

# Pacific Ocean Summit

@ The IUCN World Conservation Congress

Action for a  
Sustainable Pacific Ocean

## Programme

Thursday September 1, 2016  
Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort

Co-Chairs:

**H.E. Peter M. Christian**, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

**David Y. Ige**, Governor of the State of Hawaii.

Hosts:

**David Y. Ige**, Governor of the State of Hawaii.

**Inger Andersen**, Director General, IUCN

**Dame Meg Taylor, DBE**, Pacific Ocean Commissioner



### Speakers – Wa'a Arrival

1. Master Navigator Nainoa Thompson, President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society
2. David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii
3. H.E. Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
4. H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau
5. Inger Andersen, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature
6. Jerry Gibson, Area Vice President of Hawaii, Hilton Hotels

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2. Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui, Hawai'i
3. Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
4. H.E. Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands
5. Hon. Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea
6. Hon. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Foreign Minister, The Republic of Fiji
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### Panelist - Summit

1. Hon Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands
2. Hon. Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands
3. Hon. Enele S. Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu
4. H.E. Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands
5. Hon. Edouard Fritch, President of French Polynesia
6. H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau
7. Aliko Faipule Afega Gualofa, Ulu O Tokelau
8. Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga
9. Tukoroirangi Morgan, President of the Maori Party
10. Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui, Hawai'i
11. Dr. Kamana'o pono Crabbe, CEO, Office of Hawaiian Affairs

### Moderators - Summit

1. Senator J. Kalani English, Senate Majority Leader, Hawaii State
2. Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
3. Amena Yauvoli, Director General, Melanesian Spearhead Group
4. Kosi Latu, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
5. James Movick, Director General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
6. Dr Colin Tukuitonga, Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
7. Taholo Kami, Regional Director, IUCN Oceania

### MC

1. John De Fries, Director, Department of Research and Development, County of Hawaii



## **“E ola ke kai, e ola kakou – As the ocean thrives, so do we”**

### **The Moana Pasifika Voyage**

The Moana Pasifika voyage is symbolic of Hawaii’s leadership in the revival of traditional voyaging including a renaissance of the strong spiritual and cultural ties of the Pacific people to the ocean. Pacific island people are ocean people nurtured, sustained and inspired through the centuries by her moods and her provision. We come from some of the world’s smallest islands but we are citizens of large ocean states – we are warriors, we are voyagers, we are sons and daughters with children of our own. We sail because we are at a juncture in time – what we do with our oceans will determine our future.

Today, the ocean is under threat, a victim of our apathy and selfishness and the demands of growing population and consumerism. We continue to fish well beyond the capacity of the fishery, our modern lifestyles litter and pollute our waters, global warming and climate change are destroying our coral reefs, threatening our livelihoods and changing the chemistry of our ocean. We now have dead zones in our oceans, lifeless... bigger than many countries. The Moana Pasifika is a voyage of the Pacific people, a call for action on OUR Moana Pasifika (Pacific Ocean). We sail with the Hokule’a and the worldwide call for a Sustainable Future. The sails of our vaka are our flags of hope – where once the ocean sustained us, it is now our turn to take action to sustain a healthy Pacific ocean and set a pathway for action on ALL oceans. A sustainable future is dependent on the health of our oceans. A sustainable Moana Pasifika is essential for a healthy and sustainable planet.

### **A call for Action - The 2030 Pacific Ocean Partnership**

The Pacific Ocean Summit recognizes the leadership of the Pacific Island leaders in their aspirations and actions for a healthy Pacific Ocean. The largest commitments for marine managed areas come from our large ocean states and will likely exceed 15 million square kilometres by 2020.

The Tuna fishery in the Pacific island region has implemented the innovative and successful management measures for this highly valuable natural resource. Engagement of coastal communities with the management of their coastal fishery is seeing success and is now replicated around the world. Regional and national marine management policies continue to evolve. Despite this we continue to see a downward spiral in the overall state of our ocean and acknowledge the need for capacity, resources and partnerships. The state of our oceans demands a paradigm shift on how we act on oceans – the scale of action, the kind of partnerships and necessary investments if we are to see a significant improvement by 2030. The Pacific Ocean Summit is an opportunity to call for new partnerships across the Pacific Ocean, and for combined action by the Pacific Ocean States and the Pacific Rim. 60% of the world’s economy is represented by countries on the Pacific Rim and they have a disproportionate impact on the ocean. The summit looks to start a movement for action across the Pacific Ocean towards:

- **Reducing the threats to the ocean**
- **Increasing resilience**
- **Combating climate change**

A Pacific Ocean partnership starts with a coalition of the willing – countries, states, provinces, cities, CEOs and other stakeholders that are able to commit to actions for a healthy and sustainable Pacific Ocean up to 2030. The partnership will continue to meet every 3 years – growing the membership and the actions.

### **The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 on Oceans**

The global community of nations in New York launched a vision on oceans in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14) to “Conserve and Sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”. This calls for leadership at all levels to take urgent action on oceans and the adoption of SDG14 and its many targets including: the prevention and reduction of marine pollution of all kinds; sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems; minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification; conservation of marine areas, sustainable management of fisheries and the elimination of fisheries subsidies that contribute to overfishing and illegal and unreported fishing; and increasing economic benefits for all from the ocean including fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.



6.00 – 7.30am	<p><b>Wa'a arrival</b> – Kahanamoku Beach, Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort Wa'a (traditional double hulled canoes) arrival with Leaders and VIPs and traditional Hawaiian welcome.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Gibson, Area Vice President of Hawaii, Hilton Hotels</li> <li>• Master Navigator Nainoa Thompson, President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society</li> <li>• David Y Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii, Co-Chair Pacific Ocean Summit</li> <li>• H.E. Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Co-Chair Pacific Ocean Summit</li> <li>• H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau</li> <li>• Inger Andersen, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature</li> </ul> <p>MC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John De Fries, Director, Department of Research and Development, County of Hawaii</li> </ul>
10.00 - 12.00pm	<p><b>Opening - IUCN World Conservation Congress</b> - Neal S. Blaisdell Centre</p>
12.30 - 1.00pm	<p><b>Lunch - Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Ballroom</b></p>
1.00 – 2.00pm	<p><b>Opening Session</b> (lunch continues)</p> <p>Overview, context and importance of the Oceans, the Pacific Ocean Summit and the 2030 Pacific Ocean Partnership</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Co-Chair Pacific Ocean Summit</li> <li>• Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui, Hawai'i</li> <li>• Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme</li> <li>• H.E. Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands</li> </ul> <p>MC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John De Fries, Director, Department of Research and Development, County of Hawaii</li> </ul>
2.00 – 4.00pm	<p><b>2030 PACIFIC OCEAN PARTNERSHIP SESSION - Actions and commitments for Oceans</b></p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taholo Kami, Regional Director, IUCN Oceania</li> </ul> <p><b>1. Reducing the Threats – Pollution / Plastics, Habitat destruction and over harvesting</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tukoroirangi Morgan, President of the Maori Party</li> <li>• Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui, Hawai'i</li> <li>• Hon Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kosi Latu, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme</li> </ul>



**2. Increasing Ocean Resilience - Protected and managed areas, restoration of coastal ecosystems,**

- Speakers:
- Aliko Faipule Afega Gaulofa, Ulu O Tokelau
  - Hon. Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands
  - Hon. Edouard Fritch, President of French Polynesia
- Moderator:
- James Movick, Director General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

**3. Action on Climate Change - Reducing emissions, increasing renewable energy**

- Speakers:
- H.E. Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands
  - Hon. Enele S. Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu
  - Hon. Siaso Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga
- Moderator:
- Dr Colin Tukuitonga, Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

**4. Connecting Pacific Peoples - role of Indigenous people and networks**

- Speaker:
- Dr. Kamana’opono Crabbe, CEO, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Moderator:
- Amena Yauvoli, Director General, Melanesian Spearhead Group

**5. Financing Mechanisms - Pacific Ocean resilience fund**

- Speaker:
- H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau
- Moderator:
- Dame Meg Taylor, Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

4.00 – 4.30 p.m.

**Closing Session: Where to from here?**

**A 2030 Pacific Ocean Pathway & UN Ocean Summit 2017:**

- Speakers:
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4.30 – 5.00 p.m.

**Afternoon tea - Kava, drinks, refreshments. Pacific music and dance**