



Briefing Note: UNESCO Launch of UN Oceans Decade event – speech notes and run sheet.

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Purpose of Report

This report provides further information on the upcoming New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO's Decade of Ocean Science launch event.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends that you:

- a **note** the draft speech notes and Q and As for the NZ National Commission for UNESCO's Decade of Ocean Science launch event.

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- b **note** the draft run sheet for the Decade of Ocean Science event.

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Background

1. In the previous briefing [METIS 1249569 refers] you were briefed on the work of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). Your office subsequently agreed on your behalf to accept an invitation to speak as the Minister responsible for UNESCO at the official launch of the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The Decade aims to reverse the decline in ocean health and campaign for transformative ocean science that will contribute to more sustainable development for all.

Decade of Ocean Science Launch Event

2. You agreed to open the Decade of Ocean Science launch event which is being held on UN World Oceans Day on June 8 at the Banquet Hall in Parliament.
3. The event brings together a wide range of experts in ocean research, crown research institutes, government agencies, as well as indigenous knowledges and mātauranga Māori.
4. The event will run from 4pm to 6pm. The NZ National Commission for UNESCO Chair, Robyn Baker will speak first and introduce you. You will be invited to provide introductory comments and we have included speech notes for your review, (attached as Annex One).
5. UNESCO Culture Commissioner Dr Daniel Hikuroa will MC the event. He will introduce speakers who will provide an overview of their work and key issues facing the ocean.
6. The National Commission will then launch their new online search tool (website) which showcases the importance of indigenous knowledges (particularly Māori and Pacific) in ocean science and connects New Zealanders and international audiences with the breadth and depth of New Zealand ocean science.
7. The event will conclude with an open discussion about the Decade, led by MC Dr Daniel Hikuroa, followed by an opportunity for guests to network over refreshments. We have attached some questions and answers should you be approached during the event (attached as Annex Two).
8. The draft run sheet is attached for your information (attached as Annex Three).

Annexes

Annex One:	Draft Speech Notes
Annex Two:	Questions and Answers
Annex Three:	Run Sheet