



## **Unveiling the role of G20 in the implementation and legacy of the Ocean Decade**

### ***Oceans 20 Ocean Dialogue***

Barcelona, April 8th

17:00-18:30 CET

Auditorium, Parc de Recerca Biomèdica de Barcelona

The Group of Twenty (G20), comprising 19 countries, the European Union, and the African Union, plays a vital role in global economic cooperation. Brazil takes over the G20 rotating presidency from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024, when G20 Leaders' Summit and ministerial meetings shall occur.

The role of Ocean industries, finances and scientific insights have never been more relevant to address critical issues such as Energy Security, Trade Security and Food Security. International institutions and cooperation is under pressure. The ocean is a global common harboring a multitude of solutions to address these issues. The G20 countries have a disproportionate influence in these activities and as such, a great opportunity to drive global transitions towards a sustainable blue economy.

Leading up to the G20 summit in November, the Oceans20, a G20 engagement civil society group will work with stakeholders from all relevant sectors and geographies to assemble a set of concrete policy and business recommendations that can enable the world to meet necessary targets and goals for a transition to a fair and sustainable ocean.

Oceans20 is coordinated by the UNESCO Chair for Ocean Sustainability, hosted by the University of São Paulo, in collaboration with the UN Global Compact, the World Economic Forum, the Brazilian Biodiversity Fund, and the National Institute for Ocean Research, in addition to several national and international partners.

This panel at the Ocean Decade Conference will be an opportunity to better integrate G20 and the Ocean Decade, considering the role and views of scientific institutions and the private sector.



## **Program:**

### **Welcome**

- Alexander Turra, Professor at the Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo and Head of the UNESCO Chair for Ocean Sustainability

### **1. Opening Remarks (17:00 - 17:30)**

*The international ocean agenda and the importance of the Ocean in G20*

- Peter William Thomson, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean
- Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director of Marine Policy Center at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Alexander Turra, Professor at the Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo and Head of the UNESCO Chair for Ocean Sustainability
- Erik Giercksky, Head, Ocean Stewardship Coalition, UN Global Compact
- Alfredo Giron, Head of Ocean, World Economic Forum

**Moderated by** Rebecca Alcolea Krauss, UN Global Compact.

### **2. Ocean Science and G20 (17:30-17:50)**

*The role of G20 in fostering the Ocean Decade*

*Science and technology have a central role in ocean sustainability, including knowledge-sharing, technology transfer, and capacity building to build the ocean we need for the future we want. The panelists will share insights and recommendations to influence the priority actions that the Brazilian presidency could put in front of other G20 countries to foster a sustainable blue economy while also considering strategies to strengthen the synergy between G20 and the Ocean Decade within the broad ocean roadmap until 2030.*

### **Panel Discussion:**

- Sivaja Nair, RiseUp, India
- José Moutinho, Chief Business and Network Developer for the Atlantic International Research Centre (Air Center)

**Moderated by** Thauan Santos, Brazilian Naval War College and Brazilian Navy

### **3. Ocean Industry recommendations for the G20 (17:50-18:20)**

*The role of science to pave ocean sustainable economy - setting targets for a blue transition*



*The panel will delve into key recommendations for the G20, focusing on the pivotal role of industry and science in driving the transition towards a sustainable blue economy. With representatives from leading ocean industry players, the discussion aims to highlight actionable strategies and targets necessary for fostering this transition within the G20 framework while strengthening the objectives of the Ocean Decade. This session will explore synergies between the Ocean Decade and G20 initiatives, emphasizing how collaboration between these platforms can amplify impact and drive meaningful change on a global scale. Contributions from this panel will feed into the voice of the Brazilian presidency towards other G20 countries, shaping policy recommendations for a fair and sustainable blue economy.*

**Panel Discussion (30'):**

- Hector Calls, Head of Environmental Sustainability and Energy Transition, Port of Barcelona
- Rennie Meyers, Global Ocean Policy Lead, Ørsted
- Enrique Meroño Sierra, Global Head of Quality and New Initiatives - Innovation, Sustainability & Quality-Chairman's Office, Iberdrola

**Moderated by** Erik Giercksky, Head, Ocean Stewardship Coalition of UN Global Compact

18:20-18:30

**4. Launch: “Introducing the Brazil Waste Inventory by the UN Global Compact Brazil”**

- Rubens Filho, UN Global Compact Brazil
- Edison Carlos, Aegea

**Closing Remarks**

- Alexander Turra, Professor at the Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo and Head of the UNESCO Chair for Ocean Sustainability