



## PROGRAM

*UN Side Event: "The Role of the Ocean in Sea Level Rise and Climate Change"*

October 8th, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM EST

### **Opening**

NGO Sustainability, Roma Stibravy, President (2 min)

Roth Capital, Craig Irwin, Corporate Sponsor (1 min)

H.E. Duarte Lopes, Portugal (3 min)

Chargé d'Affaires, Susan Mwangi, Kenya (3 min)

Chargé d'Affaires, Satya Rodrigo, Sri Lanka (3 min)

Ambassador Peter Thomson, Video remarks, Special Envoy for the Ocean for UN Secretary-General (3 min)

### **Program**

Moderator, Madhushree Chatterjee, *UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Chief of Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch (NRIB)*

1. Valentina Germani- (10 min)

*Senior Legal Officer (Programme Advisor), UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)*  
"Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in United Nations Ocean Processes"

2. Markus Pohlmann- (10 min)

*World Bank, Senior Counsel, Environment & International Law*  
"The Blue Economy and Blue Carbon"

3. Nilufer Oral- (10 min)

*Member of the International Law Commission & Co-Chair of the Study Group on Sea Level Rise in Relation to International Law*  
"Ocean Acidification: A Conundrum for International Law?"

4. Paul Holthus- (10 min)

*Founding President & CEO of the World Ocean Council*  
"The Role of Ocean Business and Investment in Climate Change and Sea Level Rise: Ocean Restoration and Coastal Adaptation"

5. Drew Stephens- (10 min)

*VP Geosciences, OceanAero*  
"Wind and Solar Powered Marine Vessels"

6. Rob Campbell- (10 min)

*Chief Commercial Officer, Ballard Power Systems*  
"Renewable Energy Sector and Sustainable Investment"

7. William Burns- (10 min)

*Professor of Research and Co-Director of the Institute for Carbon Removal Law & Policy at American University*  
"The Potential Role of Marine Climate Geoengineering"

**Q&A session** (20 min)

### **Closing**

President, NGO Sustainability (2 min)