



## THE 10x20 INITIATIVE

### Conference on Marine Protected Areas: An Urgent Imperative A Dialogue Between Scientists and Policymakers *Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome (March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016)*

#### AGENDA

##### Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Arrival of participants (scientists)

##### Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

13:30

Welcome lunch (Location: *SALA DGIT*)

Welcome and speaker introductions by **Ambassador Giampaolo Cantini**, Director General of Italian Development Cooperation.

Remarks given by:

-**Ambassador Michele Valensise**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

-**Dr. Ellen Pikitch**, Professor and Executive Director, Stony Brook University, Institute for Ocean Conservation Science – Scientific coordinator of the Conference

14:30 – 16:00

SCIENTIFIC SESSION – Plenary (Location: *SALA ONOFRI*)

Overview of Projected Outcomes:

Discussion among scientists on how best to assist policymakers in achieving SDG 14, Target 5:

*“By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.”*

**Dr. Ellen Pikitch**, opening remarks, context, expected outcomes.

- Reviewing the best available science on marine protected areas; What characteristics make MPAs most effective?  
**Dr. Callum Roberts**, Professor at University of York, Topic Chair: MPA Characteristics
- Discussing best practices for implementing, governing and enforcing these areas;  
**Dr. Peter Jones**, Senior Lecturer at University College London, Topic Chair: MPA Governance
- Considering how sanctuaries can be made financially self-sustaining.  
**Dr. Rashid Sumaila**, Professor at the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries of the University of British Columbia, Topic Chair: MPA financing
- Special presentation: **Dr. Andrew Hudson**, Head of Water and Ocean Governance Programme, Bureau for Development Policy at UNDP: “UNEP/GEF MPA Programming and GEF Grant Eligibility Criteria”

16:00 – 18:30

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *Breakout Groups A (see attached list of participants in each breakout group):*

- 1) Important characteristics of MPAs, including size, optimal locations, and networks to ensure connectivity and representativeness, etc.;
- 2) Governance, implementation, enforcement, and monitoring of MPAs;
- 3) Financial sustainability of MPAs.

Projected outcome: Each group devises a list of points to include in a scientific consensus and Call to Action.

19:00

Cocktails and dinner  
*Circolo degli Affari Esteri (Lungo Tevere Acqua Acetosa, 42)*

Dinner speaker: **Dr. Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara**, President of the Tethys Research Institute, on the experience of the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, established by France, Italy and Monaco

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Arrival of participants (diplomats)**

**Morning**

9:00 – 10:00

SCIENTIFIC SESSION – Plenary (Location: *SALA ONOFRI*):  
Report by representatives from each of the breakout groups on progress made

Session Chairperson: **Dr. Ellen Pikitch**

Topic Chairs report on progress:

- **Dr. Callum Roberts**, MPA Science, Characteristics
- **Dr. Peter Jones**, MPA Governance, Implementation
- **Dr. Rashid Sumaila**, MPA Financing.

10:00 – 11:45

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *Breakout Groups B (see attached list of participants in each breakout group):*

Projected outcome: Each group devises a list of points to include in a scientific consensus, and also a joint science-policy Call to Action.

11:45 – 13:30

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *Continuation of Breakout Groups Breakout Groups C (see attached list of participants in each breakout group):*

Projected outcome: Each group devises a list of points to include in a scientific consensus, and also a joint science-policy Call to Action.

**Afternoon**

15:00 – 17:00

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *Plenary: Cross-fertilization of Ideas*  
(Location: *SALA ONOFRI*)

Session Chairperson: **Dr. Ellen Pikitch**

17:00 – 18:00

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *Finalization of Scientists' Consensus and Call to Action.*

Session Chairperson: **Dr. Ellen Pikitch**

## Evening

20:30

WORKING DINNER

*Villa Madama (via di Villa Madama)*

Welcoming remarks by **H.E. Vincenzo Amendola**, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Discussion among scientists, diplomats and representatives of the Italian business community  
on the theme: "How to use technology for SDG 14"

## Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Joint Sessions of Scientists and Diplomats**

(Location: *Sala Conferenza Internazionali*)

## Morning

9:00 – 9:30

WELCOMING REMARKS (introduced by **Ambassador Giampaolo Cantini**, Director General of Italian Development Cooperation)

**H.E. Paolo Gentiloni**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

**Mr. Mark Newhouse**, Chairman of the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance

**Mr. Jan Dusik**, Regional Director and Representative for Europe, UNEP

9:30 – 10:00

Presentation of Scientists' Consensus

Speakers: **Dr. Ellen Pikitch**, **Dr. Callum Roberts**, **Dr. Peter Jones**, **Dr. Rashid Sumaila** (MPA Topic Chairs during Scientific Sessions)

10:00 - 13:30

Comments by participating diplomats and Joint dialogue – scientists and diplomats on how to operationalize the science and develop the joint call for action.

Session Co-Chairs: **H.E. Macharia Kamau**, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations, and

**Dr. Rahanna Juman (TBC)**, Deputy Director, Institute of Marine Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

## Afternoon

14:30 – 16:00

**Presentation of successful examples: How to start a protected area and make it self-sustaining**

Session Co-Chairs: **H.E. Isabelle Picco**, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations, and **Dr. Laurence McCook**, Adjunct Principal Research Fellow at James Cook University

Case Study: Palau

Speakers: **H.E. Caleb Otto**, Permanent Representative of Palau to the United Nations and **Dr. Yinnang Golbuu**, CEO and Chief Researcher at the Palau International Coral Reef Center

Case Study: Kiribati

Speakers: **Dr. Gregory Stone**, Executive Vice President of Conservation International and **Ms. Christine Greene**, Kiribati Cultural Ambassador

Case Study: Italy

Speakers: **Dr. Stefano Donati**, Director of Area Marina Protetta Isole Egadi and **Giovanni Brunelli**, Director, Division for Sustainable Development and Environmental Damage, Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

Case Study: Bahamas

Speakers: **Mr. Craig Powell**, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the Bahamas to the United Nations and Board Member of the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance, and **Mr. Eric Carey**, Executive Director of the Bahamas National Trust

16:00 – 17:30

Conclusion of dialogue and CALL TO ACTION

Session Co-Chairs: **H.E. Sebastiano Cardi**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations and **Dr. Ellen Pikitch**, Professor and Executive Director, Stony Brook University, Institute for Ocean Conservation Science – Scientific coordinator of the Conference

17.30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

**H.E. Gian Luca Galletti**, Minister of Environment, Land and Sea of Italy

