



Seagrass Asia-Pacific 2023 Conference Program

Conference day 1: Wednesday 8 February

1.05 pm - 1.25 pm: Keynote presentation

Dr. Simon Funge-Smith, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

1.25 pm - 2.25 pm: Session 1: Smart seaweed farming

1.25 pm - 1.45 pm: Dr. Shrikumar Suryanarayan, Chairman, Managing Director, Sea6 Energy, India

1.45 pm - 2.05 pm: Job Schipper, Partner, Advisor, SWD Connectors, The Netherlands

2.05 pm - 2.25 pm: Tran Dinh Luan, Director General, D-Fish, Vietnam

2.35 pm - 3.35 pm: Session 2: Seaweed business / investment aspects

2.35 pm - 2.55 pm: Dr. Paul Dobbins, Senior Director Impact Investing, World Wildlife Fund, USA

2.55 pm - 3.15 pm: Koji Yamamoto, General Manager, Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), Japan

3.15 pm - 3.35 pm: Karlotta Rieve, Project Manager, Hatch Blue, Norway

3.35 pm - 4.45 pm: Session 3: Panel discussion: seaweed state of play in Asia-Pacific

Panelists:
Maya Puspita, Seaweed Specialist & Marine Biologist, Manager, SELT Alga Indonesia, Head of R&D, Indonesian Seaweed Association (ARLI)

Jo Kelly, CEO, Australian Seaweed Institute, Australia

Dr. CRK Reddy, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India

4.45 pm - 5.00 pm: Closure of the first conference day

Conference day 2: Thursday 9 February

1.00 pm - 1.20 pm: Keynote presentation

Dr. Brian Von Herzen, Executive Director, Climate Foundation, Australia

1.20 pm - 2.00 pm: Session 4: Seaweed breeding and disease aspects

1.20 pm - 1.40 pm: Michael Y. Roleda, Professor, University of the Philippines, Philippines

1.40 pm - 2.00 pm: Dr. Nita Rukminasari, Associate Professor, Universitas Hasanuddin, Indonesia

2.10 pm - 3.10 pm: Session 5: Seaweed applications

2.10 pm - 2.30 pm: Dr. Rob Kinley, Chief Scientist, FutureFeed, Australia

2.30 pm - 2.50 pm: Dr. Jang K. Kim, Professor, Incheon National University, South Korea

2.50 pm - 3.10 pm: Dr. Pia Winberg, CEO, PhycoHealth, Venus Shell Systems, Australia

3.20 pm - 4.10 pm Session 6: Virtual seaweed tour around the world

3.20 pm - 3.30 pm: Mitchell Lench, CEO, Founder, Ocean's Balance, USA

3.30 pm - 3.40 pm: Stephanie Debels, SEACROPS, Belgium Product and Marketing Manager, BGC, Belgium

3.40 pm - 3.50 pm Prof. Alejandro Buschmann, Centro i-mar, CeBiB & Mash, Universidad de Los Lagos, Puerto Montt, Chile

3.50 pm - 4.00 pm: Josh Castle, Aboitiz Reimagine, Philippines

4.00 pm - 4.10 pm: Jorunn Skjermo, Senior Research Scientist, SINTEF, Norway

4.10 pm - 4.30 pm: Guest speaker: Scott Lindell, Research Specialist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA / Gold Winner of Seagrass USA 2022 Innovation Award

4.30 pm - 4.40 pm: Invitation to Seagrass USA 2023

4.40 pm - 4.50 pm: Closure of Conference