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**BUILDING AN ALL ATLANTIC  
OCEAN COMMUNITY**  
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# All-Atlantic Ocean Research Forum

**FROM POLE TO POLE**

3 - 4 December 2020 #AtlanticAll



## Programme

### 3rd All-Atlantic Ocean Research Forum From Pole to Pole 3-4 December 2020 Virtual Event

The ocean plays a vital role in developing economies and, throughout the world, regional and national policies on the blue economy have been adopted to ensure the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth. The All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance was established to facilitate joint research initiatives and collective action in research and innovation to manage this vast resource sustainably.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought into sharp focus the interconnectedness of the world and the need for enhanced international cooperation and joint solutions. This year, the Forum will focus on how the All-Atlantic Research Alliance can contribute to the socio-economic recovery of the countries and communities of the Atlantic, with discussions on the interface with society, skills, collaborative and data infrastructure, joint initiatives, youth ambassadors, and the contribution of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

**3 December 2020**  
**The All-Atlantic Ocean Research New Normal**

The times for the sessions are given in Central African Time (CAT).

Moderator: Thulile Khanyile

**Opening session**

- 14:15 **Welcome** Thulile Khanyile  
Presentation of the Brand South Africa video, promoting the nation
- 14:30 **Opening by co-hosts**
- Phil Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
  - Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General, Research and Innovation, European Commission
- 14:50 **Keynote plenary** Moenieba Isaacs, Acting Director, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of Western Cape, South Africa
- 15:05 **Remarks by student** Joseph Duda, Grade 11 learner and SAEON Kid, Egagasini Node, Cape Town, South Africa

**15:10 Interface with society for a better Atlantic**

- Kerry Sink, Marine Programme Manager, South African National Biodiversity Institute
- François Galgani, Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer, Europe
- Alexander Turra, Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Kendra MacDonald, CEO Ocean Supercluster, Canada
- Monica Grasso, Chief Economist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States of America
- Juan Emilio Sala, CONICET researcher and Coordinator of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Nation on the Pampa Azul initiative, Argentina
- Michael B Jones, Michael B Jones, TMA BlueTech, United States of America
- Dymphna Keogh, Chair of the EU Atlantic Strategy Steering Committee, Ireland
- Hilikka Ndjaula, Acting Registrar, University of Namibia, Namibia

**16:40 All Atlantic projects and presentation of the All Atlantic Ocean Research Forum video**

**16:50 Remarks by All-Atlantic partners**

- Yonah Seleti, Acting Deputy Director-General: Research Development and Support, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- Maria Zaíra Turchi, Director, Department of Research Infrastructure and Training and Education Policies, Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication, Brazil
- Craig McLean, Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States of America
- Arran McPherson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
- Carolina Vera, Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and general coordinator of the National Pampa Azul Programme, Argentina
- John Bell, Director Healthy Planet DG, Research and Innovation, European Commission

**17:50 All-Atlantic projects**

- TRIATLAS
- iAtlantic
- AquaVitae
- ASTRAL
- Mission Atlantic
- AtlantECO
- SO-CHIC
- EU-PolarNet

**19:00 Announcements**

4 December 2020

## The impact of the Atlantic Ocean on seeking solutions for Atlantic communities and citizens

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**14:30 Recap of Day 1 and introduction to Day 2**

Presentation of the Brand South Africa video that celebrates African Greatness

**14:40 Keynote address**

Karim Hilmi, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Vice Chair for Africa and Adjacent States, and Head of Oceanography Department, National Institute of Halieutic Research, Casablanca Regional Centre

**14:55 All-Atlantic Youth Ambassadors**

- Jan-Stefan Fritz, AANCHOR Partner, Europe
- All-Atlantic Youth Ambassadors

**15:30 Atlantic Ocean collaborative research infrastructures**

- Martin Visbeck, GEOMAR, Europe
- Sandy Thomalla, Senior Researcher, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa
- José Henrique Muelbert, Professor, Institute of Oceanography, Federal University of Rio Grande, Brazil
- Geneviève Béchar, Director General for the Canadian Hydrographic Service, Canada
- David Legler, Director, NOAA Global Ocean Monitoring and Observing Program, United States of America
- Paula Etala, Manager of Research, Development and Capacity Building at National Weather Service, Argentina

**16:20 All Atlantic projects and presentation of the All Atlantic Ocean Research Forum video**

**16:30 Launch of AANCHOR's joint actions in support of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance**

All-Atlantic Ocean Capacity Development and Training Platform  
A Joint Marine Biotechnology Knowledge Transfer Initiative for the Atlantic  
Towards an All Atlantic Aquaculture Platform – Driving Innovation and Knowledge Transfer  
All-Atlantic Data Enterprise 2030  
All-Atlantic Blue Schools  
All-Atlantic Research Infrastructure Network

- Yonah Seleti, Acting Deputy Director-General: Research Development and Support, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- Sofia Cordeiro, AANCHOR coordinator
- Representatives from the Joint Actions

**17:10 Panel discussion: The Atlantic Ocean – A space for cooperation**

Moderator: Sigi Gruber (European Commission)

Perspectives from other Ocean/Atlantic initiatives

- Vidar Helgesen, High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
- Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary- IOC, Assistant Director General (UNESCO) – UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
- Thandiwe Gxaba, Benguela Current Commission
- Abdoulaye Diagana, Abidjan Convention
- Miguel Belló Mora, CEO, Atlantic International Research Centre
- Peter Heffernan, Mission Board Member, Horizon Europe Mission Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters

Discussants:

- Juliet Hermes, Egagasini Node Manager, National Research Foundation - the South African Environmental Observation Network
- Toste Tanhua, GEOMAR, Europe
- Olga Sato, Professor, Physical Oceanography Faculty, University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Ellen Kenchington, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Canada
- Jon White, Consortium for Ocean Leadership, United States of America (TBC)

#### 18:30 The Atlantic impact - A better life for all citizens

Final comments from partners on the key actions for impact

- John Bell, Director Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Maria Zaíra Turchi, Director, Department of Research Infrastructure and Training and Education Policies, Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication, Brazil
- Craig McLean, Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States of America
- Arran McPherson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Gilbert Siko, Director: Marine and Polar Research, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- Carla Matias Dos Santos, Portuguese Permanent Representative to the European Union

#### 19:15 Closing remarks by co-hosts

- Cristina Russo, Director International Cooperation, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Daan du Toit, Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa
- John Bell, Director Healthy Planet DG, Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Yonah Seleti, Acting Deputy Director-General: Research Development and Support, Department of Science and Innovation, South Africa

#### 19:30 Programme ends. Presentation of Brand South Africa video, 'We are South Africa'