

Ocean Visions 2021 Summit to Showcase and Explore Diverse Solutions for Pressing Ocean Challenges

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Summit, "Towards a Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions," will be held May 18-21, 2021. The biennial Summit will feature prominent researchers, innovators, decision-makers, and funders—all of whom are working to accelerate solutions for the greatest challenges facing our ocean.

Against the backdrop of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), this year's summit will convene a diverse community on the cutting edge of creating and advancing solutions in the ocean-climate nexus.

Opening the four-day summit with a conversation on catalyzing ocean solutions is Scripps Institution of

Oceanography Director Margaret Leinen, Georgia Tech College of Sciences Dean and American Geophysical Union President Susan Lozier, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution President and Director Peter de Menocal, Chairman of Ocean Visions and Georgia Tech Ocean Science & Engineering Director Emanuele Di Lorenzo, Co-Founder of the Early Career Ocean Professional network under the UN Decade Erin Satterthwaite, and Ocean Visions Executive Director & Chief Innovation Officer Brad Ack.

The <u>Ocean Visions 2021 Summit</u> is expected to bring together more than a thousand participants from many parts of the globe to engage in meaningful conversations on the most effective approaches to address the major ocean-climate challenges. Sessions include:

- •Accelerating the Ocean's Power to Sequester Carbon and Reverse Climate Disruption
- Equitable Solutions for Coastal Inundations and Sea Level Rise

- ⊞ealthy Ocean & Healthy People
- Marine Circular Bioeconomy:
 Sustainable Food, Bioenergy, &
 Biomaterials
- •Harnessing Innovation to Accelerate Ocean Solutions
- II owards a Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions (GEOS)

"We used to think the ocean was beyond human's ability to affect; we now know that our ocean is under enormous stress from an everexpanding human footprint. From overfishing, habitat alteration, and a host of pollutants flowing into the ocean, to the existential threats posed



by too much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the ocean, we desperately need the power of human ingenuity to redesign the systems causing the pain," says Brad Ack, executive director & chief innovation officer at Ocean Visions. "This conference is all about that re-design; breaking down the silos that exist among research universities and institutions, professional ocean-focused societies, NGOs, IGOs, foundations, business and financial institutions to work together on new solutions."

The Ocean Visions 2021 Summit is complimentary to attend. Registration is required to have access to the virtual summit portal. For more details on the program and to register, please visit: https://www.oceanvisions.org/summit-2021.

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