



The Role of UNCLOS and of Specialised Competent International Organizations in the Implementation of SDG14

A conversation on ESG, International Environmental Standards and Governance Coherence

Official UNOC 2022 Side Event

30 June 2022, 6:15pm WEST

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Program

Opening Remarks

6:15 pm

Welcome Address

Maria João Ricou, *Senior Partner, Cuatrecasas*

Introductory Remarks

Carolyn Schwalger, *Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nation*

Setting the Scene

6:25 pm

1. Overview of the making of ESG and its use

Terence Lyons, CEO, *The Stakeholder Company (TSC)*

2. Why are UNCLOS and international law relevant to this discussion?

Vasco Becker-Weinberg, President, *The Portuguese Institute of the Law of the Sea* and Professor, *Universidade Lusófona & Nova School of Law*

3. The role of competent international organisations and implementation through standards and practices

Youna Lyons, Chair and Trustee, *ACOPS* and Associate Professor (Research), *NUS-CIL*

Perspectives from Ocean Professionals

6:40 pm

1. Regional Sea Organisation: the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)

On the management of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) and their systemic loss and abandonment

– Jamie Davies, Manager (By-catch and Ecosystem Management Integrated Initiative), *The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)*

2. Global Environmental Consultancy: ERM

On EIA practices and standards

– Megan Lawson, Country Manager, *Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Vietnam*

3. Classification Society: Bureau Veritas

On underwater noise and the tackling of ESG

– Eric Baudin, Manager (Innovation – Global Service Line Energy Transition), *Bureau Veritas Solutions Marine & Offshore*

4. Business Law Firm: Clifford Chance

On approach to ESG frameworks and international law and litigation risk

– Rae Lindsay, Partner, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, *Clifford Chance*

Q&A, Comments and Discussion

6:55 pm

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Thoughts on the steps and outputs that could be envisaged to improve linkages between international standards and practices developing under the auspices of international organisations and those of the private sector?

Scoping of this conversation series and projected outputs

Voluntary Commitment (*Draft*)

Closing Remarks

7:35 pm

Closing Remarks by the Panel