Wednesday, 29 May 2024 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Overflow ID Room, American University of Antigua

























Time	Programme
8:00-8:20	 Opening remarks: H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority Honorable Samantha Marshall, Minister of State, Ministry of Health Wellness, the Environment and Social Transformation Mr. Deodat Maharaj, Managing Director, UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries
	 Keynote addresses: Hon. Mr Siaosi Sovaleni, Primer Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga Hon. Ms Penelope Beckles, Minister of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago USG Ms Rabab Fatima, High Representative, Office of the High Representative of the UN for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
8:20-8:40	Panel 1: Advancing women empowerment and leadership in marine scientific research in support of inclusive and sustainable ocean economy.
	 H.E Ms Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to ISA and to the UN H.E. Mr Teburoro Tito, Permanent Representative of Kiribati to ISA and to the UN

8:40-9:00	Panel 2: Leveraging effective participation of women scientists from developing States in particular SIDS and LDCs through targeted and innovative capacity-development activities
	 H.E Ms Janine Felson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN H.E. Dr Salman Al Farisi, Secretary-General, Indian Ocean Rim Association Mr Edward Herman, Partnerships and Cooperation Director, Seabed Minerals Authority, Cook Islands Mr Sai Navoti, Chief SIDS, UNDESA
9:00-9:20	 Panel 3: Fostering partnerships and cooperation for innovative and transformative actions H.E Ms Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of St Vincent and Grenadines to the UN Dr. Tricia Lovell, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer/ Vice Chair of the National Ocean Governance Committee, Antigua and Barbuda Dr. Anna Scott, CEO of Mithril Minerals.
9:20-9:30	Closing remarks Group photo