

Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

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SEMINARS

Seminar 1: "***Oceans at Risk: Protection from the ocean to the coast, sharing marine resources***" Nouméa, New Caledonia, November 22-24, 2011

Seminar 2: "***Ocean as a Source of Renewable Energy***" Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, May 2012 (TBC)

Seminar 3: "***The Management of Oceans' Natural Resources and Oceans as a Means of Communication***" Auckland, New Zealand, November 2012 (TBC)

Background

In 2010, PECC Standing Committee endorsed the proposal made by France Pacific Territories committee for PECC (FPTPEC), to implement an international project on the **Sustainable Management of Marine Resources**.



Three seminars are planned over the 2011-2012 period. These seminars will point out the richness and scientific breakthroughs that can be derived from better management of the oceans in the field of food, security, medicine and energy production.

Major economic, environmental and social challenges arise in the management of oceans and coastal areas. An integrated and sustainable approach is essential to allow for better protection and exploitation of marine resources, and development of recreational and economic activities.

Economic activities are mostly located in coastal areas. As stated by the World Bank, by 2025, 6 billion people, or 75% of the world population, will live within 60km from coast. This will particularly be true for emerging economies of the Asia-Pacific. It is imperative that different stakeholders — including policy-makers, businesses, research, civil society, and media — act upon the urgency of the situation through a multi-pronged approach.

SEMINAR 1

Oceans at Risk: Protection from the ocean to the coast, sharing marine resources
Nouméa, New Caledonia, November 22-24, 2011
(Venue: Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Anse-Vata)

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SEMINAR 1 PROGRAM AGENDA

DAY ONE (22 NOVEMBER 2011): MORNING

8.00-8.30 Registration

8.30-9.00 Opening remarks: Jimmie Rodgers, Director General, SPC
Charles E. Morrison, Co-Chair, PECC

Welcome remarks: Jacques Leguéré, FPTPEC (Chair for New Caledonia)
Eric Pommier, FPTPEC (Chair for Polynesia)

SESSION 1: What are the consequences of climate change on the economic development of the Pacific Rim region? Perceived and real impacts.

Coastal areas are fragile. They are directly affected by the impacts of climate change, such as warmer oceans and rising sea levels. They are also vulnerable to extreme weather conditions as illustrated by the 2004 and 2011 tsunamis which have severely affected many PECC economies.

Chair: Abdoul-Aziz M'baye, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Pacific

9.00-9.30 Confronting climate change in the Pacific: knowledge-action approaches and the APRU World Institute CMAS Program
(Jim Falk, Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Research Director, Association of Pacific Rim Universities World Initiative)

9.30-10.00 The EU initiative on climate change in the Pacific
(Abdoul-Aziz M'baye, EU Ambassador to the Pacific)

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-11.00 Implications of climate change for contributions by fisheries and aquaculture to economies and communities in the tropical Pacific
(Johann Bell, Senior Fisheries Scientist, Secretariat of the Pacific Community)

11.00-11.30 Regional Network in the Pacific (PACENET)
(Christophe Menkes/ Fadhila Lemeur, Institute of Research for Development (IRD), Nouméa/ Olivier Auguin, SPC)

11.30-12.00 The impact of climate change on pearl farming: perspectives and adaptation (with video on pearl farming)
(Bran Quinquis, University of Polynesia, Papeete)

12.00-12.30 General discussion



DAY ONE (22 NOVEMBER 2011): AFTERNOON

SESSION 2: Protecting the marine environment for sustainable economic development

The oceanic environment is subject to multiple pressures from varied sources. One third of fish species and 70% of coral reefs are estimated to be at risk of disappearing in the near future, mostly due to overfishing, climate change and pollution from coastal cities and shipping. Sustainable fish farming provides an opportunity for both economic development and implementation of more efficient resource management. However, sustainable aquaculture can also be hampered by conflicts over site access, competition with recreational use, pollution, and limits on the harvests of fish. There is an urgent need to optimize the use of fish and the coastal zone for capture fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.

Chair: Jean-Yves Perrot, Executive Chairman, IFREMER (French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea)

- 14.00-14.30 Critical indicators on marine spatial planning and community renaissance around the Turtle Island, Chinese Taipei
(Ching-Ta Chuang, Professor and Director of National Taiwan Ocean University)
- 14.30-15.00 The role of regional and multilateral regulators to maintain fisheries resources
(Andrew Wright, Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR))
- 15.00-15.30 Coastal conservation practices (SATOUMI) and marine protected areas in Japan: Institutional approaches
(Nobuyuki Yagi, Graduate School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo)
- 15.30-16.00 General discussion
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-17.00 Protecting "spawning aggregation zones" and local indigenous fishing practices
(Henri Boyé, MEDDLT, in collaboration with Yvonne Sadovy and Eric Clua)
- 17.00-17.30 Food security and vulnerable populations: Perspectives on fish and the sustainable use of marine resources
(Gillian Bowser, Office of Marine Conservation, US Dept. of State)
- 17.30-18.00 General discussion



DAY TWO (23 NOVEMBER 2011): ALL DAY

Field visit to a fish farm - organized by IFREMER

DAY THREE (24 NOVEMBER 2011): MORNING

SESSION 3: Mitigating urban and industrial impacts on the quality of marine resources - How to protect the oceans from pollution generated by coastal states

Nearly 4 billion people live in coastal areas. Inadequate domestic and industrial waste treatment facilities in some large cities, and dumping of untreated effluent directly into the sea can have a major impact on the marine environment. International cooperation is needed to stop the practice of considering the ocean as an auto-recycling industrial and domestic rubbish dump. Climate change and CO² emissions are deteriorating the oceans. How can we prevent long-term pollution of the ocean by unregulated coastal activities? Several initiatives have been taken at national and international levels to protect the oceans. However, these initiatives must be linked to economic development objectives.

Chair: Charles E. Morrison, Co-Chair PECC

- 9.00-9.30 An example of management of industrial waste for efficient coastal preservation in the PIC: Use of nickel slag
(Dominique Chu Van, SLN/ Pierre Kolb, A2EP/ Michel Allenbach, University of New Caledonia)
- 9.30-10.00 New economic models to preserve natural resources and limit the amount of wastewater and solid waste entering the oceans
(Nicolas Renard, Veolia Environment)
- 10.00-10.30 Fisheries waste treatment project
(Manuel Ducrocq, Adecq/ ZONECO)
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.30 Development of environmental services to mitigate the urban and industrial impact on the quality of marine resources
(Fabrice Polizzi, Plant Operations Manager, Calédonienne des Eaux)
- 11.30-12.30 General discussion



DAY THREE (24 NOVEMBER 2011): AFTERNOON

CONCLUDING SESSION: Sustainable management of biological resources; increasing the value of marine biodiversity (e.g. biofuels, medicine, cosmetics, food, goods and services)

Renewable biological resources offer interesting possibilities for economic development. Algae have been identified as having development potential in the field of biofuels, cosmetics and medicine; marine molecules are used in numerous pharmaceutical processes. Experiments on micro-organisms are conducted worldwide, including those discovered in deep sea and hydrothermal zones.

Chair: Michel Rocard, Chair, FPTPEC

- 13.30-14.00 NET-BIOME—Networking Tropical and Subtropical Biodiversity Research in Outer-Most Regions and Territories of Europe in Support of Sustainable Development (Josiane Irissin-Mangata, Conseil Régional de la Réunion)
- 14.00-14.30 Potential for microalgae R&D in New Caledonia (Jean Paul Cadoret, IFREMER, Nantes/ Liet Chim, IFREMER, New Caledonia)
- 14.30-15.00 Economic development calls for additional availability of clean water from desalination: The chemical impact on oceans (Henri Boyé)
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-16.00 General discussion
- 16.00-17.00 Conclusion—Presentation of recommendations by session chairs (Jean Luc Le Bideau and Charles E. Morrison)

DAY FOUR (25 NOVEMBER 2011): MORNING

09.00-12.00 Visit to the Nouméa liquid waste treatment plant (Calédonienne des Eaux)



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