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## 67<sup>th</sup> OAS POLICY ROUNDTABLE “OCEANS and CLIMATE CHANGE”

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### OUR SHARED TREASURE

*An analysis of challenges and successful practices for ocean conservation*

Free and open to the public

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3:00PM**

OAS - Hall of the Americas

17<sup>th</sup> Street & Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006



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### **Program**

- 3:00pm Opening remarks by **Ambassador Nestor Mendez**, Assistant Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS)
- 3:10pm Remarks by **H.E. Maguy Maccario Doyle**, Ambassador of Monaco to the United States and Canada, Permanent Observer to the OAS, who will introduce a message from **H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco**
- 3:20pm Opening video by National Geographic
- 3:30pm Introduction and update on the Current State of the Oceans by **Dr. Enric Sala**, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, followed by a dialogue on policy solutions including a video presentation from the [Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation](#).
- Panelists:
- **Catherine A. Novelli**, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, US Dept. of State (on global ocean policy)
  - **Richard M. Huber**, Chief, Sustainable Communities, Hazard Risk, & Climate Change, Dept. of Sustainable Development, OAS (on Caribbean Ocean Governance and valuation of ecosystem goods and services derived from the Caribbean Sea)
  - **Jim Simon**, President, OCEANA (on Marine Protected Areas)
  - **Emily Woglom**, Vice President, Conservation Policy and Programs, Ocean Conservancy (on plastics pollution)
  - **Dr. Carole Baldwin**, Curator of Fishes, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution (on the Smithsonian’s Deep Reef Observation Project)
  - **Nakul Saran**, Vice President, Rare (on sustainable fisheries)
- 4:30pm Question & Answer session
- 5:00pm Closing remarks
- 5:15pm Cocktail reception in the Aztec Patio hosted by the Embassy of Monaco to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the admission of the Principality as an Observer State to the OAS

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## Biographies

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[Nestor Mendez](#) was elected OAS Assistant Secretary General for the 2015-2020 period on March 18, 2015. Nestor Mendez served as Ambassador of Belize to the OAS and to the Government of the United States since June 2008. He was an advisor to the Belize High Commission in London from 1997 to 1999 and holds a postgraduate title from George Washington in International Affairs. [See more here...](#)

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[Maguy Maccario Doyle](#), Permanent Observer of Monaco to the OAS, was appointed Ambassador of the Principality of Monaco to the United States by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II on November 12, 2013 and presented her letters of credence to President Barack Obama at a ceremony at the White House on December 3, 2013. She also serves as the Principality's Ambassador to Canada having presented her credentials to Canada's Governor General, H.E. David Johnston, in December 2014. [See more here...](#)

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[Enric Sala](#), National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, is the founder and leader of National Geographic's Pristine Seas. His more than a hundred scientific publications, dozens of popular articles, and five documentary films are widely recognized and used for conservation efforts. A former professor of marine ecology at the prestigious Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Sala now combines exploration, research, economics, policy, and media to help protect the last wild places in the ocean. Sala is a 2005 Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellow, 2006 Pew Fellow in Marine Conservation, 2008 World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, 2013 Spanish Geographical Society Research Awardee, 2013 Explorers Club Lowell Thomas Award recipient, and fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. [See more here...](#)

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[Catherine A. Novelli](#) was sworn in as Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment on February 18, 2014. In this capacity, she leads the State Department's efforts to develop and implement economic growth, energy, oceans, environmental, and science and technology policies to promote economic prosperity and address global challenges in a transparent, rules-based, and sustainable system. She is also the State Department's Senior Coordinator for International Information Technology Diplomacy. [See more here...](#)



**[Carole Baldwin](#)** is a Curator of Fishes at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Her face will be familiar to any of you who have seen the Smithsonian 3-D IMAX film, *Galapagos*, for which she was a scientific advisor and on-air talent. Baldwin's current research is focused on diversity and evolution of Caribbean reef fishes through a combination of genetic and traditional morphological investigation. This work has recently involved submersible diving to 1,000 ft. off Curacao in the southern Caribbean as part of DROP (Deep Reef Observation Project), a Smithsonian marine research initiative established and directed by Baldwin that aims to explore and monitor poorly studied tropical deep-reef ecosystems. Dr. Baldwin is senior author of *One Fish, Two Fish, Crawfish, Bluefish -- The Smithsonian Sustainable Seafood Cookbook* (Smithsonian Books, 2003), and she served as a curator of the Smithsonian's popular Sant Ocean Hall. In 2003 Carole was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame, in 2006 she received the Ronald E. Carrier Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from James Madison University, and in 2014 she was inducted as an alumni member into the James Madison University chapter of Phi Beta Kapa. She is currently in the Director's Circle of the National Aquarium, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, President Elect of the Biological Society of Washington, and a sectional editor for the scientific journal *Zookeys*.

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**[Richard Huber](#)** is the Principal Environmental Specialist for the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Organization of American States. He has degrees from Yale University and Hampshire College in Master of Forest Science and Environmental Engineering. He spent 10 years with the World Bank where he task managed several Environmental Management and Protected Areas projects and worked in environmental and social assessment of World Bank loans. For 10 years he worked assisting Countries establish national parks and protected areas. [See more here...](#)



**[Nakul Saran](#)** is vice president of the Fish Forever initiative at Rare, where he leads the conservation organization's fisheries work, implementing sustainable and scalable solutions that help both people and nature thrive in coastal communities throughout the developing tropics. [See more here...](#)



**[Jim Simon](#)** is President of Oceana. For nearly 20 years, Simon has made the environment the focus of his legal career, holding leadership positions in government and nonprofits, and advising businesses on management strategy and operations. [See more here...](#)



**[Emily Woglom](#)**, **Ocean Conservancy Vice President for Conservation Policy and Programs**, oversees Ocean Conservancy's engagement with Congress and the Administration. She gained deep expertise in ocean policy and governance through her work at the Office of Management and Budget, where she oversaw budget and policy issues related to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. More recently she continued her work for the oceans as Senior Policy Advisor to The Nature Conservancy's marine program. She is a graduate of Yale and has a Masters Degree from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke. [See more here...](#)

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