

# Draft Agenda

## Sustainable Development Goals for the Ocean: Turning Commitment into Action

12–13 May 2016, IASS Potsdam,  
Berliner Strasse 130, 14467 Potsdam, Germany

<p><b>11 May 2016</b></p>	<p><b>Parliamentary Evening: A Sustainable Future for Oceans and Coasts – Implementing the Agenda 2030</b></p>
<p>18.00–21.00</p>	<p>Hosted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) at Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Reichpietschufer 20, 10785 Berlin</p> <p><i>Workshop participants are invited to participate (see separate agenda and invitation for the parliamentarian evening); Transportation from Berlin (GIZ) to Potsdam (NH Hotel) will be provided after the event.</i></p>
<p><b>12 May 2016</b></p>	<p><b>Day 1, 2016 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop</b></p>
<p>09.00–09.30</p>	<p><i>Welcome coffee in the Fireplace Room</i></p>
<p><b>09.30–09.45</b></p>	<p><b>Opening of the workshop</b></p> <p><b>Welcome address:</b> Prof Mark G. Lawrence, IASS Managing Scientific Director</p> <p><b>Key messages from the parliamentarian evening:</b> Matthias Krause, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</p>
<p><b>09.45–11.00</b></p>	<p><b>Setting the Scene: How to turn commitment into action?</b></p> <p>Introductory statements and interactive panel discussion on expectations and possible solutions for the Agenda 2030</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Alexander Müller, Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Prof Martin Visbeck, Kiel Cluster of Excellence <i>The Future Ocean</i> and Member of the SDSN Leadership Council</li> <li>■ Hans Stielstra, European Commission, DG Environment</li> <li>■ Heike Vesper, International WWF Center for Marine Conservation</li> <li>■ Peni Suveinakama, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations</li> </ul>
<p>11.00–11.30</p>	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>

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11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Presentation and discussion of issue papers on the workshop themes</b></p> <p><b>i. Follow-up and review of implementation:</b> Stefanie Schmidt, IASS; and Remy Parmentier, Varda Group</p> <p>Commentary by: Nicola Breier, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety</p> <p><b>ii. Capacity building:</b> Janna Shackeroff, IASS; Scott Atkinson, Conservation International; Peter Edwards, NOAA; and Meghan Gombos, SeaChange</p> <p>Commentary by: tbc</p> <p><b>iii. Regional approaches:</b> Dr Julien Rochette, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations; Takehiro Nakamura, UNEP; and Sebastian Unger, IASS</p> <p>Commentary by: Prof David Freestone, George Washington University Law School and Sargasso Sea Commission</p>
12.30 – 13.30	<p><i>Lunch served at IASS</i></p>
13.30 – 16.00	<p><b>Formation of the three working groups, each of which will begin to consider the relevant issue papers and questions</b></p>
16.00 – 16.15	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
16.15 – 18.30	<p>Working group discussions – continued</p>
From 19:00	<p><i>Reception to mark the Year of Science 2016*17 “Seas and Oceans” and conference dinner at IASS</i></p> <p><i>Welcoming speech by Wilfried Kraus, Deputy Director General, German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)</i></p>

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13 May 2016	Day 2, 2016 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop
09.00–11.00	Return to working group discussions
11.00–11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15–12.30	Working group discussions – continued
12.30–13.30	<i>Lunch served at IASS</i>
13.30–15.00	<p>Working groups’ reporting back and plenary session on working group discussions</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Prof Martin Visbeck, Kiel Cluster of Excellence <i>The Future Ocean</i> and Sebastian Unger, IASS</p>
15.00–16.00	<p>Return to working groups – drafting of workshop conclusions and possible recommendations</p> <p><i>Coffee served during working group sessions</i></p>
16.00–17.00	<p>Synthesis discussion: Overarching issues and workshop conclusions</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Prof Martin Visbeck, Kiel Cluster of Excellence <i>The Future Ocean</i> and Sebastian Unger, IASS</p>
17.00–17.15	Reflections on implications for the implementation of the SDGs for the Ocean: Takehiro Nakamura, UNEP
17.15–17.30	Concluding remarks: Prof Ortwin Renn, IASS Scientific Director
14 May 2016	Excursion
10.00–11.30	<i>Boat trip – UNESCO World Heritage Site “Palaces and Parks of Potsdam” seen from the river Havel.</i>