

Join GFDD/Funglode, in partnership with the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, for a Panel Discussion during the UN Ocean Conference

The Sustainability of Eco-Tourism: A Study of Our Oceans



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Date:

Friday June 9, 2017

Time:

5:00pm - 6:15pm

**Location:** 

Conference Room 12 in the United Nations Conference Building, UN Headquarters, New York, NY, 10017

This event will feature the launch of a research study by Ms. Aireona Bonnie Raschke, a research fellow of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD). Ms. Raschke's study focuses on the environmental and social implications of the development of the whale watching industry in the Northern region of the Dominican Republic, with consideration for the role of local communities in this environment.

The launch will include a panel discussion with several high-level speakers ranging from government representatives to international policy experts and academics, on the topic of eco-tourism and its importance for the preservation of our oceans and sustainable development.

## **Speakers**

**H.E Ambassador Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst Tupouniua**, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations (TBC).

**H.E Ambassador Ngedikes Olai Uludong**, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations.

**H.E. Ambassador Ahmed Sareer**, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations.

Ms. Sylvia Earle, Oceanographer and Founder of Mission Blue (TBC).

**Mr. Oswaldo Vásquez**, Center for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Dominican Republic.

**Ms. Aireona Bonnie Raschke**, GFDD Research Fellow and Author of Resident Perceptions of Whale Watching in the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Marc Jourdan, GFDD UN Programs & Outreach Manager (Moderator).

Registration is indispensable for external guests without UN Passes who wish to attend this session – To register please contact arthur@globalfoundationdd.org





