The Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development stresses the need to conserve and sustainably use the world’s oceans, seas and marine resources. This side event will present a stocktake of knowledge, solutions and actions for effective ocean governance to achieve conservation and sustainable use, encompassing climate and biodiversity. This side event aims to demonstrate how conservation and sustainable ocean use can be achieved with best available science and knowledge, measures and actions, effective tools, and new resources. Three keynote speakers will set the scene and bring their different perspectives on the issues and actions that need to be taken. Through a panel discussion consisting of eminent experts, the session will unpack the critical ingredients for effective ocean governance. The discussion will be set in the context of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), evidence-based ocean action and science-policy interfaces critical for ocean governance. The financial means required and human capacity required to deliver the change will be also be addressed and the session will hear from practitioners on ground to provide a reality check. Participants will hear from experts applying solutions based on science and knowledge to ensure integrated ocean governance and management. The experts will reflect on how to deliver blue solutions that restore marine biodiversity to achieve true 30x30 conservation across the shared ocean. The session will conclude with take home messages for a healthy planet and accelerated implementation of the Goal 14 focusing on science and knowledge based solutions and ensure we build a more equitable, resilient, knowledge-based and prosperous future that is in harmony with nature.
13:15 Welcome by the host of the event  
Ms Minna EPPS  
Head, Global Ocean, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

13:20 Opening statements  
H.E. Steffi LEMKE  
Federal Minister of the Environment, Germany  
Ms Charlina VITCHEVA  
Director General of Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission  
Mr Andrew RHODES  
Special Envoy for Oceans, Undersecretariat for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Mexico and Deputy Chair of IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)

13:40 Video  
The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030): The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want

13:45 Panel discussion on critical ingredients for effective ocean governance  
Moderator:  
Ms Imèn MELIANE  
Vice President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)  
Panelists:  
Dr Vladimir RYABININ  
Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)  
Prof. Dr. Hans-Otto POERTNER  
Alfred-Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI), Chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)  
Dr Kevin HORSBURGH  
Climate Science Lead, Green Climate Fund (GCF)  
Dr Melchior MATAKI  
Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management in the Solomon Islands  
Dr Laura MELLER  
Ocean policy advisor, Greenpeace Nordic

14:25 Closing remarks  
Mr John BELL  
Director of Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission