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PRESENTS INAUGURAL ISLANDS SHAPING THE FUTURE DURING SCIENCE SUMMIT UNGA79

10:00 – 10:10 EDT | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Speakers



Yoshioka Tatsuya
Co-founder Peace Boat
& Peace Boat Ecoship



Léonie Weerakoon
Founder, Kinetik

10:10- 10:25 EDT | Opening Panel Agri-Bioeconomy & Bioculture

Moderator



Léonie Weerakoon
Founder, Kinetik

Speakers



Shannen Henry
Founder
Kaylia Group - CSFDG



Lilan Dayananda
Managing Director & CEO
Elzian Agro



Avinash Pratap Singh
Director of Operations &
Community, Soneva

10:25 - 10:40 EDT | Workshop: Nature-Inspired Innovations & Biomimicry

Speakers



Dr. Sarah McInerney
Biomimicry Institute

Join us for an exciting journey into the world of biomimicry, where nature's most brilliant designs inspire cutting-edge science and groundbreaking innovations! Discover how the solutions to our biggest challenges are hidden in the natural world around us, waiting to be unlocked and applied to revolutionize the way we think, create, and live.

10:40 - 10:50 EDT | Leveraging Nature for Renewable Energy

Moderator



Molly Rosaeen
Youth Programs
Coordinator, Peace Boat US

Speakers



Ashley Lashley
Executive Director,
Ashley Lashley Foundation



Fayeann Lawrence
ESG Impact Strategist

10:50 - 11:10 EDT | Marine and Coastal Innovations

Moderator



Emilie McGlone
Executive Director,
Peace Boat US

Speakers



Milka Rodriguez
Founder
Globetrotting Dominicana



Bodhi Patil
Founder & CEO
InnerLight



Jody Coloma
Environmental and
Political Science Student



Marie-Céline Piednoir
Ocean Conservation
Deep Rising Movie

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11:10 - 11:25 EDT | Ethical Technology & Digital Solutions

Moderator



Cassia Jayani
Oceanic Global
CSO, Anthropogenic

Speakers



Muskaan Khemani
Climate Justice Advocate
and Researcher



Angela del Sol Varela
Creative Director
Ancient future labs



Dave Erasmus
Founding Chair
Aqoustics.com

11:25 - 11:35 EDT | Sustainable Policies for an ethical Future

Dialogue



Keziah Gerosano
CEO, Dholakia Foundation



Carissa Cabrera
CEO & Founder, Futureswell

11:35 - 11:50 EDT | Unlocking Funding Opportunities

Moderator



Emilie McClone
Executive Director, Peace Boat US



Lidia Diaz
Founder, Plant Powered



Amber Nutall
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11:50 - 11:55 EDT | Closing Remarks



Henk Rogers
Founder Blue Planet
Alliance, Co-Founder Tetris

12:00 - 12:45 EDT | Terrace Reception and Light F&B

Join us on the terrace of the iconic 151 building in Times Square for a refreshing break before our Expert Panels at 1 PM. Enjoy light bites, drinks, and conversation with fellow innovators, all while taking in stunning city views. It's the perfect chance to connect and recharge before the afternoon sessions begin.

12:45 - 13:00 EDT | Program Resumes with Intergovernmental Panels

Join our Expert Panels to explore how islands are shaping the future of science, innovation, and regenerative solutions, driving the bioeconomy and contributing to global GDP.

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13:00 & 13:10 EDT | Opening Remarks

Speakers



H.E. Ambassador Va'inga Villami Tōnē
The Kingdom of Tonga



Léonie Weerakoon
Founder, Kinetik

13:10-13:30 EDT | Opening Panel Agri-Bioeconomy & Bioculture

Moderator



Léonie Weerakoon
Founder, Kinetik

Speakers



Karl Campbell
Director of Latin America Islands
Rewild.org



Amy Lewis
CEO, Wild Foundation



Nkwi Flores
Founder of Kinray Hub,
Indigenous R&D katalyst, Biokulture Designer

13:30 - 13:45 EDT | Nature-Inspired Innovations & Biomimicry

Moderator



Sarah McInerney
Biomimicry Institute
Ray of Hope Accelerator

Speakers



Benjamin Droguet
Founder & CEO, Sparxell



Mahak Agrawal
Climate Scientist & Urban Planner



Pierre-Yves Paslier
Co-founder & Co-CEO, Notpla

13:45-14:00 EDT | Leveraging Nature for Renewable Energy

Moderator



Francois Rogers
Executive Director,
Blue Planet Alliance



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Mohan Pieris
Permanent Representative of
Sri Lanka to the United Nations



Dr. Austin Shelton
Director, Island Sustainability
University of Guam

14:00 - 14:15 EDT | Marine and Coastal Innovations

Moderator



Dr. Austin Shelton
Director, Island Sustainability
University of Guam

Speakers



Sam Teicher
Co-Founder & Chief Reef Officer
Coral Vita



Jason Donofrio
Chief Development Officer
The Ocean Foundation



Dr. Manfred Van Veghal
Carmabi, Curacao Science Center
Director of Caribbean Research

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14:15-14:30 EDT | Global Choices and Sylvia Earle

Spotlight Interview



Sally Raney
Founder & CEO, Global Choices



Dr. Sylvia Earle
World-renowned Marine Biologist,
Oceanographer and Explorer

14:30-14:45 EDT | Sustainable Policies for the Future

Moderator



Soraya Hosni
Anthropologist, Yale University

Speakers



Mr. Masanori Kobayashi
Ocean Policy Research Institute
Program Director



Juan Carlos Monterrey
S.R for Climate Change of the
Minister of Environment of Panama

14:45-15:00 EDT | Ethical Technology & Digital Solutions

Moderator



Juan Carlos Monterrey
S.R for Climate Change of the
Minister of Environment of Panama

Speakers



Kelvin Allie
SVP, Global Field Program
Conservation International



Charles Brigham
NGO, Sustainability and
ESG Team Lead, ESRI

15:00 - 15:15 EDT | Unlocking Funding Opportunities

Moderator



Léonie Weerakoon
Founder, Kinetik

Speakers



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Stan O. Smith
SVP, Global Field Program
Conservation International



Adnan Hassan
Ex- World Bank



Richard Amor
Director Partnerships for Impact
European Investment Bank

15:15 EDT | Closing Remarks

Speaker



H.E. Ambassador Teburoro Tito
Permanent Representative of Kiribati to the United Nations
Former President of Kiribati

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