

# DRAFT PROGRAMME

High-Level Ministerial and Scientific Event

*All-Atlantic Ocean Research Forum*

Charlemagne Building  
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

*6 – 7 February 2020*

**Thursday, 6 February 2020**  
**Charlemagne Building, Brussels**

**With the participation of:**

- Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (TBC)
- Catherine Chabaud, Member of the European Parliament
- Maria Da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament
- Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- International High Level Governmental Representatives along and across the Atlantic Ocean
- Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair, Working Group II, IPCC
- Robert Watson, Chair IPBES
- Yunne Shin, IPBES Coordinating Lead Author
- Pascal Lamy, Chair of Horizon Europe Mission Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters
- James Honeyborne, Conceptor of Blue Planet II documentary
- Martin Visbeck, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean
- Murray Roberts, ATLAS, a Horizon 2020 funded project
- David Millar, Government Accounts Director, Americas at Fugro
- Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO Oceano Azul Foundation
- Thandiwe Gxaba, Deputy Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Convention
- Abdoulaye Diagana, Communication Specialist, Abidjan Convention Secretariat (UNEP)
- Fionn Ferreira, Winner of Google Science Fair 2019
- And many other leading thought-leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, young ambassadors and artists!

**Moderator of the Event:** Karen Coleman

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| <b>08:00 – 09:00</b>  | <i>Registration and Welcome Coffee - Video “Promoting the Values of the Atlantic Ocean”</i>   |
| <b>WELCOME REMARKS AND POLITICAL STATEMENTS</b>                     |   |
| <b>09:30 – 10:30</b>  | <b>Welcome remarks and Political statements</b>   |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b>  | <b>Launch of All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors Forum</b>   |
| <b>THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR ATLANTIC OCEAN AND OUR COMMUNITIES</b> |   |
| <b>10:45 – 11:15</b>  | <b>Keynote Addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair, Working Group II, IPCC</li><li>– Robert Watson, Chair IPBES</li></ul> |
| <b>11:15 – 11:45</b>  | <i>Networking Coffee Break</i>  |

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| <p><b>11:45 – 13:00</b></p>             | <p><b>A Climate-Resilient Atlantic Ocean</b></p> <p><i>This session will discuss how research and innovation can support Atlantic coastal communities to better prepare for, plan and adapt to the effects of climate change and extreme events on the Atlantic Ocean. What forecasting capacity and user-driven ocean observation and data are needed and what measures and solutions communities and industries are taking.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Showcases: proposed solutions</li> <li>• Roundtable Discussion</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>13:00 – 14:30</b></p>             | <p><i>Networking Lunch Break</i></p>   |
| <p><b>AN OCEAN OF OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> |  |
| <p><b>14:30 – 15:45</b></p>             | <p><b>A Living and Diverse Atlantic Ocean, discovering its DNA.</b></p> <p><i>This session will discuss how to discover, preserve and restore the unique and wonderful life in the Atlantic Ocean from Antarctica to the Arctic, for the benefits of coastal communities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Showcases: proposed solutions</li> <li>• Roundtable Discussion</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>15:45 – 16:15</b></p>             | <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>   |
| <p><b>16:15 – 17:30</b></p>             | <p><b>Unveiling the resources of the Atlantic</b></p> <p><i>This session will discuss how to align international efforts to map the Atlantic Ocean and ensure food security and the sustainable management of its resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Showcases: proposed solutions</li> <li>• Roundtable Discussion</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>CONCLUSION OF DAY 1</b></p>       |  |
| <p><b>17:30 – 18:20</b></p>             | <p><b>Feedbacks from side events of 5 February</b></p>   |
| <p><b>18:20 – 18:45</b></p>             | <p><b>Cultural performance and closure</b></p>   |
| <p><b>18:45 – 20:00</b></p>             | <p><b>Networking Reception</b></p>   |

**Friday 7 February 2020**  
**Charlemagne Building, Brussels**

**09:00 – 09:15**

**Inspirational Wake-up Address**

**D(R)IVING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS**

**09:15 – 11:15**

**An Atlantic Ocean connected to our Citizens**

*Keynote Perspectives*

**Presentation of campaigns developed by the All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassadors**

*Views from stakeholders*

**11:15 – 11:45**

*Networking Coffee Break*

**11:45 – 12:45**

**A Pollution-Free Atlantic Ocean**

*This session will address how oil spills, sargassum, plastic, and other pollutants are affecting coastal communities living and how to jointly ensure a pollution free ocean for present and future generations.*

- Project Showcases: proposed solutions
- Roundtable Discussion

**12:45 – 14:15**

*Networking Lunch Break*

**OUR NEXT LEVEL OF AMBITION**

**14:15 – 14:45**

**Planning the future**

- Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (TBC)
- The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

**14:45 – 15:45**

**The Atlantic Ocean 2.0.**

*Working together to define a new strategic direction and political ambitions for the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance, from the Arctic to Antarctica, and provide solutions for the citizens living on its shores.*

- Roundtable Discussion

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| <b>15:45 - 16:00</b> | <b>Closing Remarks and Conference Closure</b> |

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