



## 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

**“Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future”  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October 2018**



### **Special event “UN Ocean Conference Community of Ocean Action on Mangroves: Progress and opportunities”**

**22 October 12:00-1:30 Room 5A**

**Dubai Festival Arena**

#### **12:00-12:28 Keynote addresses**

Ambassador Peter Thomson. Un Secretary General ´s Special Envoy for the Ocean

Martha Rojas Urrego. Ramsar Convention Secretary General, Focal Point UN  
Community of Ocean Action on Mangroves

Stewart Maginnis. Global Director - Nature-based Solutions Group on behalf of DG  
International Union for Conservation of Nature. Focal Point UN Community of Ocean  
Action on Mangroves.

Elizabeth Marema. Law and Conventions Division. UNEP

#### **12:30-13:20 Reflection of some voluntary commitments**

Mark Taylor. Mr Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Environment  
and Energy, Australia

Ana Paula Prates. Director of Conservation Ecosystems Organization  
Ministry of Environment - Department of Protected Areas, Brazil.

Sandeep K. Singh. Director of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Fiji

Michael Löfroth. Deputy Director. Ministry of Environment and Energy  
Sweden.

**Expressions of new voluntary commitments from countries and other members of the Ocean Communities**

Belkis Montalvan Honduras on behalf of the Ramsar Regional Initiative of Mangroves and Coral Reefs

(Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela)

Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone of West Africa (Cabo Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone). Dr. Ahmed Senhoury Director PRMC.

13 :20-13 :30 Closing remarks  
UN Special Envoy for the Ocean. Ambassador Peter Thomson