODERATOR

**Monika Jones**, International TV and Conference Host, Germany

2:30 pm

#### OPENING

- **Jens Schiffers**, Scientific Officer, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
- **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, France
- **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**  
**Anna-Katharina Hornidge**, Director, The German Development Institute (DIE)/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Germany
- **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**  
**Sebastian Unger**, Head, Ocean Governance Research Group, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany



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2:45 pm

## **SESSION 1: WHAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT KEY OCEAN GOVERNANCE PROCESSES?**

Panel Discussion

**This session will reflect on the knowledge needed to guide implementation of global ocean goals and policy instruments such as 2030 Agenda, biodiversity, climate change, pollution, and multiple stressors from human activities.**

Co-moderation

— **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**

**Sebastian Unger**, Head, Ocean Governance Research Group, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany

Panelists

— **Dixon Waruinge**, Coordinator, Nairobi Convention Secretariat, Kenya

— **Joanna Post**, Programme Management Officer, Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division (UN Climate Change), Germany

— **Sheila Heymans**, Executive Director, European Marine Board, Belgium

— **Andrea Weiß**, Science Officer, German Environment Agency, Germany

3:40 pm

Q&A with audience/online participants

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4:00 pm

**BREAK**

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4:10 pm

## **SESSION 2: WHAT DOES SCIENCE OFFER IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATIONS?**

Panel Discussion

**This session will present important showcases, processes, platforms etc. Problems will be considered that would need input from the policy sphere, e.g. ICOS for marine carbon observations, GOOS or the EU Marine Board.**



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Panelists

- **J. Murray Roberts**, Professor, University of Edinburgh’s School of GeoSciences & Head, Changing Oceans Research Group & Coordinator, European Horizon 2020 iAtlantic Project, Scotland
- **Karen Evans**, Principal Research Scientist, Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Tasmania
- **Anya Waite**, CEO & Scientific Director, Ocean Frontier Institute, Canada
- **Jacqueline Uku**, President, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), Kenya
- **Daniel Dunn**, Director, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Science, University of Queensland, Australia

5:00 pm Q&A with audience/online participants

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5:15 pm **OUTLOOK AND EXPECTATIONS**

Summary/Closing and outlook on Satellite Activities and Wrap-up

— **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**

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## WRAP-UP, 12 MAY, 2:30 – 4:00 PM CEST

As usual in the Wrap-up, the key messages of the Core Event as well as selected Satellite Activities will be presented. The panel discussion will ideally result in specific policy recommendations.

### MODERATOR

**Monika Jones**, International TV and Conference Host, Germany

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2:30 pm **OPENING**

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2:40 pm **REPORTS OF SELECTED SATELLITE ACTIVITIES**

— **“Accessible ocean science? Negotiating notions of access”**

**Mirja Schoderer**, Reseacher, The German Development Institute/Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Germany

— **“The Save the Waves App”**

**Diego Sancho Gallegos**, Surf Conservation Data Coordinator, Save The Waves Coalition (STW), Costa Rica

— **“Where is the marine data of the Western South Atlantic Ocean?”**

**Simone Pennafirme**, Manager, Marine Life Center & Secretariat for Environment, The City Hall of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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2:55 pm **KEY MESSAGES OF THE CORE EVENT**

— **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**

**Sebastian Unger**, Head, Ocean Governance Research Group, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany

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3:10 pm

### **SESSION 3: WHAT KIND OF SCIENCE ARCHITECTURE IS REQUIRED TO DELIVER RELEVANT SCIENCE TO POLICY?**

Panel Discussion

**Starting from existing science-policy interfaces for the ocean, including the World Ocean Assessment and the Regular Process, IPCC and IPBES, this session will discuss options for strengthening the institutional dimension, e.g., the need for sustained funding of constant monitoring activities, integration of data platforms, streamlining policy-relevant scientific assessments of the state of the ocean and specific issue areas with regard to ocean health.**

Co-moderation

— **Kristina M. Gjerde**, Senior High Seas Advisor, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Marine and Polar Programme, USA

Panelists

— **Antje Boetius**, Director, Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Germany

— **David Obura**, Director, Coastal Oceans Research and Development – Indian Ocean (CORDIO) East Africa

— **Jörn Schmidt**, Chair, Science Committee, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Denmark

3:55 pm

### **CLOSING**

— **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “An Accessible Ocean”**  
**Sebastian Unger**, Head, Ocean Governance Research Group, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, Germany

4:00 pm

### **OUTLOOK: OCEAN DECADE LABORATORIES 2022**

Upcoming Lab “A Productive Ocean”, 31 May –1 June



- **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “A Productive Ocean”**  
**Reinhold Hanel**, Head, Thünen-Institute of Fisheries Ecology (TI-FI) in Bremerhaven, Germany
  
  - **Co-Chair of the Laboratory “A Productive Ocean”**  
**Anna Jöborn**, CEO, Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra), Sweden
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