



DOTCAN SYMPOSIUM

March 24th, 2021 8:30AM-13:30PM (Atlantic Time) (11.30AM -16.30PM GMT)

Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy:
Opportunities for Canada and West Africa through Cross-Sectoral Integration

Agenda

Welcome and Opening session from Canadian Officials Session (8:30-9:00)

Introduced & Moderated by DOTCAN Board Member: Bridget Graham

- Land Acknowledgement - **Bridget Graham**, DOTCAN Board Secretary
- Welcoming Remarks - **Prof. Douglas Wallace**, DOTCAN President

Canadian Officials' Remarks

- The **Honourable Bernadette Jordan**, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard
- The **Honourable Iain Rankin**, Premier of Nova Scotia
- The **Honourable Tony Ince**, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs, of Communications Nova Scotia and of Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives

Break (09:00-09:05)

Nova Scotia Making Waves in Ocean Industries (NSBI, Canada)

Keynote 1 - The Current Pressures on West African Fisheries Industry and the Associated Implications to the Blue Economy Session (09:05-9:25)

Introduced & Moderated by DOTCAN Board Member: Christopher Milley

- **Rashid Sumaila**, Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Interdisciplinary Ocean and Fisheries Economics at the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, University of British Columbia, Canada

This keynote session will explore the global context and importance of the fishing industry in the West African region.

Panel 1 – Maritime Security Session (9:30-10:15)

Introduced & Moderated by DOTCAN Board Member: Dr. Alberta Sagoe

- **LCdr. Paul Smith**, Royal Canadian Navy
- **Lt. Cmdr. Kofi Amponsah Duodu**, Substantive Naval Secretary, Ghana Navy
- **Stephan King**, Manager Capacity Building, Maritime Security and Intelligence, Canadian Coast Guard.

The Blue Economy is inextricably linked to safe and secure oceans. Threats such as piracy, regional tensions, inter-state maritime disputes, illegal fishing, environmental crimes, and maritime accidents/disasters are just a few that call for strategic government, military and technological approaches. This panel will give perspectives from the Canadian and West African lens.

Break

(10:15-10:25)

Musical Interlude: Colors of Africa (NS, Canada)

Keynote 2 – Blue Economy & Sustainable Livelihoods in Practice

Session (10:25-10:50)

Introduced by DOTCAN Board Member: Dr. Debany Fonseca Batista

- **Minister Paulo Veiga, Minister** of the Maritime Economy of Cabo Verde

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face unique sustainable development challenges. For many of these countries, planning for a thriving blue economy is a critical government priority. This keynote session will highlight key aspects of the ambitious Sustainable Blue Economy path being taken by the Government of Cabo Verde, a West African SIDS.

Panel 2 – Entrepreneurship & Startup Culture

Session (10:55-11:55)

Introduced & Moderated by DOTCAN Board Member: Simone Le Gendre-King

- **Eveline Rodrigues**, international lawyer specialized in business law of African States and coordinator of development projects, and Vice-President at Initiative for Africa (IFA) Paris, France.
- **Donald Grant**, Executive Director at Ocean Startup Project of Canada's Ocean Supercluster
- **Tatiana Cabral**, Production Manager at Fazenda de Camarão (Shrimp Farm), Mindelo, Cabo Verde
- **Dr. Sue Molloy**, P.Eng., CEO at Glas Ocean Electric and adjunct professor at Dalhousie University (NS, Canada)
- **Ahmed Khan**, Chief Fisheries Officer (Coordinator Blue Economy Flagship) at African Development Bank Group, Abidjan

This panel shares the stories of diverse individuals connected to ocean businesses and/or innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. Panelists will discuss opportunities for youth and women in the startup sector, engaging in innovative aquaculture in Cabo Verde, approaches to ocean startups in Canada, and electric boating in Nova Scotia.

Break

(11:55-12:05)

Musical interlude: Zamani Folade (NS, Canada)

Keynote 3 – The Nairobi Sustainable Blue Economy Conference: Goals and Outcomes

Session (12:05-12:20)

Introduced by DOTCAN Board Member: Prof. Douglas Wallace

- **Catherine Blewett**, Chief Strategic Officer, Ocean Frontier Institute, Canada

Based on her leading role in the planning and organization of the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference, Catherine Blewett will give her observations on the event, its purpose and outcomes.

Panel 3 – International Trade and Business Opportunities

Session (12:25-13:25)

Introduced & Moderated by DOTCAN Board Member: Kenneth Oguzie

- **Louis Yaw Afful**, Group Executive Director African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) policy network Ghana and chairman, executive council APN Women of Africa Network
- **Eva Sow Ebion**, Co-founder of The Innovation for Policy Foundation, and Director of i4Policy
- **Trevor Kennedy**, Director of Trade and International Policy at Business Council of Canada
- **Christin Azarian**, Counsellor (Commercial) and Senior Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada to Senegal

This panel explores opportunities which the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides for African countries, as well as global stakeholders across multiple sectors. The panel would also explore the benefits of the agreement, with respect to access to new Markets, trade and foreign Direct Investments and the development of regional supply chains, all of which are important for economic transformation in the continent. Policy-related and investment issues facing startups in West Africa, including connectivity between Francophone and Anglophone countries, will also be addressed.

Closing Remarks - DOTCAN Board

Session (13:25-13:30)

REGISTRATION:

Please use the link below to register and find out more about the symposium.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u0JwnZBfSVO4AGbPiuXfzg

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the DOTCAN team at info@dotcan.africa.

Overview of the event's time zone distribution

Time zones	Atlantic Time (Halifax) during daylight saving time	GMT-1 (Cabo Verde)	GMT (Senegal)	GMT+1 (Nigeria & France) before daylight saving time
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Closing remarks	13:25-13:30	15:25-15:30	16:25-16:30	17:25-17:30