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Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain is a world leader in the field of integrated coastal and ocean governance and has forged international collaboration among all sectors of the international oceans community to advance the global oceans agenda. As Director of the Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, Dr. Cicin-Sain oversaw a program of research, policy analyses, conferences, publications, and advice-giving to governmental, non-governmental and private sector institutions. She is the founder and president of the Global Ocean Forum, initially mobilized in 2001 to place issues related to oceans, coasts and island states on the agenda of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and to agree on a detailed set of global ocean targets and timelines.



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