



# Ocean's People Conference - Oslo

## Real solutions for fisherfolks, coastal communities, the sea and the climate

The ocean, ocean resources and coastal societies are threatened by pollution, climate change, unsustainable management, militarization and overfishing. The development is mainly driven by large investments and industrial fishing which have serious social, economic and environmental consequences for coastal communities, small fishermen, coastal fishermen, indigenous peoples and marginalized groups in the north and south.

The term "blue economy" is used to frame a development and exploitation of the sea that is dominated by large capital, large investments, and marine resources as private interests over the fish as belonging to the communities. In response to the "blue economy" agenda, civil society and social movements are gathering to provide voices and to set an agenda that serves coastal communities, the environment and people's future.

- What is the blue economy and what are its driving forces?
- What are threatening the economies of coastal and small fisher folk, and what are our alternatives?
- What are the lived experiences of local fishers from north and south?
- What are the real solutions and strategies for fishers, environment and communities?
- How can we protect the seas against push for deep-sea mining, oil spills, pollution and dumping?

These and other issues will be at the agenda when we meet

**Date: 21- 23 October**

**Place: Miljøhuset, 5th floor (Conference-room), Mariboegate 8, 0183 Oslo**

<b>Program</b>	
<b>Monday - 21th October</b>	
18:00- 20:30	<b>Opening of the Conference</b> Welcome by the Norwegian host/Helene Bank  <b>Presentation by Transnational Institute (TNI) on the Blue Economy</b> by Mads Barbesgaard Questions and dialogue with audience  Forming a group assigned to draft statement



Tuesday -22<sup>nd</sup> October

8:30- 8:45	<p><b>Opening and constitution of conference</b></p> <p>Formation of rapporteur group and media group</p>
08:45 – 09:00	<p><b>Introduction to Our Ocean - history and politics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Video-statement by Marthin Hadiwinata, KNTI</li> <li>- Comments by Mads Barbesgaard, TNI</li> </ul> <p>KNTI is an Indonesia Traditional Fisherfolks Union (KNTI) who worked with the parallel civil society conference to Our Ocean in Bali in 2018</p>
09:00- 10:30	<p><b>Block I: The lived experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>cases from coastal communities in the Global North and South</b></li> </ul> <p>The ocean has been central to human life for millennia and this inter-connectedness between human and nature remain central to the lives of millions of peoples across the world. In this session, we will learn how people live in co-existence with nature and discuss the impacts of the ocean economy.</p> <p>A panel conversation on small-scale fishing: What are the lived experiences? is local fishing culture reflected in the governance of marine resources? And what is the current development in the territorial waters?</p> <p><b>Panel dialogue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arne Pedersen, Norwegian fisher, Norges Kystfiskarlag</li> <li>- Eva Lisa Robertsen, Kystopprøret (Coastal rebellion)</li> <li>- Teina MacKenzie, Te Ipukarea Society (TIS) Cook Islands</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by Adam Wolfenden (PANG -Pacific network on Globalisation)</p>
10:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00- 13:00	<p><b>Block II: The driver of ocean economies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>From the overall analysis of ocean capitalism to concrete ocean sectors</b></li> </ul> <p>This block will enable us to connect the broader political and economic contexts of the ocean economy with concrete ocean sectors; we will look at specific sectors through a historical lens (how did the sector evolve and who are/were the key actors) and we will connect each sector to broader political and economic circumstances.</p> <p>A short intro and set of guiding questions will open for conversations on concrete ocean sectors.</p>



	<p>This conversation will also serve as an example on how to structure the conversations in the group discussions.</p> <p><b><u>Panel conversation (11:00 – 12:00)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adam Wolfenden, PANG</li> <li>- Niven Reddy, Groundwork, South Africa</li> <li>- Therese Hugstmyr Woie, Nature and Youth, Aquaculture</li> <li>- Haldis Tjeldflaat Helle, Nature and Youth Norway, Oil &amp; gas and the climate lawsuit</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Workshop discussions (12:00- 13:00)</u></b></p> <p>Group 1: Oil &amp; Gas (Facilitator: groundWork)</p> <p>Group 2: Deep sea mining (Facilitator: Fair Oceans)</p> <p>Group 3: Industrial aquaculture (Facilitator:)</p> <p>Group 4: Mine-dumping (Nature and Youth &amp; Society for Threatened Peoples)</p> <p>Group 5: Others</p> <p>Facilitated by Transnational Institute</p>
13:00	Lunch – draft statement shared for participants to read during lunch
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Workshops continued</b></p> <p>The feedback from group discussions will take form of short statements which will form the base for statements from the meeting/media statements</p> <p>Also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- make materials for demonstration (hand-posters)</li> <li>- press statements</li> </ul>
15:30	Coffee and tea break
16:00-17:15	<p><b>Presentation by the Foreign Ministry</b></p> <p>- by state-secretary Jens Frølich Holt</p> <p>The Norwegian government interests in Our Ocean, work on the high-level panel report on sustainable oceans, and expectations for the outcome of Our Ocean</p> <p>Questions</p> <p><b>Torgeir Knag Fylkesnes, Comment by the opposition in Parliament,</b> vice chair of the committee on business and trade, and vice president of the Socialist left part (tbc)</p> <p>Questions and debate from participants.</p>
17:15-19:00	<p><b>Preparing for Our Ocean</b></p> <p>Summary of the group work</p> <p>Strategies for Our Ocean opening</p> <p>Discussion on statement</p> <p><b>Facilitated by media group</b></p>



Wednesday Oct 23

10:30	<b>Opening and recap day 1</b>
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Block III: The mechanisms used to advance the blue economy</b></p> <p>Transnational corporations, international conservation organisations, and nation states apply a series of tools and engage in various policy process to advance the blue economy. These, which we will frame as mechanisms, are mainly oriented toward the generation and accumulation of profit and typically (it can be argued with some exemptions) overlook the environmental and social development pillars of the UN Sustainability Agenda.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thibault Josse, Pleine Mer, France</li> <li>- Adam Wolfenden, PANG, on Free trade Agreements and access to resources</li> <li>- Bente Aasjord, Fagforbundet, on the marginalisation of costal societies.</li> <li>- Peter Lunenborg, South Centre, fisheries subsidies negotiations and large-scale industrial fleets</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and debate</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Helene Bank, The Norwegian Trade Campaign</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Block IV: The Real Solutions and strategies</b></p> <p>The aim of this session focusing on solutions is to share and learn from each other. The session will also contribute to the finalisation of the statements produced as part of the workshop</p> <p>An intro with short pitches on solutions. On the basis hereof, participants will choose which group they want to join.</p> <p>- Video from Kystopprøret (Coastal rebellion)</p> <p><b>Pitch on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just transition (Niven Reddy, Groundwork, South Africa)</li> <li>- Strategies to counter the Blue Growth narrative (Fair Oceans and TNI)</li> <li>- The campaign: Take the sea back and the land in use - Are Einari Björklund Skau</li> <li>- Solutions articulated by participants</li> </ul> <p>We will go into groups; reflect upon the conversations over the last 1.5 day and discuss solutions and strategies.</p> <p><b>Break-away groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss strategies and way forward in discussion groups</li> <li>- Media statements</li> <li>- Work on our statement</li> </ul>



	Feedback with plenary discussion. Facilitated by: Transnational institute, groundWork, and Handelskampanjen
15:30- 16:30	<b>Workshop discussions continued</b>  Feedback from group work. Presentation of statement prepared by drafting group Presentation and discussion of strategies forward
16:30- 17:00	Tea break
17:00- 18:30	<b>Workshop continued</b>  Is there an interest in taking this initiative forward? What are the implications in terms of commitment and human resources? Is there interest in forming a group to move forward?
18:30	End of conference

#### Thursday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

Facilities open for working groups, support groups for media, SCO participants at 006 etc. The hosts are available for practical support

**Organisations behind the conference:** Handelskampanjen (The Norwegian Trade Campaign)<sup>1</sup>, Transnational Institute (TNI), Norwegian Social Forum, Kampanjen Ta havet tilbake og jorda i bruk, Indonesian Traditional Fisherfolks Union (KNTI), Pacific network on globalisation (PANG), Fair-Oceans, and Ozeanien-Dialoge

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<sup>1</sup> The Norwegian Trade Campaign is a network of organisations: Attac, Fagforbundet, For Velferdsstaten, Handel og Kontor, Latin Amerikagruppene i Norge, Natur og Ungdom, Nei til EU, Norges Bondelag, Norges Bygdekvinnelag, Norges Bygdeungdomslag, Norsk Bonde- og Småbrukarlag, Økologisk Norge, PRESS, Spire, Ungdom mot EU, Utviklingsfondet, og Folkeaksjonen mot TISA.