POP Ocean Virtual Summit

Date: June 8, 2020
Time: 8:00 AM PST – 10:30 AM PST / 15:00 GMT- 17:30 GMT

The POP Ocean Virtual Summit will mark World Ocean Day 2020, celebrate voices, and amplify advocacy for sustainable protection of marine biodiversity; the interconnectedness between the health of the ocean and human health, especially drawing implications from the current pandemic and the need to urgently reduce plastic pollution; implement solutions for sustainable fishing and tourism; address ocean acidification; and limit sea level rise to name a few.

Distinguished keynote speakers are requested to share their invaluable perspectives along the areas highlighted in the sessions below. The last session will be followed by Q&A/dialogue with the audience, and important, closing remarks.

Time

Master of Ceremonies
Summer Benjamin, POP Ocean and Eco Eaters, USA

8:00 – 8:10      Opening/Welcome Remarks
Dr. Ash Pachauri, Senior Mentor, POP Movement
Pre-recorded message by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II, Monaco

8:10 – 8:45    Session 1    Why the Ocean?
This important opening session will explore the relevance of the Ocean and ocean-related environmental issues. The changes in the ocean and the anthropocene will be explored and discussed.

Distinguished keynote speakers
8:10 - 8:25       H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, Former President of Mauritius
8:25 - 8:40       H.E. Jose Manuel Barroso, Former President, European Commission and Former Prime Minister of Portugal
8:40 - 8:45       Caroline Sandberg and Lauren Sandberg, POP Ocean and Eco Eaters, USA
Moderator:  Marisa Lopez, POP Ocean and Founder, Bluer Future

8:45 – 9:15    Session 2   Health and the Ocean
This session will explore general information about the relationship between the health of the ocean and human health. It will also discuss the impact of climate change on
ocean health; and pertinent linkages between the ocean and the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**Distinguished keynote speakers**

8:45 - 9:00  H.E. Lawrence Gonzi, Former Prime Minister of Malta  
9:00 - 9:10  H.E. José Ramos-Horta, Former President of East Timor and Nobel Peace Prize (1996) Winner  
9:10 - 9:15  Ana Hanhausen, POP Ocean and Plastic Oceans México  
**Moderator:** Veta Wade, Ocean Advocate & Founder of Fish 'N Fins Inc. (Caribbean)

**Session 3   The Ocean and the Economy**

The current session will deliberate the economic implications of ocean-related environmental issues. The “Blue Economy and Blue Ecology” will be discussed, while exploring sustainable marine and coastal tourism as a livelihood. These issues will be discussed in the context of climate change, climate justice, and the impact of sea level rise on the global economy.

**Distinguished keynote speakers**

9:15 - 9:30  H.E. Mike Rann, Former Premier of South Australia  
9:30-9:45  H.E. Martha Delgado Peralta, Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, México  
9:45-9:55  Dr. Shonali Pachauri, Acting Program Director, Transitions to New Technologies & Senior Research Scholar, Energy Program, IIASA  
9:55-10:00  Sir David King, Founder and Chair of the Centre for Climate Repair (Cambridge), former Chief Scientific Advisor and Climate Envoy to the British Government  
10:00 - 10:05  Maria Jacques, University Iberoamericana, Mexico  
**Moderator:** Dr. Norma Patricia Muñoz Sevilla POP Ocean and Chairperson, Climate Change Council for the Presidency of the Mexican Republic

**10:05 – 10:30   Questions & Answers/Discussion**

Key moderator  
10:05 – 10:30  Carolyn Raider, Alumni Association, Stanford University

**10:30   Vote of Thanks**  
Dr. Ash Pachauri, Senior Mentor, POP Movement