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THE 9TH ANNUAL WORLD OCEAN SUMMIT

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USPA NEWS - The World Ocean Summit, the leading conference on the marine economy, announced on February 24, the final speaker line-up for the 2022 event, which was running from Tuesday, March 1 to Friday, March 4. The theme of the four-day global event, organised by Economist Impact, was "How to achieve 2030 targets".

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Programming consisted of online conversations, interactive sessions, roundtables and a virtual exhibition. Over 150 leading figures from across the ocean community, from business to science, government, investors, and civil society, exploring this year's theme by looking at developments in shipping, fishing, aquaculture, energy, tourism, and plastics. Last year, the event attracted over 8000 registrants from 175 countries.

- Speakers included:

- * John Kerry, special presidential envoy for climate, US
- * Amina J. Mohammed, deputy secretary-general, UN and chair, UN Sustainable Development Group
- * HSH Albert II, sovereign prince of Monaco
- * John Briceño, prime minister, Belize
- * Razan Al Mubarak, president, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- * Virginijus Sinkevičius, commissioner for environment, oceans and fisheries, European Commission
- * Mariam Bint Mohammed Almheiri, minister of climate change and environment, UAE
- * Jane Ewing, senior vice-president for sustainability, Walmart
- * Ana Gascon, world without waste director, Coca Cola Europe
- * Whitney Johnston, director of oceans sustainability, Salesforce
- * Brune Poirson, chief sustainability officer, Accor
- * Maya Gabeira, professional big wave surfer, activist and board member, Oceana

- Talking points from the agenda included:

- * How can industries collaborate to enhance recycling and waste management and find solutions to reduce marine plastic pollution?
- * How can we achieve 2030 targets for ocean health restoration?
- * How will the shipping industry reach IMO targets for decarbonisation by 2030 and 2050?
- * What is being done to sustainably increase aquaculture globally?
- * What is the regenerative effect of tourism on the ocean and how is tourism building back bluer?
- * What are the solutions to overcome overfishing?
- * How can we increase production of marine renewable energy?
- * How can nature-based solutions to combat climate change be scaled?

On the morning of March 2nd, Back to Blue, an Economist Impact and The Nippon Foundation initiative, launched its new Chemical Pollution report.

Lloyd's Register Foundation also hosted two specially commissioned short films entitled "Two kinds of water" and "Salt Lines" by award-winning director Dan McDougall.

Speaking ahead of the summit, Ian Hemming, managing director, Economist Impact Events said, "We are looking forward to reconnecting the international Oceans community, and hosting four days of remarkable and memorable discussions, and showcasing the latest innovations in the sector."

Marc A. Hayek, president & chief executive of Swiss luxury/fine watch brand Blancpain said, "As part of the Blancpain Ocean Commitment, we have been supporting the World Ocean Summit right from its first edition in 2012. During the past 10 years, together with The Economist, we have gone a long way in bringing key leaders from governments, international organisations and NGOs together with the private sector in order to find new solutions for both a sustainable environment and a prosperous economy."

To stay-up-date with the topics throughout the year, visit the World Ocean Initiative website.

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