

# **PROGRAMME**

MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023 BALLROOM, YACHT CLUB DE MONACO

# **TUESDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

# **Opening remarks**

Olivier Wenden – Vice-Chairman & CEO, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Gérald Mathieu – Head of Private Bank Europe and Middle East, Barclays Private Bank

## Ocean Innovations: blue ideas for a bold future

Innovation is essential to better understanding and managing the global ocean. Leveraging the power of new technologies and innovative solutions will be necessary in order to act in the face of major challenges threatening life below water. In this opening panel, experts will discuss the latest advancements and best practices in ocean innovation, with a focus on practical solutions and real-world success stories.

Moderated

by Julia Sieger - TV Presenter, France 24

### **Speakers:**

- Jeff Stoike Co-Founder, Blue Action Lab
- Lisa Hubert Investment Director, Mirova
- Ben Lesage Global Coordinator,
  Sustainable Ocean Alliance
- Alexis Grosskopf 1000 Ocean Startups Steering Committee, Ocean Hub Africa CEO

## Fireside chat with Jean Castellini

Minister of Economy and Finance of the Principality of Monaco

## Moderated

by Genie Godula - Senior Anchor, France 24

## Coffee Break

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15.15

15.30



## **Financing Ocean Innovators**

Oceans are an overlooked market opportunity for most investors. This session features leading investors and funders sharing how they source, select, and support ocean innovators. Both ventures seeking to raise, and investors seeking to deploy, capital will gain insights in how they can make sustainable returns and sustainable oceans.

## **Speakers:**

- Micol Chiesa Climate Tech Investor and Head of Climate Science, Planet Fund
- Rita Sousa Partner, Faber Ocean
- Lian Michelson Investment Director, Vala Capital

## Moderated

by Damian Payiatakis – Head of Sustainable & Impact Investing, Barclays

# Coastal resilience: safeguarding the shores

Coastal resilience is critical to the long-term well-being of coastal communities, especially in the face of increasing threats from climate change and the accelerated loss of biodiversity. During this session, panelists will highlight best practices in coastal resilience, with a focus on the unique challenges and opportunities facing the Bahamas.

#### **Speakers:**

- Rupert Hayward Director Grand Bahama Port Authority/ Blue Action Lab
- Kelly Erhart Co-founder and President, Vesta
- Dale Galvin Managing Director, Global Fund for Coral Reefs
- James Lindsay Principal, Builders Vision

#### Moderated

by Julia Sieger – TV Presenter, France 24

# WEDNESDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

## **Opening remarks**

Olivier Wenden – Vice-Chairman & CEO, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Mathieu Dufresne – Managing Director France, COTY

# The future of coastal tourism: Regenerative, Resilient, and Thriving

Although tourism represents a key economic sector for the prosperity of coastal populations, it also often has important environmental consequences for marine and coastal ecosystems. Reducing the footprint of the industry and seeking more sustainable tourism models is therefore essential to the development of a more sustainable blue economy. Panelists will share their innovative approach to this critical challenge and give us a glimpse of the potential related to regenerative tourism.

## **Speakers:**

- Sara Andreotti Chief Operation Officer, Shark Safe Barrier
- Marc García-Durán Huet Executive President and Founder, Underwater Gardens
- Thomas LeQuinquis, Marketing Director, Lancaster
- Ingrid Maurstad Impact Director, Katapult Ocean
- Sam Teicher Co-Founder and Chief Reef Officer, Coral Vita

## Moderated

by Lovelda Vincenzi



# Fireside chat with Nico Rosberg

Nico Rosberg - 2016 Formula One World Champion - is an awarded Sustainability Entrepreneur and Greentech Investor. Guided by his passion to inspire communities and accelerate green innovation, he Co-founded the Greentech Festival. A global platform for changemakers and green technologies. He is an advocate for sustainable mobility and invests in green solutions across different industries to drive positive change for the benefit of both the environment and future generations.

#### Moderated

by Lovelda Vincenzi

## Coffee break

# From sea to plate: growing opportunities in sustainable sea food

Sustainable seafood is a crucial aspect of ocean conservation and the overall health of our planet. In this panel, experts will come together to discuss the current state of seafood production and consumption, and explore innovative ways to ensure that our seafood supply is both delicious and sustainable. Topics will include sustainable fishing practices, responsible aquaculture, and alternatives to traditional products.

#### Speakers:

- Carrie Chan Co-Founder and CEO, AVANT
- Simon Hazell Co-Founder and CEO, INSECO
- Ofek Ron CEO, Plantish
- Dan Watson CEO, Safety Net Technologies
- Natalie Gartmann ESG and Impact Manager, Pegasus Capital Advisors

#### Moderated

by Lovelda Vincenzi

## Lunch break

# Going green on the seas: the challenges of shipping sustainability

Shipping is vital to the global economy as the industry is responsible for the carriage of around 90% of world trade. Its emissions nevertheless currently account for almost 3% of total global emissions and could increase by 84% by 2050 if we don't act urgently in the face of this issue. Innovation will play a significant role in curbing this trend and the panel will highlight different approaches and solutions to tackle this challenge.

## **Speakers:**

- Johaness Bochdalofsky Founder, SEAH4
- Danielle Southcott Founder and CEO, Veer
- Miguel Navalon Founder, Navlandis
- Sebastian Heitmann Co Founder, Extantia Capital

#### Moderated

by Desiree Fixler - Chair, VentureESG



# **Building tomorrow: The future of coastal infrastructure**

Sustainable coastal infrastructure is essential for the long-term resilience and prosperity of our coastal communities. In this panel, experts from various fields will come together to discuss the latest advancements and best practices in sustainable coastal infrastructure design and development.

## Speakers:

- Børge Bjørneklett Founder and CEO, Ocean Sun
- Tom Birbeck Founder and CEO, ARC Marine
- William Janssen CEO, Desalenator
- Maya Kashapov Business Development, Captura
- Shruti Iyengar Investment Manager, Future Planet Capital

## Coffee break

# Fireside chat with Rodrigo Garcia Gonzalez

Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Notpla

Notpla is working to revolutionize the packaging industry and reduce waste by providing a more sustainable alternative to traditional plastic packaging. Their products have been used by a range of companies, including beverage brands, event organizers, and food delivery services. Their work as lately been awarded with the Earth Shot Prize.

#### Moderated

by Desiree Fixler - Chair, VentureESG

# Al in the deep blue: Data and discovery

90% of the ocean remains unexplored, with more than 80% of the sea floor un-mapped. This lack of ocean data represents an important barrier to addressing key issues such as overfishing. Nevertheless, the growing corporate interest and the unprecedent technologies advancement in the data space are currently transforming the way we understand and manage our ocean. In this session, experts will share the latest developments taking place in this sector.

Moderated

by Desiree Fixler – Chair, VentureESG

## **Speakers:**

- Joost den Haan Co-Founder and CEO, planblue
- Philippe Despres University of Laval
- Jean Marc Temmos CEO, Semantic TS
- George Richards Director, Community Jameel
- Kortney Opshaug Founder and CEO, Blue Ocean Gear

# Closing remarks by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

# Closing cocktail reception

## Moderated

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