

An underwater photograph showing a massive school of small fish swimming in a circular pattern towards a bright light source at the top center, creating a sunburst effect. Several larger fish are also visible swimming in the same direction.

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SUNDAY, 19 MARCH 2023

YACHT CLUB DE MONACO

19:00 | 21:30

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO THE MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE

Welcome address

Cocktail reception with standing buffet

MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023

OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF MONACO

9:00 | 9:30

WELCOME ADDRESS

by **HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco**

KEYNOTE SPEECH

H.E. Mr Rodrigo Chaves Robles,
President of the Republic of Costa Rica

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Mr Huang Runqiu, *Minister of Ecology
and Environment, People's Republic of China*
(Video message)

SESSION #1

- 9:30 | 9:40** — **FIRESIDE CHAT** with **H.E. Ms Razan Al Mubarak**,
*President, International Union for Conservation of Nature,
United Arab Emirates*
- 9:40 | 10:45** — **SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES: RECONCILING
CONSERVATION AND EXPLOITATION IN
THE NEXT DECADE AND BEYOND**
- Moderation** — **Ms Yalda Hakim**, *Chief presenter and international
correspondent, BBC World News*
- Panelists** — **Dr Miguel Bernal**, *Executive Secretary, General Fisheries
Commission for the Mediterranean, Italy* | **Mr Stephen
Kankam**, *Co-founder and deputy director, Hen Mpoano
(Our Coast), Republic of Ghana, and Edinburgh Ocean
Leader* | **Prof Ussif Rashid Sumaila**, *Professor of Oceans
and Fisheries Economics, The University of British
Columbia, Canada* | **Ms Nina Jensen**, *Chief Executive
Officer, REV Ocean AS, Norway*
- **Dialogue with participants**
- 10:45 | 11:05** — **GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION #2

11:05 | 11:15 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: The Hon. Minister Mr Jean-François Ferrari**, *Designated Minister for Fisheries and Blue Economy, The Government of the Republic of the Seychelles*

11:15 | 11:25 — **FIRESIDE CHAT** with **The Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland KC**, *Secretary-General of the Commonwealth*

11:25 | 12:35 — **HIGHLY PROTECTED MPAs: WHAT'S AT STAKE AND WHAT'S THE VISION FOR 2030?**

Moderation — **Ms Yalda Hakim**, *Chief presenter and international correspondent, BBC World News*

Panelists — **Prof Heather Koldewey**, *Lead, Bertarelli Foundation Marine Science Programme, Zoological Society of London, UK* | **Mr Roland Coulon**, *Business Director, Blue Finance, France* | **Ms Shirley Binder**, *Ministerial Senior Office Advisor at Ministerio de Ambiente, Panama, and Edinburgh Ocean Leader* | **Ms Funda Kök**, *Conservation manager, Akdeniz Koruma Derneği (Mediterranean Conservation Society), Turkey*

— **Dialogue with participants**

12:35 | 14:00 — **LUNCH**

SESSION #3

- 14:00 | 14:10** — KEYNOTE SPEECH: **Ms Kate Guy**, *Senior Adviser, US Department of State, U.S.A.*
- 14:10 | 15:20** — THE ROLE OF MARINE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
- Moderation** — **Ms Yalda Hakim**, *Chief presenter and international correspondent, BBC World News*
- Panelists** — **Ms Leticia Carvalho**, *Principal Coordinator, Marine and Freshwater Branch, United Nations Environment Programme, Kenya* | **Mr Marco Lambertini**, *Special Envoy at WWF International, Switzerland* | **Prof. Jean-Pierre Gattuso**, *Research Director, Laboratoire d'Océanographie, CNRS-Sorbonne Université, and Ocean Scientist, Associate Researcher at Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales, France* | **Mr Peter Manyara**, *Regional Program Manager, Coastal and Ocean Resilience IUCN, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, South Africa, and Edinburgh Ocean Leader*
- **Dialogue with participants**
- 15:20 | 16:00** — COFFEE BREAK

SESSION #4

- 16:00 | 16:25** — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: Ms Teresa Ribera Rodriguez**, Third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Spain (Video message)
- **KEYNOTE SPEECH: Mr Renaud Muselier**, President of the Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France
- **FIRESIDE CHAT** with **Mr Nasser Kamel**, Secretary General, The Union for the Mediterranean, Spain
- 16:25 | 17:35** — **RAISING AMBITION AND SCALING SOLUTIONS FOR A PROTECTED, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE MEDITERRANEAN SEA**
- Moderation** — **Ms Yalda Hakim**, Chief presenter and international correspondent, BBC World News
- Panelists** — **H.E. Mr Karim Amellal**, French Ambassador for the Mediterranean | **H.E. Mr Bernard Fautrier**, Minister plenipotentiary, Special Advisor of HSH Prince Albert II for Environment, and General Secretary, The Medfund, Principality of Monaco | **Ms Efstathia Liarou**, Mayor of Elafonisos, Hellenic Republic of Greece | **Mr Federico Cardona Pons**, Coastal Health Strategy Coordinator Spain and Coastal Health Strategy Manager, Europe-Middle East-Africa and Cuba, Iberostar Group, Spain
- **Dialogue with participants**
- 17:35 | 17:45** — **KEYNOTE SPEECH: H.E. Mr Laurent Stefanini**, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France in Monaco, on behalf of **Mr Hervé Berville**, Secretary of State for the Sea, France
- 17:45 | 18:00** — **CLOSING ADDRESS**
Mr Robert Calcagno, Chief Executive Officer, Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco
Mr Olivier Wenden, Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Principality of Monaco
- 18:00** — **END OF THE 14TH MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE**

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