

MODERATOR WORDS: MARC JOURDAN, GFDD UN REPRESENTATIVE & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

7:20PM - Introductory words:

Hello, my name is Marc Jourdan, I am the UN Representative for the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development.

As my colleague Yamile Eusebio, we have put together a panel of speakers to continue the discussion around some of the themes explored in our publication authored by Mat Rosa and Hilary Lohmann, on the topic of climate change adaptation.

The participants gathered here today include Ms. Yamile Eusebio Director of GFDD New York Office, Mr. Mat Rosa, GFDD Research Fellow and Author of the Publication, Ms. Hilary Lohmann, GFDD Research Fellow and co-author of the publication, Ms. Karen Kent, Senior Coastal Resource Manager at Rhode Island University Coastal Resources Center and Dr. Ruben Torres of Reef Check Dominican Republic.

Thank you all for agreeing to be here. (PAUSE)

First I would like to introduce our guests:

Hilary Lohmann is our 2014 GFDD Fellows Candidate and author of this publication. She has an MA in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a BA in Animal Behavior and Spanish from Bucknell University. With a passion for conservation issues in the face of climate change, Hilary will present to us her summary of the findings in her publication and their implications for coastal resources and communities.

Next, we have Dr. Ruben Torres. With a Ph.D. in Marine Biology from the University of Miami and B.Sc. in Biology at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dr. Torres is the Regional coordinator for Reef Check International, Founder and President of Reef Check Dominican Republic. Dr. Torres will consider the ecological impacts of climate change on the Dominican coastline.

Finally with us today is Ms. Karen Kent. Karen has more than 20 years of experience in international development project and program design, management and evaluation, including applied research, technical assistance and institutional capacity building. She will discuss some of the initiatives and projects conducted by the Coastal Resources Center, and highlight the relevance of Ms. Lohmann's work.

Closing: Thank speakers, sponsors, remind availability of book and invite to next event.