

Ocean Decade Conference Satellite Event
11 April 2024, 1:15pm to 2:45pm
Barcelona International Convention Centre, Atlantic Ocean Room (Area 06)

Building a strong scientific community in support of a sustainable Atlantic Ocean

1:15pm –1:20pm Welcome and opening remarks (5 min)

Speaker: Arran McPherson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ecosystems and Oceans Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

1:20pm –1:45pm Part 1: Interactive Dialogue on collaborative science across the Atlantic Ocean

Moderator: Dr. Arran McPherson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ecosystems and Oceans Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Panelists:

- Ambassador Jessye Lapenn, Senior Coordinator for Atlantic Cooperation, United States;
- Mr. Leandro Pedron, Director of Thematic Programs, Secretariat for Strategic Policies and Programs, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation - Brazil;
- Ms. Alison Clausen, Deputy Coordinator of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, from IOC/UNESCO;
- Dr. Gilbert Siko, Acting Chief Director: Science Missions and Director: Marine and Polar Research, Palaeosciences, at the Department of Science and Innovation South Africa; and
- Professor Gideon Henderson, Chief Scientific Adviser of the UK's Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

1:45pm –2:35pm Part 2: Featured Atlantic Ocean projects (presentations and Q&A)

Moderator: Dr. Steve Thur, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric, NOAA-USA

Featured Projects:

- A-AAGORA / CLIMAREST Mission Ocean & Waters Innovation Actions
- AtlantOS
- Blue Schools
- OKEANO CSA: *Supporting the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance*
- Rest-Coast project
- WYTEC Blue - Growing Technical Capacity amongst Women and Youth in Canada & West Africa for a Safe, Secure and Sustainable Blue Economy

2:35pm –2:45pm Part 3: Closing Remarks

Special Speaker: John Bell, Director for Healthy Planet in the Directorate General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

Closing Remarks: Dr. Arran McPherson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ecosystems and Oceans Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada