

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Ad Hoc Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics

## Technical Briefing on Information and Monitoring

**Palais des Nations, Salle XVI  
3 December 2018, 13:45-14:45**

**The session aims to provide an update on current developments in terms of monitoring marine litter and microplastics and to set the stage for the breakout groups on monitoring marine litter and microplastics.**

Introductory remarks and introduction to the panel by Jillian Campbell, UN Environment Statistician

Concluding remarks on the importance of global collaboration by Gilberto Camara-Neto, Director of the GEO Secretariat

### **Panel discussants include:**

Peter Kershaw, Chair of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection and Alex Turra from Brazil, promoting marine litter and the National Action Plan to Combat Marine Litter presenting the GESAMP methodological development

Eric Chassignet, Director Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies Professor of Oceanography Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science at Florida State University and Rene Garello, Télécom Bretagne, Fellow IEEE, head of the transverse program ICTO (ICT and OCEANS) on the current status and opportunities for global monitoring

Elizabeth Tyson, National Geographic Citizen Explorer Labs on utilizing citizen science data

John Michael Orimbo, Kenya Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources on the national perspective in Kenya.

For more information on UN Environment's work on measuring marine litter in the context of SDG 14 see: <https://uneplive.unep.org/egm/pariseutrophication> (UN Environment is working on a monitoring manual which is available at this site. Additionally, if you would like to join the Community of Practice for the Expert Group please email Diana Ngina at [diana.ngina@un.org](mailto:diana.ngina@un.org) and copy [campbell7@un.org](mailto:campbell7@un.org).