



To highlight the Ocean Conference & to mark World Environment Day 2017,

the United Nations presents

# **A Plastic Ocean**

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring:



#### Jo Ruxton

Jo Ruxton worked for the WWF in Asia for 7 years, before joining the BBC Natural History Unit as a Producer, where she was a part of the celebrated *Blue Planet* Team. Much of her life has been spent filming underwater. She is a co-founder of Plastic Oceans Foundation, and a Producer of and Ambassador for the film *A Plastic Ocean*.



#### **Maria Westerbos**

Maria Westerbos is an expert in mass communications and specialises in both traditional as well as new media. Her greatest talent is the ability to strategize and bring projects for social change to life, with an almost unerring instinct for what different target groups need. Her most recent success was putting the Plastic Soup Foundation on the world map and transforming the attitudes of businesses, governments, consumers and NGOs regarding plastic microbeads in personal care products. The Plastic Soup Foundation was founded by Maria in February 2011.



## Kristian "K.G." Moore

K.G. Moore works for the U.S. Department of State as a Regional Hub Officer for Environment, Science, Technology, and Health Affairs. Based at the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, he covers the Nordic, Baltic, and Western European regions. He also served in Washington as Senior Georgia Desk Officer and in the International Organization Bureau's office of UN Political Affairs where he covered UN Security Council matters related to Europe, Children and Armed Conflict, Peacebuilding, and Women, Peace and Security.



#### Matjaž Malgaj

Matjaž Malgaj is Head of Unit for the Marine Environment and Water Industries at the European Commission since November 2014. Between 2013 and 2014 he was Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Environment and before that deputy manager for strategy. He steered setting EU's environmental priorities for period until 2020. This included the seventh environment action plan, resource efficiency and circular economy initiatives and the work on Sustainable Development Goals. Between 2004 and 2010 he worked for Commissioner for Science and Research, with particular focus on the European Research Council, marine and maritime research and energy and climate change.



#### **Deborah Seward**

Deborah Seward is Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) in Brussels. Prior to arriving in Brussels, she served as Director of the Department of Public Information's Strategic Communications Division at UN Headquarters New York. Before joining the United Nations in 2011, Ms. Seward was an international journalist for nearly 25 years, with postings in Berlin, Bonn, Moscow, New York, Paris, Prague and Warsaw.

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The Ocean Conference will be held in New York from 5-9 June 2017. It aims to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 and reverse the decline in the health of our ocean.

For more information, please see: oceanconference.un.org

'Connecting People to Nature', the theme for World Environment Day 2017, implores us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action and takes place every 5 June. World Environment Day is a day for everyone, everywhere. Since it began in 1972, global citizens have organized many thousands of events, from neighbourhood clean-ups, to action against wildlife crime, to replanting forests.

This year's theme invites you to think about how we are part of nature and how intimately we depend on it. It challenges us to find fun and exciting ways to experience and cherish this vital relationship. #WithNature For more information, please see: worldenvironmentday.global



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#### **#CleanSeas Campaign**

Join **UN Environment** in building a global movement that harnesses the power of people, governments and businesses to highlight the problem of marine litter and tackle it decisively. We need citizens to be aware, engaged and active in addressing the problem in their own lives and beyond. By connecting individuals, civil society groups, industry and governments, UN Environment aims to transform habits, practices, standards and policies around the globe to dramatically reduce marine litter and the harm it causes.

For more info about the campaign, please go to:

cleanseas.org/get-informed



For more information on EU activities and cooperation with UN Environment related to marine litter, please see http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index\_en.htm



For more information on the Plastic Oceans Foundation please visit: plasticoceans.org

For more info on the Plastic Soup Foundation, please go to: www.plasticsoupfoundation.org



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