



International Ocean Governance Forum



 April 22 to 24, 2020

 Thon EU Hotel
Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

DRAFT AGENDA

APRIL 22, 13:00 -18:00

LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE FORUM

TIME	SESSION & FOCUS OF PRESENTATIONS SPEAKER/MODERATOR	
11:00	Registration opens	
12:00	Light lunch	
13:00	Opening	
	Welcome	Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
	Addressing IOG as key to achieve the SDGs	(tbc)
	IOG and the European Green Deal	(tbc)
13:45	Session I – IOG as a nexus for healthy ocean, planet and people	
	Moderated roundtable – clarifying the main international governance challenge that the IOG Forum will address, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Synergies between climate and ocean governance ▶ IOG as key to a sustainable blue economy ▶ IOG as pre-conditions for a safe ocean ▶ Mobilisation, transparency and inclusiveness in IOG 	
	Questions/answers & identification of priority topics on IOG	
15:00	Coffee break	
15:30	Session II – IOG: what has been achieved so far? How does it shape our priorities in moving the EU's IOG agenda forward?	
	Moderated roundtable – sharing selected good practice from different sectors and spatial scales (including progress with IOG in the UN system) as basis for identifying pre-conditions for effective and successful IOG	
	Questions/answers	
16:45	Session III – The IOG Forum in practice	
	Presenting the overall process and expected outcome of the IOG Forum	
	Moderated roundtable - Shedding lights on the thematic focus of the IOG Forum	
	Questions/answers	
18:00	Closing	
	What do I wish (dream of) ... as main outcome of the IOG Forum?	
	Closing words	
18:30	Cocktail	



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THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS MEETING

Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) will discuss current challenges to ocean governance and identify concrete solutions. TWGs will be organised according to the EU's International Ocean Governance Agenda:

TWG 1 - Improving the international ocean **governance framework**

TWG 2 - **Reducing pressure** on oceans and seas and creating the conditions for a **sustainable 'blue' economy**

TWG 3 - Strengthening the ocean **knowledge system**

The meeting is structured in three consecutive steps:

- ▶ A plenary start that clarifies among all TWG members (a) expectations, (b) the governance (including support provided by the secretariat) and (c) the logic of work of the TWG - from the identification of challenges to the identifications of solutions.
- ▶ Parallel working group session – where TWG members work on their own topic identifying in particular “solutions” (specifying for each what, at which scale, by whom, which preconditions for success, etc.)
- ▶ A plenary consolidating session where outcomes of the individual TWGs are shared and discussed, identifying in particular synergies among them and issues that have been left open requiring further work. This plenary session will also help agreeing on the next steps of the process.

APRIL 23, 2020

TIME	SESSION & FOCUS OF PRESENTATIONS SPEAKER/MODERATOR
09:00	Plenary – opening session
	Welcome
	Clarifying the expected end products of the workshop
	How will we work together? The main working rules
	Questions-answers
10:00	Coffee break
10:30	Session I – From challenges to solutions
	Key note speech
	Parallel session for each TWG. Each group will address the following issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reminder of the focus of this first meeting of the TWG – including “Round the ocean” for introducing members 2. Challenges (consolidation on the basis of background note) 3. Solutions – on the basis of a selection of experiences, identifying in particular challenges with their implementation, pre-conditions for success, and synergies with other TWG 4. What's next – and who will do what? (up to the next TWG face-to-face meeting) 5. Defining collectively key messages to be shared in plenary (5 messages per group)
13:00	Lunch break
14:30	Session I – From challenges to solutions - (continued)
18:00	Close of the day
19:30	Dinner



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APRIL 24, 2020

TIME	SESSION & FOCUS OF PRESENTATIONS	SPEAKER/MODERATOR
09:00	Plenary – opening session day 2	
	Summary of previous day's tasks, reminding the focus/objective of the day	
09:15	Session I – From challenges to solutions - (continued)	
	Reporting key messages that have emerged from individual TWG on solutions and pre-conditions for their successful implementation	
	Overall discussion for discussing links between TWG and cross-cutting issues	
10:30	Coffee break	
11:00	Session II – What's next?	
	Reflecting on how to plan further work: what should be adapted/modified to make it more effective? (adding new members, changing structure of the TWG, etc.)	
	Agreeing on the timetable of next steps – specifying in particular links with parallel initiatives and events	
12:30	Closing session	
	Summary of the TWG sessions	
	Words of thanks and future outlook	
13:00	Light lunch	

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