



The Ocean We Depend On

Achieving SDG 14 Through Sustainable Governance

9 June 2025 | 12:30 – 15:50

Statsraad Lehmkuhl Tall Ship, Nice Harbour

12:30 Getting on board - Light lunch and mingling

13:00 Welcome and High-Level Opening session

H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon of Norway

Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and the Ocean, Marianne Sivertsen Næss

Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations, Director General, QU Dongyu

Angolan Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources, Carmen Dos Santos

Norwegian Minister of International Development, Åsmund Grøver Aukrust

13:20 50 Years of Discoveries – The Nansen Journey

Merete Tandstad, EAF-Nansen Programme Coordinator, Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations

Nikolaos Nikolioudakis, EAF-Nansen Programme Research Coordinator, Institute of Marine Research, Norway

Anna MBenga Cham, Director of the Department of Fisheries, the Gambia

Maria Ascensão Pinto, Researcher, Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental and Fisheries of the Republic of Mozambique

Bouya Mbengue, PhD student, Institute of Oceanographic Research and Fisheries, Mauritania

Houangninan Emmanuel Calèbe Midinoudewa, PhD student, University of Cape Coast, Ghana

13:50 The importance of ocean governance for nourishing nations

Mackrina Patrick Nombo, PhD student, University of Dar Es Salam, Tanzania

Shakuntala Thilsted, Director, Nutrition, Health and Food Security Impact Area Platform, CGIAR System Organization

Manuel Barange, Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division and Assistant Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations

Bente Torstensen, CEO, Nofima, Norway

14:30 The importance of regional cooperation for ocean governance

Karen Ellemann, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers

Khallahi Brahim, Permanent Secretary of the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)

Marianne Sivertsen Næss, Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and the Ocean

Stefán Ásmundsson, Special Advisor on Ocean Affairs and Fisheries, Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Maria de Lourdes Sardinha, Executive Secretary, Benguela Current Convention (BCC)

15:00 The importance of ocean governance protecting the blue economy

Jorge Pedro Mauricio dos Santos, Minister of the Sea, Cabo Verde

Gunnar Stølsvik, Head of the Blue Justice secretariat

Sofiane Mahjoub, Regional Technical Advisor, Water and Oceans, Asia & the Pacific, UNDP

Mas Achmad Santosa, CEO of Indonesia Ocean Justice Initiative

15:30 Closing Remarks

Nils Gunnar Kvamstø, CEO, Institute of Marine Research, Norway

15:35 Tasting session – hidden treasures from the ocean

15:50 End of event