Nippon Foundation Nereus Program Side-event
United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on
Oceans and the Law of the Sea: Twentieth meeting

TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2019
13:15 - 14:30
Conference Room 01

INTERDISCIPLINARITY AND EQUITY:
YOUNG SCIENTISTS’ REFLECTIONS ON TRANSFORMATIVE
APPROACHES TO SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development requires transformative approaches to ocean science. To understand
the relationship between a changing ocean and human health and wellbeing requires
interdisciplinary research combining the investigation of ocean ecosystems as well as associated
socioeconomic, political, legal and cultural factors. Such research also brings opportunities to
better understand and address inequity.

This side-event will present young scientist’s experiences of innovative, interdisciplinary research
to support ocean action and enable equitable outcomes - ranging from empowering indigenous
communities, to sustaining community-based fishery management, to conserving marine biodiversity
at ocean-basin scales. Presenters will reflect on the best practices and keys to success for
translating research into equitable societal outcomes, and discuss aspirations and
recommendations for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
(2021-2030) to harness transformative approaches to ocean science and empower young
scientists to engage.

Panelists
• Dr. Harriet Harden-Davies, University of Wollongong
• Dr. Tiff-Annie Kenny, University of Ottawa
• Dr. Julia Mason, Stanford University
• Dr. Becca Selden, Wellesley College
• Dr. Katy Seto, University of California Santa Cruz

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