



SIDE EVENT AT COP 15



Convention on
Biological Diversity

THE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE: *Learning from the past to better build capacity to achieve global ocean goals into the future*

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13:15 – 14:45

Danube, Room 510A, CEE

The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI), a capacity-building programme coordinated by the CBD Secretariat, celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2020, reflecting on numerous achievements in building improved capacity to achieve global ocean goals, as highlighted in the [10 year SOI Impact Study](#).

Through activities such as the SOI Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, regional and national capacity building workshops and training of trainers, SOI has worked to provide a holistic and strategic framework through which to catalyze partnerships, build on lessons learned and knowledge gained, and facilitate improved coordination to address the capacity needed for achieving global, regional and national objectives for the ocean.

The heightened ambition of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework calls for expanded and accelerated action for conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity. This makes the work of SOI even more urgent, as achieving the goals of the post-2020 framework will require robust capacity for implementation.

This side event will provide a key opportunity to reflect on the history and achievements of SOI, consider what the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will mean for ocean-related capacity building and highlight potential future directions for SOI.

PROGRAMME

Chair: Ms. Prudence Galega, Cameroon

2 min opening by the Chair

Opening statements

- Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the CBD
- Mr. Jaeho Lee, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea
- Ms. Mai Yamamoto, Ministry of the Environment of Japan
- Mr. Cyrille Barnerias, French Biodiversity Agency

Special signing ceremony between French Biodiversity Agency and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

SOI Past: Over 10 years of building capacity and catalyzing partnerships to achieve global ocean goals

- Theme presentation
 - David Johnson, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative
- Expert panel: Reflections from SOI friends
 - Puri Canals (MedPAN)
 - Vivienne Solis Rivera, CoopeSoliDar R.L. / International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)

SOI Present: What does the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework mean for ocean-related capacity building needs?

- Expert panel
 - Larbi Sbai, Morocco
 - Kim Friedman, FAO
 - Results of a new study on marine elements in NBSAPs

SOI Future: Future directions for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative

- Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat

Q&A / Discussion