

The United Nations and Oceana present:

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### **Leo Not Happy** **Belgian Activist**

Adel Saebi launched the citizen's initiative "LeoNotHappy" in Brussels on March 2016 through the social media platforms Facebook and Instagram. The main goal of the initiative is to raise awareness around the continual problem of waste on the street. LeoNotHappy achieves this through activism on the streets as well as viral communication campaigns. Ultimately, it is hoped this will change the everyday behavior of individuals in a positive and constructive way.



### **Nicolas Fournier** **European Policy Advisor, Oceana Europe**

European Campaign lead for Oceana, Nicolas Fournier, coordinates and manages EU advocacy work in relation to Oceana's campaign on Marine Protected Areas. He has been working for 9 years at Oceana on several campaigns, achieving policy change on sustainable fisheries and the Common Fisheries Policy, marine biodiversity protection, as well as other related issues like offshore oil and gas pollution. As part of his role, Mr Fournier also represents Oceana before EU institutions, Regional Seas Conventions as well as Regional Fisheries Management Organizations.



### **Thierry Lucas, Senior Programme Officer in the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Brussels Office**

Thierry Lucas, a French national, is an expert in European and international policy on environment and sustainable development. He is a Senior Programme Office in the United Nations Environment Programme's Brussels Office, working on a variety of topics including biodiversity and ecosystems management, and marine litter in the context of the partnership-building between UNEP and the EU institutions, and key EU stakeholders in Brussels. In addition, he coordinates the Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management subprogramme at UN Environment Regional Office for Europe, and is the focal point for the Secretariat of the Pan-European Biodiversity Platform, strengthening biodiversity in relation to the 2030 sustainable development agenda.



### **Deborah Seward** **Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) in Brussels**

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. She holds an honours degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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## Ocean Week 2020

Overfishing. Pollution. Acidification. Warming. Our precious ocean and the life that calls it home are now more at risk than ever before. Ocean Week 2020 - seven days of events, discussions and activities in Brussels and beyond - puts the spotlight on the huge threats faced by marine species and habitats while offering real solutions on how to solve them. We need thriving biodiversity in our oceans to support life on earth. The ocean makes up 70% of the world's surface, acts as a vital carbon sink, regulates the weather and produces half of the oxygen we breathe.



**Sustainable Development Goal 14:**  
**Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**



### Oceana

Oceana, founded in 2001, is the largest international advocacy organization focused solely on ocean conservation. Since 2003, Oceana has achieved dozens of concrete policy victories for marine life and habitats. From stopping bottom trawling in sensitive habitat areas to creating new marine protected areas, combatting overfishing and fighting illegal fishing, their victories represent a new hope for the world's oceans. Oceana works internationally to direct policy-oriented and science-based campaigns that help save the oceans and feed the world.

### UNEP

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. Over 3 billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihood. UNEP promotes the protection and sustainable management of the world's marine and coastal environments.

### UN Ocean Conference 2020

The 2020 High-Level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14 (life below water) will convene in Lisbon, Portugal from 2 – 6 June. The overarching theme of the Conference is, 'Scaling Up Ocean Action Based on Science and Innovation for the Implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions'.

### March for the Ocean

As part of Ocean Week 2020 there will be a 'March for the Ocean' on the 7th February 2020, 13:30 - 15:00 at Brussels Central Station. Spearheaded by Youth for Climate, the organisers of the #FridayforFuture school strikes, people will take to the streets of Brussels demanding that the ocean is saved. Anuna De Wever, Adélaïde Charlier and Josefien Hoérée will be joining the march.

