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More than 17.000.000 KM² of Ocean Policy

OCTs and the Sustainable management of the Ocean and its resources

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

- The Hon. Cartwright-Robinson Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands and Chair of the Overseas Countries and Territories Association

Scene setting: Importance of the ocean – challenges with pollution, fisheries, climate change ect., also new opportunities for blue growth, new opportunities for research and monitoring the ocean

- The Hon. Teva Rohfritsch, Vice President of French Polynesia, Minister for Economy and Finance, responsible for large investment projects and economic reforms, and Vice-Chair of the Overseas Countries and Territories Association

Moderator: Mr. Jorge L. Ventocilla, sustainability and environment expert

09:15 – 10:25 **Global agenda for Oceans – Where do OCTs fit in?**

A global agenda is developing to ensure the health of the Oceans (the EU's International Ocean Governance Agenda, the Our Ocean conferences and Oceans Conference at United Nations) - Where do OCT's fit in this context? (Do any of the commitments given at Our Oceans apply/fit the OCTs as well?)

09:15-09:30 Ms Hanne Fugl Eskjær, Arctic Ambassador of Denmark

09:30-09:45 Ms Stefanie Schmidt DG MARE B1; Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Arctic

09:45-10:00 Ms. Diane Simsovic, TAO and Director of Policy, Falkland Islands Government

10:00-10:15 Mr. Benito Wheatley, EU/UK Representative, British Virgin Islands

10:15-10:25 Q/A

10:25 – 10:45 **Coffee break**



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10:45 – 11:40 ***International Blue Growth Initiatives***

International initiatives on blue growth - developing sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and coastal tourism, etc. and achieving UN development goals

10:45-11:00 Mr. Zachary Foco, Programme Specialist for the FAO Blue Growth Initiative

11:00-11:15 Mr Christophe Larose DEVCO C1, Rural development, Food security and Nutrition

11:15-11:30 Ms Peggy Roudaut, INTEGRE project Coordinator, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

11:30-11:40 Q/A

11:40 – 12:30 ***Potential for blue growth in the Overseas Countries and Territories***

Opportunities for Blue Growth and further developing biotechnology and marine renewable energy within OCTs

11:40-11:55 Mr Edison E. Rijna, Lt. Governor of Bonaire, Bonaire AlgaePARC - TSI pilot project
Other examples of Blue Growth initiatives from OCTs

11:55-12:25 DG MARE A2, Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning
- Ms Valentina Mabilia, marine biotechnology
- Mr Xavier Guillou, Ocean energy

12:25-12:35 Q/A

12:35 – 13:00 ***Interventions from OCTs and open discussion***

From 13:00 ***Lunch***