



Adaptation to a rapidly changing ocean: opportunities for timely, effective and equitable solutions at the local & regional scale

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ABOUT

There is an urgent need for tools in support of adapting to climate change impacts of a rapidly changing ocean. At the same time, some technical solutions and innovations being proposed are not appropriate for Developing and Least Developed Countries (many of whom are Commonwealth Partners) as they require large financial resources and/or significant infrastructure investment.

It is therefore imperative to prioritise the development and mobilisation of appropriate tools that can be rolled out quickly and efficiently at a global scale in a way that promotes equitability and inclusivity and without causing unintended environmental consequences.

An expert panel including high-level government representatives, the Commonwealth Secretariat, research and conservation as well as finance and investment sectors, will identify the requirements, opportunities and possible barriers for implementing equitable and accessible ocean adaptation solutions, specifically for countries with minimal financial resource and high levels of marine biodiversity.

Moderator: Matt Frost, Head of the International Office, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Chair of the UK Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership & Overseas Working Group

High Level Special Address: Hon. Dee-Ann K. Kentish-Rogers, Minister of Social Development and Education, Government of Anguilla - The opportunities provided through appropriate and equitable access to adaptation tools (TBC)

Panellists:

- **Heidi Prislán, Commonwealth Blue Charter advisor, The Commonwealth Secretariat** - Mobilising tools for capacity building
- **Jana Friedrich, Head of the Radioecology Section, IAEA Marine Environment Laboratory, Monaco** - Capacity building in commonwealth countries: Science & technology support requirements to address the triple planetary crisis
- **Jessie Turner, Executive Director of the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (OA Alliance)** - The role of Policy and law as a tool for addressing ocean challenges.
- **Suzanne (Ferlic) Johnson, UN Global Compact, Senior Advisor, Ocean** - Equitable finance solutions for a sustainable Ocean

Followed by a Q&A with the audience