

MEETING PROGRAMME

Friday 12 April 2024, 13:15 - 14:45 GMT

Onsite at the Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB), Arctic Ocean, MR120-121, Level P1

13:15 - 13:30 Opening Remarks

- **Ronán Long**, Professor, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University
- **Michael W. Lodge**, H.E. Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority (*Recorded Message*)
- **Mathias Jonas**, H.E. Secretary-General, International Hydrographic Organization

13:30 - 13:40 Keynote Address

- **Arran McPherson**, Assistant Deputy Minister of Ecosystems and Oceans Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

13:40 - 14:10 Transformative Actions to Empower Women

- Moderator: **Anna Lindstedt**, Ambassador for the Ocean, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Speakers:
 - **Marzia Rovere**, Senior Researcher, National Research Council, Italy
 - **Rima Browne**, Senior Knowledge Management Officer, Cook Islands Seabed Minerals Authority
 - **Ellen Johannesen and Renis Auma Ojwala**, PhD candidate and graduate, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University
 - **Mariamalia Rodriguez Chaves**, Postdoctoral Fellow, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University

14:10 - 14:35 Town Hall Discussion: Achieving Gender Equality for the Ocean Decade

- Moderator: **Ronán Long**, Professor, Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University
- Speakers:
 - **Sarah Jones-Couture**, Public Relations and Communications Officer, International Hydrographic Organization
 - **Noémie Wouters**, Programme Coordinator Marine Scientific Research, International Seabed Authority
 - **Carlie Wiener**, Director of Communications and Engagement Strategy, Schmidt Ocean Institute
 - **Kirsten Isensee**, Programme Specialist – Ocean Carbon Sources and Sinks – Ocean Science Section, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO

14:35 - 14:45 Q&A Discussion and Closing Remarks

- **Zhen Sun**, Associate Professor (Research/Ocean, Sustainability, Governance and Management), WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University