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*Shared Voices from Small Island Nations*

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## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### 18.00 – 21.00 Cultural Event & Seafood Banquet

Formal addresses by Simon Coveney, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade; Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Jim O'Toole, CEO, Bord Iascaigh Mhara

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### 09.50 – 20.50 MARINE INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

#### 08.50 – 09:55 Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth

##### Session Moderator – Peter Heffernan

Lord Mayor of City of Cork

Declan McDonald, PwC

Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Senior political representatives from Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

#### 9:55 – 10:00 Message from a Young Ocean Ambassador

#### 10:00 – 10:05 Short Video: Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance

#### 10.05 – 10.30 Keynote Address: John Kerry, Former US Secretary of State

### 10.30 – 11.00 TEA & COFFEE BREAK

#### 11.00 – 11.30 Address by Simon Coveney, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade

#### 11.30 – 13.00 Island States: Our Shared Journeys, Challenges and Opportunities

##### Session Moderator – Tara Shine

*Panellists will discuss the unique challenges faced by island nations, share stories of island life and identity, connections to the ocean, historical links and new partnerships. The story of Ireland's recent awakening as a maritime nation and its journey so far will relate to similar experiences of Small Island Developing States. Speakers will provide short reflections on the opportunities and challenges in key maritime sectors. The panel will seek to identify practical ways that island states can work better together through partnership to address threats, manage ocean resources and build sustainable blue economies, island life and identity, connections to the ocean, historical links and new partnerships. The story of Ireland's recent awakening as a maritime nation and its journey so far will relate to similar experiences of Small Island Developing States. Speakers will provide short reflections on the opportunities and challenges in key maritime sectors. The panel will seek to identify practical ways that island states can work better together through partnership to address threats, manage ocean resources and build sustainable blue economies.*

##### Island States in a Global Ocean - Our Shared Maritime Journeys

Introductory presentation from H.E. José Luis Fialho Rocha, Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to the UN

**Panel 1** – Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Former EU Commissioner for Research, Science & Innovation; Peter Heffernan, CEO, Marine Institute; H.E. Pernelope Althea Beckles, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the UN; H.E. Ngedikes Olai Ulodong, Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN

11.30 – 13.00

## Island States: Our Shared Journeys, Challenges and Opportunities Cont.

### Opportunities and Challenges in Key Maritime Sectors

Introductory presentation from H.E. Earle Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN

**Panel 2** – Jim O'Toole, CEO, Bord Iascaigh Mhara; Jim Gannon, CEO, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; H.E. Odo Tevi, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the UN, H.E. Jagdish Dharamchand Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the UN

13:00 – 14.00

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14.00 – 14.25

Keynote Address: *To be Confirmed*

14.25 – 14:30

Video message from Karmenu Vella, European Union Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

14.30 – 16.15

## Empowerment Through Ocean Knowledge

### Session Moderator – Tara Shine

*The ocean economy is, by definition, important for island states. Traditional and emerging ocean economy sectors include fisheries and aquaculture, coastal tourism, ports and shipping, and renewable ocean energy. This session will discuss the tools and knowledge that can help build and maintain a sustainable ocean economy. Ocean observing, seabed mapping and ocean science are essential elements of this toolbox, but these capabilities require substantial investment. The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) will ensure that ocean science can fully support countries in creating improved conditions for sustainable development of the Ocean. In this context, how can island states work together to deliver improved ocean knowledge and sustainable blue economies?*

### Ocean Wealth Panel: Creating the Right Environment for Ocean Enterprise

Introductory presentation from H.E. Satyendra Prasad; Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN

**Panel 3** – Susan Steele, Chair, Sea Fisheries Protection Authority; Niall Gibbons, CEO, Tourism Ireland; H.E. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of St Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN; H.E. Henrietta Elizabeth Thompson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the UN

### Video on Ireland's Clean Ocean Initiative

#### Short High-Level Presentations on Enablers for Sustainability

Climate Science: Gerard McCarthy, Maynooth University

Mapping the Seabed: Koen Verbruggen, Geological Survey Ireland

Financing Blue Projects; Eoghan Linehan, PwC

Great Lighthouses of Ireland: Yvonne Shields, Commissioners of Irish Lights

### Message from Tomorrow's Leaders

Introduced by Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ireland's Permanent Representative to the UN

### A New Era for Ocean Island Partnership

Introductory presentation from H.E. Álvaro Mendonça é Moura, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal

**Panel 4** - Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy on the Ocean; Geraldine Byrne Nason, Ireland's Permanent Representative to the UN; H.E. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisia, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the UN; H.E. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN

16.15 – 16.30

Closing Address by Simon Coveney, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade



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