

# 6. OCEAN FORUM

## Invitation and Program

**January 24th, 2023**  
**17.00h-18.15h**

Hall 14 / A 40  
Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, Messeplatz,  
Stockumer Kirchstraße 61,  
40474 Düsseldorf, Germany

### **The Science we need for the ocean we want: the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**

<b>Welcome</b>				
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening</b> <b>The Ocean as global common?</b>	<b>Catherine Chabaud</b>	Member of the European Parliament	A healthy and resilient Ocean
<b>2</b>	<b>An Ocean for all: the role of education and training for the protection of our Ocean</b>	<b>Dr. Aleke Stöfen O'Brien</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Ronán Long</b>	Assistant Professor/ World Maritime University(WMU) Director / WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute	A Predicted Ocean
<b>3</b>	<b>Anthropogenic Underwater Noise – necessity of rising awareness</b>	<b>Monika Breuch-Moritz</b>	President BSH retiree; Head of the board of trustees/ Schlüter Foundation	A Clean Ocean
<b>4</b>	<b>Personal Care Products-Ocean Impact</b>	<b>Allard Marx</b>	Founder / AETHIC	A Clean Ocean

5	<b>Blue Speeds: the right pace for shipping</b>	<b>Maja Leonie Metzger</b>	Campaigns Officer/ International Fund for Animal welfare (IFAW)	A Clean Ocean
6	<b>Mangrove conservation activities of the Global Nature Fund since 2005 - An important focus of the work</b>	<b>Ralph Dejas</b>	Project Manager/ Global Nature Fund	A Healthy and Resilient Ocean
7	<b>New approaches to coral restoration: sexual reproduction and adaptation of juvenile corals to climate change</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Peter Schupp</b>	Professor / University of Oldenburg	A Healthy and Resilient Ocean
8	<b>Floating solar power plants for near-shore locations</b>	<b>Polina Vasilenko</b>	Founder/CEO HelioRec	An Inspiring and Engaging Ocean
9	<b>"State of the Oceans"</b> A dossier	<b>Kai Pohlmann</b>  <b>Maria Reutemann</b>	Co-founder/ German Ocean Foundation  Researcher / Statista	A Safe Ocean
10	<b>"climate sail" - environmental education on sea</b>	<b>Christoph Bauch</b>	Head of climate education in the youth department of Lutheran Church of North Germany	An Accessible Ocean
11	<b>The Story of Siso the spermwhale and the creation of the Muma Milazzo Sea Museum</b>	<b>Carmelo Isgrò</b>	Founder and Director/ MuMa Milazzo Sea Museum	An Inspiring and Engaging Ocean
12	<b>Diving in the microcosm</b>	<b>Marta Musso</b>	Illustrator and Marine biologist / Possea	An Inspiring and Engaging Ocean
13	<b>How to participate in German Initiatives</b>	<b>Frank Schweikert</b>	Founder / German Ocean Foundation	Decade Initiatives

### **Followed by networking with beer supported by boot Düsseldorf**

Moderation: Laura Meyer, International Affairs, German Ocean Foundation  
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present the  
**Ocean Forum**  
2023

**Speakers:**



**Catherine Chabaud**  
*Member of the European Parliament*



**Polina Vasilenko**  
*CEO, HelioRec*



**Dr. Aleke Stöfen O'Brien**  
*Assistant Professor, World Maritime University*



**Prof. Dr. Ronán Long**  
*Director, WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute*



**Ralph Dejas**  
*Project Manager, Global Nature Fund*



**Monika Breuch-Moritz**  
*Head of the board of trustees, Schlüter Foundation*



**Allard Marx**  
*Ceo & Founder, AETHIC*



**Prof. Dr. Peter Schupp**  
*Professor, University of Oldenburg*



**Carmelo Isgro**  
*Founder & Director, MuMa Milazzo-Sea Museum*



**Maja Leonie Metzger**  
*Campaigns Officer, IFAW*



**Christoph Bauch**  
*Head of climate education in the youth department of Lutheran Church of North Germany*



**Kai Pohlmann**  
*Entrepreneur & Co-Founder, German Ocean Foundation*



**Marta Musso**  
*Illustrator & Marine Biologist, Possea*



**Maria Reutemann**  
*Researcher, Statista*



**Frank Schweikert**  
*Director, German Ocean Foundation*



**Tuesday,**  
24th of January 2023



**From 17.00h to 18.15h**



**Hall 14,**  
love your ocean stage

**Ocean Decade Mission**

*"to catalyse transformative ocean science solutions for sustainable development, connecting people and our ocean"*

**Moderated by:**



**Laura Meyer**  
*International Affairs, German Ocean Foundation*

# More about the Ocean Forum speakers and their projects:

## Dr. Aleke Stöfen O'Brien

### Prof. Dr. Ronán Long

Aleke Stöfen-O'Brien, is an Assistant Professor at the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute in Malmö. She has worked on a broad range of marine related matters in different governmental organisations.

Professor Ronán Long is the Director of the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute and holds the Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair in Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea. He leads a team of specialists that are undertaking a diverse range of projects on land-to-ocean leadership, climate change and the Law of the Sea, biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), marine debris, robotics and AI in the maritime domain, as well as gender equality.

## Catherine Chabaud

Catherine Chabaud is a French journalist, sailor, and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) who dedicates her career to the protection of the ocean. During the third edition of the Vendée Globe (96-97), she became the first woman to complete a solo, non-stop round-the-world sailing race. She co-founded the Ocean and Climate platform and launched an initiative to recognise "the ocean as a global common of humanity". Elected MEP in 2019, she is committed to ensuring that the ocean is better recognised and protected at the European level. In November 2022, Catherine set sail again in the French sailing race the "Route du Rhum" in which she finished second in her category, in order to shed more light on maritime issues.

## Maja Leonie Metzger

Maja Metzger presents the consequences of noise caused by ships on marine life and Blue Speeds, a realistic and immediately implementable solution for better ocean protection. Blue Speeds make our ocean safer, quieter and healthier: for whales, for other marine life and also for us, humans. Blue Speeds is an immediately implementable solution to make shipping more ecologically sound.

## Allard Marx

Allard Marx spent his early career in consumer goods. His interest in the ocean led him to co-found The Going Blue Foundation and upon reading an article in National Geographic about a study demonstrating sunscreens were killing coral, decided to do something about it and thus Aethic was born. Aethic is a skincare company that has scientifically proven and patented eco-friendly formulas.

## Polina Vasilenko

Polina Vasilenko, specialized in Ocean energy, has a more than 20 years of experience in the energy sector. She is a strong believer in renewables. Solo-female founder of HelioRec start-up. The HelioRec team developed an idea for how to place solar panels on water in a cost- and eco-efficient way, specifically for near-shore locations -where 50% of the global population lives.

## Christoph Bauch

Christoph Bauch, experienced high sea sailer and captain on traditional schooner, Master of Education and MBA, inventor of "climate sail" and "climate youth conference", working as education coordinator at the youth department of the Evangelical Lutheran church of North Germany, developing educational programs and international youth exchanges.

# More about the Ocean Forum speakers and their projects:



**Kai Pohlmann**



**Maria Reutemann**

Kai Pohlmann, co-founder of the German Ocean Foundation, is an entrepreneur with experiences in digital communication, founder of several communication agencies.

Maria Reutemann is an experienced researcher at Statista, she led the work on the report “Status von Nord- und Ostsee”. Her work is focused on raising awareness on environmental and social issues. Together German Ocean Foundation and Statista released two reports on the State of the Oceans with latest data on shipping, marine pollution, climate change, fishing industry and the state of conservation efforts



**Monika Breuch-Moritz**

Monika Breuch-Moritz is a German meteorologist. During her career she covered important roles in the German Federal Ministry of Transport and she was President of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH). Her special attention was enforcing international conventions regarding reduction of pollution from ships. She was a Vice Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO for the region North America and Europe (2017-2021).



**Prof. Dr. Peter Schupp**

Peter Schupp is Professor at University of Oldenburg, group Leader of Environmental Biochemistry Department. His research has focused on the biodiversity and chemical ecology of coral reef organisms and during the last 10 years on sexual reproduction of corals. Through the selection of climate change resistant coral species, Peter and his group are able to restore coral reefs, one of Earth’s most biodiverse ecosystems.



**Carmelo Isgrò**

Carmelo Isgrò is the founder and director of the MuMa Milazzo-Sea Museum, located in a beautiful castle in Sicily (Italy). The engaging story of the museum started in 2017 with the tragic death of a young sperm whale named Siso, entangled in an illegal fishing net. Scientific dissemination, environmental education and protection of the sea are the pillars at the base of the MuMa project.



**Marta Musso**

Marta Musso is a Marine Biologist and Illustrator. She works on her itinerary project on four wheels: Possea, post from the sea, po(sea)ble to spread science knowledge, communicate and engage people through ocean literacy. If you see her yellow van you can stop and participate in a workshop about plankton where she will explain you everything about these drifting creatures using her catchy illustrations.



**Ralph Dejas**

Ralph Dejas holds a degree in geography and has been working in the fields of sustainability and biodiversity in agriculture for almost 25 years. He is now Project Manager for the Global Nature Fund (GNF). GNF works mainly in South Asia with a focus on nature conservation and ecotourism and cooperates with the coastal communities to improve their living conditions. Ralph will explain their project on mangrove reforestation.



**Frank Schweikert**

Frank Schweikert is a german environmental journalist and entrepreneur specialized in marine and sustainability communication. He initiated the unique ALDEBARAN Marine Research & Broadcast vessel in 1992 and founded the German Foundation in 2015. Through a variety of pioneer projects, Frank Schweikert is a strong ocean advocate and underlines the necessity that there is no time to lose to tackle climate change.