



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TÜRKİYE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Location: METU Culture and Congress Centre, Ankara

Date: 26 September 2023

Working Language: English (Turkish translation will be provided)

Time: 09:00 – 17:30 (GMT+3)

Morning

09:00-10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Opening Session

10:00-11:15

- **Welcome speeches**
Prof. Dr. Mustafa Versan KOK, President of the Middle East Technical University (METU)
Captain Hakan KUSLAROGLU, President of the Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography (ONHO)
- **Ocean Decade and Türkiye**
Dr. Lt. Cdr. Emre TUKENMEZ, Directorate of the ONHO
- **Sustainable Blue Economy**
M. Cagatay CANSIZ, TR Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, General Directorate of Maritime Affairs, Head of Department
- **Actions Taken to Achieve the Aim of Clean Ocean**
Nazan OZYUREK, TR Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Department of Marine and Coastal Management, Head of Department
- **The Ocean Decade, Its Significance and Future Steps**
Vladimir RYABININ, Executive Secretary at Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
- **Healthy seas and oceans: Our common objective supported by many successful initiatives**
Sigi GRUBER, former Head of Unit, Health Seas and Oceans, European Commission

Scientific Sessions

11:25-12:25

Session 1: Clean Ocean, Healthy & Resilient Ocean, Predicted Ocean

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Baris SALIHOGLU METU Institute of Marine Sciences

- **Ecosystem Approach to Marine Management Challenges and Opportunities -**
Prof. Dr. Nazli DEMIREL EROL, Istanbul University Institute of Marine Sciences and Management
- **Role of the Operational Oceanography to predict drifting objects in Türkiye's Coasts**
Assoc. Prof. Murat GUNDUZ, Dokuz Eylül University Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology
- **Importance of understanding marine functional connectivity in ocean ecosystem during ocean decade**
Assis. Prof. Dr. Rafet Ç. OZTURK, Karadeniz Technical University Faculty of Marine Sciences
- **Plastics in the Ocean: From Pollution to Solution**
Assoc. Prof. Ulgen AYTAN, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University Faculty of Fisheries
- **From world oceans to the ocean-worlds of the solar system: Oceanography's increasing importance in global science in this decade**
Prof. Dr. Mustafa YUCEL, METU Institute of Marine Sciences

12:25-13:45

Lunch Break



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Afternoon	
13:45-14:50	<p><u>Session 2: Productive Ocean, Safe Ocean, Accessible Ocean</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Cem GAZIOGLU, Istanbul University, Institute of Marine Sciences and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operationalization of KOERI Tsunami Warning System in the Eastern Mediterranean and Its Connected Seas: A Decade of Achievements and Challenges Dr. Musavver Didem CAMBAZ, Bogazici University Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute• Sustainability of marine living resources in Türkiye Dr. Murat ERBAY TR Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Central Fisheries Research Institute (SUMAE)• Recent Marine and Polar Science Studies of TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Center - Sabri MUTLU, TUBITAK Marmara Research Center• Regulatory Steps Taken to Reduce Carbon Emissions from Ships and Solutions of the Shipping Industry Assist. Prof. Dr. Ceren CERIT DINDAR, Ankara University National Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM)• DEKOSIM ocean observing system Assist. Prof. Dr. Devrim TEZCAN, METU-IMS and METU Marine Ecosystem and Climate Research Center (DEKOSIM)
14.50-15.00	Coffee Break
15:00-16:00	<p><u>Session 3: Inspiring and Engaging Ocean</u></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Bayram OZTURK, Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Sea Young Ambassadors Programme: Experiences and New Opportunities Lecturer Ezgi SAHIN YUCEL, METU Institute of Marine Sciences• Young People's Perspectives on the Present and Future of the Oceans: Mediterranean Case Deniz YAPILCAN, Young Marine Ambassador• Advancing Marine Citizen Science and Ocean Literacy Efforts of TUDAV Dr. Elif OZGUR, TUDAV
16:00-16:15	<p><u>Closing Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography (ONHO)• Middle East Technical University Institute of Marine Sciences
16:15-17:30	Networking Cocktail

Note: The “Poster Corner” will be active during the day between 09:30 and 17:30.