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## OCEAN ACIDIFICATION: THE OTHER HALF OF THE CO<sub>2</sub> PROBLEM

CO<sub>2</sub> is causing our oceans to acidify at rates not seen for last 20 million years; business as usual scenarios for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will lead to increases in ocean acidity by 2050 with potentially dramatic effects on marine life, including socioeconomic. This side event will address the other CO<sub>2</sub> problem.

Date: **8 December 2011, 18.30-20.00**

Venue: **Durban Exhibition Centre, Apies River room**

### *Programme*

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Dr W. Watson-Wright** (moderator)

*Assistant Director-General, UNESCO and Executive Secretary IOC*

#### **Speakers (10 minutes each)**

**Dr Carol Turley**

*Senior Scientist, Plymouth Marine Laboratory*

**Dr Luke Brander**

*Environmental Economist, Division of Environment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

**Honourable Gasper Vega**

*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of Belize*

**Dr Dorothee Herr**

*Marine Program Officer, Global Marine and Polar Program, IUCN*

**Ms Mary Barton-Dock**

*Director of Environment, The World Bank*

#### **General Discussion (30 minutes)**



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