Friday, June 9, 2017
Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

10:00 am – Introduction and Welcome

10:05 am – Monika Ollig – Federal Ministry for the Environment (Germany)

10:20 am – H.E. Janine Coye Felson – Deputy Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN

10:28 am – Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson – Conservation International

10:36 am – Calla Allison – MPA Collaborative Network

10:44 am – Christopher Chin – Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research and Education

10:52 am – World Wide Views and Citizen Participation

11:00 am – Small Group Discussion - How can citizen participation in the implementation of SDG14:

- Be organized (where, when, and how)?

- Become a key political priority?

- Be promoted?

- Be funded?

11:30 am – Report Out

11:45 am – Anne France Didier – Sea and Coastline Delegation (France)

11:50 am – Next Steps

11:55 am – Closing
Speakers

Monika Ollig is responsible for Public Participation processes in Environment, Building, and Urban Development Policy at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (Germany). Her work emphasizes public engagement processes in nature conservation and building and nuclear safety. Previously, she was a Lawyer and Scientific Officer at the German Federal Environmental Agency responsible for scientific policy advice especially in development of environmental and climate change law. Ollig is an important voice in climate policy and public participation.

H.E. Mrs. Janine Coye Felson is a senior diplomat in the foreign service of the Government of Belize with a wide range of experience in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy. Ambassador Felson started her diplomatic career in 1998 joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Belize as its legal counsel. In 2000, she joined the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations in New York and continued to advise the Government of Belize on a wide range of legal issues. After a brief secondment to the office of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Ambassador Felson returned to the Permanent Mission of Belize as Deputy Permanent Representative. Since her return to the Mission, she has served as lead negotiator of the Caribbean Community in the elaboration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and continues to serve as lead coordinator for the Alliance of Small Island States on climate change finance in the context of the multilateral climate change negotiations.

Lagipoiva Cherelle Jackson currently holds the position of Pacific Ocean Health Index Manager at the NGO Conservation International and has had a distinguished career in journalism. She has been a corresponded Al Jazeera and New Zealand Herald, was editor at Environment Weekly, and was a communications specialist for the United Nations Development Programme. She is also a long-time writer and editor for the International Institute for Sustainable Development Reporting Services, reporting on United Nations negotiations. From the Samoan Islands, she has a deep connection with the ocean and communities that depend on it.

Calla Allison is the MPA Collaborative Network Founder and Director and has dedicated her efforts to local engagement in marine protected areas on the California coast. The Collaborative Network grew out of the original Orange County Marine Protected Area Council, in which Allison was the Director. There are now fourteen active collaboratives in California, unique in their bottom-up approach of working with local stakeholders to increase awareness of, monitor, and enforce marine protected areas. Allison received her Master’s degree in Pacific International Affairs from UC San Diego, and has spent her career engaged in work along the coast of California.

Christopher Chin is the Executive Director of the Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research and Education (COARE). Christopher is an internationally recognized expert in ocean policy and conservation issues, and has provided valuable testimony for the consideration of various issues to governing and legislative bodies in the U.S. and in Canada. He has authored, supported, and defended a multitude of laws affecting ocean health and resources, and is considered to be among North America's foremost experts in shark fin policy and single-use plastics legislation. He served as a Regional Stakeholder for the implementation of California's Marine Life Protection Act, and was heavily involved in the design of and support for the network of Marine Protected Areas adopted for California's North Central Coast.

Anne France Didier is the coordinator of SDG14 for France (CGDD). She is the former director of the Plan Bleu (Building the Mediterranean Future together) under the aegis of UNPD and former Director of the Regional direction for environment and housing of the Region Provences Alpes Côtes d’Azur. Between 2003 and 2013 Didier was the coordinator of sustainable development and lectured on sustainable development at the University Aix Marseille.

World Wide Views (wwviews.org)

The WWViews method was developed by the Danish Board of Technology (DBT) Foundation to close the growing gap between citizens and policymakers. It has been used in three previous citizen engagement projects on global warming (2009), biodiversity (2012), and climate and energy (2015). The most recent WWViews on Climate and Energy 2015, in which 76 countries and 10,000 lay citizens participated in 97 consultations, provided public input to the COP21 meeting in Paris. Using this WWViews method, we will be discussing how citizen engagement can be utilized in achieving the SDG 14 targets. The WWViews on Oceans and Seas team consists of the Danish Board of Technology (the WWViews global coordinators), France's Missions Publiques, the Expert and Citizen Assessment of Technology (ECAST) network in the United States and Germany’s Climate Analytics.