



**Protecting the ocean: Action time for the
High Ambition Coalition on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction
Organised by Portugal, the French Presidency of the EU, the European Commission, and the
High Seas Alliance**

June 30

Committee Room – Blue Zone

17h30-18h45

High Level Opening session - 17:30-17:45

Minister of Economy and the Sea of Portugal, António Costa Silva

Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Catherine Colonna

European Union Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius (video)¹

High Seas Alliance Youth Ambassador, Jihyun Lee

Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion of France, Amélie de Montchalin

Moderators: Isabella Lovin and Carlos Duarte

Ministerial Roundtable – 17:45-18:30

Next steps towards a successful BBNJ agreement in 2022

- What is the major element you would like to see in the BBNJ agreement and where do you see the added value of the BBNJ over existing mechanisms to protect the ocean?*
- What needs to happen in the coming months to find agreement on the difficult sticky points?*

¹ With the presence of Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Charlina Vitcheva



Panellists:

- Mr. **Andre Perez**, Minister of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Belize
- Mr. **Arnoldo André**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
- Mr. **Basilio D. Araujo**, Deputy Minister for Coordination of Maritime Sovereignty and Energy at the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment, Indonesia
- Mr. **Flavien Joubert**, Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change and Energy, Seychelles
- Ms. **Monica Medina**, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, US
- Ms. **Sharon Ikeazor**, Minister of State for Environment, Nigeria
- Ms. **Steffi Lemke**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
- Mr. **Steven Victor**, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment, Palau

Report on state of play of negotiations and outlook for the future - 18:33-18:40

- **Rena Lee**, IGC President

Announcements on HAC BBNJ – 18:40-18:42

- **Stefán Ásmundsson**, Special Adviser on Ocean Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

Closing Remarks – 18:42-18:45

- **Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, João Gomes Cravinho**