## MONDAY, JUNE 5 **OPENING DAY**

### 3:15 pm — 6:00 pm

Science Espresso Current developments in marine science and conservation

### 3:00 pm — 6:00 pm

**Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

### BY INVITATION

### 1:15 pm — 2:45 pm | together with GSSI

**Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative** 

How multi-stakeholder partnerships and credible certification support SDG 14

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm | together with the Pacific Small Island **Developing States** 

Opening reception of the German Ocean Pavilion

Celebrate the Ocean Week and the opening of the German Ocean Pavilion with us



## **TUESDAY, JUNE 6 REGIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE DAY**

10:00 am — 1:00 pm **Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

3:00 pm — 6:00 pm **Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

### **BY INVITATION**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm | together with Sweden, UN Environment, IASS, IDDRI and TMG Oceans in the 2030 Agenda: The Role of Regional Governance Innovative solutions to advance regional ocean governance and address key sustainability issues for the oceans

• 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Welcome address Session 1: Advancing regional partnerships for SDG 14 implementation Launch of the "Partnering for a Sustainable Ocean" report Session 2: Experiences of integrated regional ocean governance

• 1:00 pm — 2:30 pm Lunch time presentation of ongoing and new projects

• 2:30 pm — 5:00pm Session 3: How to advance regional governance for SDG 14 Synthesis discussion and key messages for the UN Ocean Conferences

11:30 am — 1:00pm | together with Gabon and WCS **Combating Wildlife Trafficking** Reflections on key challenges in the implementation of commitments and discussions on the way forward

6:15 pm — 8:30 pm | together with WWF and IUCN Mangroves

Scaling up initiatives to protect and restore a life-saving coastal ecosystem

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 MARINE SCIENCE DAY

### 10:00 am — 12:30 pm

Launch of the Ocean Knowledge for Action Network Advancing solution-oriented and integrative ocean sustainability research globally within the Ocean KAN

10:00 am — 1:00 pm **Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

### 1:15 pm — 2:45 pm

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### **BY INVITATION**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm | UN Environment Businesses Turning the Tide on Plastic Private sector round table on preventing and combating marine litter

1:15 pm — 2:45 pm | together with Sweden and KfW Launch of the Blue Action Fund Safeguarding marine biodiversity

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | JPI: Oceans Multilateral Science-Policy Processes Generating the evidence to pnderpin SDG implementation

6:30 pm — 8:30 pm | together with Norway **Evening Panel - Solutions to Combat Marine Litter** How a transition from theory to practice may be successful and how both can mutually support and complement each other

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 WORLD OCEANS DAY

10:00 am — 1:00 pm **Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

3:00 pm — 6:00 pm Ocean Short Films and Coffee

### **BY INVITATION**

9:00 am - 10:00 am | Böll Foundation The Ocean Atlas 2017 Understanding the Threats to Our Marine Ecosystems

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | NOAA/ZMT/Blue Solutions Capacity Development for Sustainable Ocean Governance Lessons Learned from Academia, Policy and Practice

1:15 pm — 2:45 pm | Blue Solutions Blue Solutions Market Place Learning from each other's experiences in marine and coastal management

3:30 pm — 5:30 pm | RARE Fishing for Conservation Bright spots of community-led, sustainable small-scale fishery & conservation solutions for food security and livelihoods

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9 **CLOSING DAY**

10:00 am — 1:00 pm **Ocean Short Films and Coffee** 

10:00 am - 12:00 pm | World Wide Views on Oceans Citizen Participation and SDG14 Implementing SDG14 with and for the citizens through global public participation

### 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | RARE

Film-Launch & Talk with Local Community Leaders: Scaling up innovative, community-based protection of coastal biodiversity in Indonesia, the Philippines and the Pacific

### 2:35 pm — 5:00 pm | RARE

Video Installation: A Fisherman and the Sea Showing one day in the life of a fisherman in the Philippines

### Advancing Regional Ocean Governance

Marine ecosystems and resources do not know national borders, and neither do threats such as marine pollution. While it is critical for individual states to commit themselves to the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14), the Agenda cannot be fully implemented by states working in isolation. The better response is regional ocean governance. Countries and stakeholders must work together to look after our oceans, coasts and marine resources. Regional cooperation has proven to be an effective means for advancing ocean sustainability e.g. establishing marine protected area networks and combatting marine litter. The OSPAR and HELCOM regional action plans on marine litter have even become a blueprint for the ongoing G7 and G20 processes on this issue.

Regional approaches form the cornerstone of ecosystem-based management, and they often convince States and other stakeholders to make stronger commitments than under other instruments. This is why we should support new cross-sectoral partnerships, involving the scientific community, civil society and other stakeholders, as a key part of the international framework for the implementation of SDG14.

### **Marine Conservation**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a separate Sustainable Development Goal for the oceans (SDG 14) together with the CBD Aichi Targets have focused policy more sharply on marine biodiversity. Ecologically intact marine and coastal ecosystems are vital for food security and sustainable economic development. They also help buffer the effects of climate change.

The German government provides long-term funding to partner countries to help them protect and sustainably manage their coastal and marine areas. In its partnerships, Germany focuses on establishing marine protected areas, promoting sustainable artisanal fisheries and their certification, combating illegal fishing, reducing pollution and protecting coastal populations from the consequences of climate change.

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) supports marine conservation worldwide through its International Climate Initiative (IKI). The Ministry is also a founding member of the Global Ocean Biodiversity (GOBI) Initiative for identifying and scientifically describing Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs). The Blue Solutions Initiative promotes capacity development worldwide and disseminates tested solutions related to the sustainable management of marine and coastal areas.

### **Development Cooperation**

Over two thirds of the partner countries of German development cooperation are island or coastal nations. To preserve healthy marine and coastal ecosystems for future generations and implement SDG 14. Germany has stepped up its development cooperation in the marine realm by allocating more than EUR 180 million over the 2016-17 period. With its Ten-point Plan of Action for Marine Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is pursuing integrated approaches that combine marine conservation with poverty reduction measures, and is working with partner countries on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. pollution control and climate change adaptation in coastal regions.

During the Ocean Conference, BMZ and its partners will launch new initiatives such as the Blue Action Fund which seeks to improve and expand marine conservation measures in developing countries in cooperation with NGOs. Another new initiative on manarove protection and restoration seeks to trigger policy action to halt the worldwide loss of mangroves.

### Marine Research

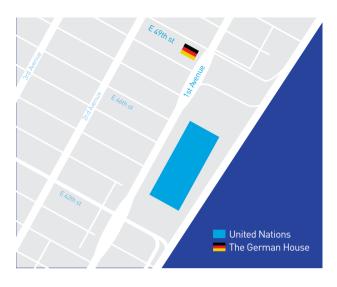
The seas and oceans are vital for life on our planet and are home to countless plants and animals. But vast parts of the oceans still remain "terra incognita." By funding marine research, Germany seeks to improve our understanding of how the oceans react to climate change, how marine ecosystems function and how to effectively protect and use the seas and oceans.

Science provides us with the necessary knowledge to reduce anthropogenic pressures on the oceans. SDG 14-A recognizes research's cross-cutting and key role in successfully implementing SDG 14 as a whole. Through its research funding programme MARE:N and the modernization of its research fleet-two new vessels will be commissioned by 2022-Germany will invest more than EUR 4 billion over the next 10 years in targeted marine research to ensure that future generations still benefit from the enormous biodiversity in our seas and oceans.





### The United Nations Ocean Conference is a historic opportunity to promote the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans. seas and marine resources. To contribute to its success, Germany is hosting over 20 side



events with partners from various marine regions of the world.

Join us for our public 'Science Espresso' presentations and ocean short films. Learn about our initiatives on marine protection and conservation, development cooperation, marine research and more. Or just meet for a coffee to discuss ways to implement Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Dear Visitors.

Welcome to the German Ocean Pavilion!

### Ambassador Harald Braun

Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations



**Dear Visitors.** 

Our oceans are under enormous pressure from human activities and this pressure is constantly growing.

Marine litter, overfishing, inputs of harmful substances and nutrients and the impacts

of climate change are all putting a major strain on marine ecosystems. We are all in agreement that only sufficiently protected and sustainably used oceans will be able to deliver the services people expect from them. To achieve this however, greater commitment is required.

And yet, we are currently witnessing something we would not have thought possible a few years ago. The international community appears to have realised that we can no longer afford to continue with business as usual.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted less than two years ago in New York just a few metres away from the German Ocean Pavilion. The first UN Conference implementing the 2030 Agenda is focussing on goal 14 to conserve and sustainably use our oceans and marine resources. This should give us hope as it backs the call for the sustainable development of our oceans.

I therefore invite you to visit the German Ocean Pavilion and experience the wide range of events the German government has prepared dedicated to our oceans. Let us together reflect on the enormity of the challenges we face, but also take heart from the fact that we already have a wide range of solutions and measures. We look forward to welcoming you there.

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