Draft Agenda

Sustainable Development Goals for the Ocean:
Turning Commitment into Action

12-13 May 2016

IASS Potsdam, Berliner Strasse 130, 14467 Potsdam, Germany

11 May 2016  Parliamentarian Evening in Berlin
17:30-21:00  Hosted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Member of the Bundestag Peter Stein and the Partnership on Regional Ocean Governance (PROG) initiated by IASS, IDDRI and UNEP.

Key note speakers include Dr Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development and Prof Dr Klaus Töpfer, IASS Founding- and Executive Director em. Workshop participants will be invited to participate (further details will follow).

12 May 2016  Day 1, 2016 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop
09:00-09:30  Welcome coffee in the Fireplace Room
09:30-09:45  Opening of the workshop by Prof Dr Mark G. Lawrence, IASS Managing Scientific Director
09:45-11:00  Setting the Scene: How to turn commitment into action?

Introductory statements and interactive panel discussion with representatives from science, civil society, government and the business sector on expectations and possible solutions for the Agenda 2030.

- Prof Dr Martin Visbeck (Kiel Cluster of Excellence “The Future Ocean”, Member of the Leadership Council SDSN Germany)
- Dominic Waughray (World Economic Forum) tbc
- Heike Vesper (International WWF Center for Marine Conservation)
- Peni Suveinakama (Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations)

Moderation: Alexander Müller (UNEP, TEEB)

11:00-11:30  Coffee break
11:30-13:00  Presentation and discussion of issue papers on the workshop themes

   i.  Follow-up and Review
   ii.  Capacity Building
   iii.  Regional approaches

Each issue paper will be commented by invited interventions from outstanding experts in sustainability governance.

13:00-14:00  Lunch served at IASS

14:00-16:00  Formation of the three working groups, each of which will begin to consider the relevant issue papers and questions

16:00-16:15  Coffee break

16:15-18:30  Working group discussions - continued

19:00  Reception and conference dinner

13 May 2016  Day 2, 2016 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop

09:00-09:30  Feedback from working group discussions and setting the scene for day 2

09:30-11:00  Return to working group discussions

11:00-11:30  Coffee break

11:30-12:30  Working group discussions – continued

12:30-13:30  Lunch served at IASS

13:30-15:00  Working groups’ reporting back and plenary session on working group discussions

15:00-15:30  Coffee break

15:30-16:30  Return to working groups - drafting of conclusions and recommendations

16:30-17:30  Synthesis and concluding remarks: Overarching issues, recommendations, and next step

14 May 2016  Excursion

10:00-11:30  Boat trip - Palace Tour - The most beautiful sights of Potsdam along the Havel River