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Side Event at The Ocean Conference June 9, 2017 09:00 - 10:30 AM

Solutions to marine plastic litter

Marine litter is today a demanding global challenge, which affects different societies unequally as a consequence of sea currents, potential for waste management, economic incentives to reduce plastic products etc. In areas with strong dependence on tourism and fishing (like Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries), marine debris has the potential to cause extensive harm to the environmental, social and economic values. This event will focus on solutions to tackle different aspects of the marine litter problem using approaches grounded in education, research and policy. We will examine how industry in different sectors as well as civil society and legislators can take responsibility to find and implement solutions.

The way forward – what are the key solutions?

A discussion between political representatives, researchers and NGO:s. Among others:

- Marco Affronte , Member of the European Parliament
- Kosi Latu, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
- Alain de Comarmond, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Republic of Seychelles
- Jakob Granit, Director General, PhD, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
- Marcus Eriksen, 5 Gyres
- Dr. Bethanie Carney Almroth, University of Gothenburg

The implementation of solutions – what are the key drivers?

An open discussion with representatives from IUCN, Seas At Risk, WIOMSA and participants.

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Venue: Conference Room 12 in the UN Conference Building

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