

Jorge Barbosa, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

Bio:

As a refugee of conflict forcefully displaced from Colombia in the 1990s and becoming naturalized in the U.S. Jorge is empowered and motivated to work towards the sustainable management and use of our ocean resources. Jorge is a marine scientist with a Masters in Environmental Sciences from Yale University and with a decade of professional experience in program management, investment and policy on sustainable development issues related to oceans, seas and marine life, and their linkages with climate change. Jorge served as an oceans advisor to ambassadors of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS), where he made significant contributions to the negotiations and drafting of the original SDG 14 concept note in 2013. With a personal stake in the SDGs, Jorge's dedication is exemplified by his role with the World Bank as a Blue Economy Specialist supporting and leading transformative initiatives across the Latin American and Caribbean region as well as in the South Asian region. Jorge continues dedicating his career to the ocean in his current role with UNDESA supporting the intergovernmental process of advancing the 2030 development agenda, and in particular linkages with SDG 14 and SDG 14 [water and sanitation]. Jorge is equally passionate about youth's role in shaping the solutions, policy, and investments that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and towards forging a prosperous future.

Charlotte Salpin, Senior Legal Officer, UN DOALOS

Charlotte Salpin is a Senior Legal Officer at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, where she has worked for nearly 20 years. A former Senior Legal Officer at the International Seabed Authority, she also previously worked at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and as a consultant to the International Institute for Sustainable Development. Her current areas of focus include the legal aspects of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), the protection and preservation of the marine environment and marine scientific research. She previously worked on the legal aspects of fisheries, maritime delimitation, dispute settlement as well as compliance and enforcement with environmental law. Charlotte Salpin has followed the process related to marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction since its inception in 2004 in various capacities. Most recently, she led the team supporting the Intergovernmental Conference.

Charlotte holds an advanced postgraduate university degree (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in public international law from Paris II University (Panthéon-Assas) and an LLM in environmental law from London University (School of Oriental and African Studies). She has authored and co-authored articles and publications on various aspects of international law, in particular BBNJ and environmental law.