



Program Summary

Auditorium 1 will launch at **01:00:00 UTC** on December 14th and 16th, convenient for attendees in Australia, Asia, and the Western Pacific.

Auditorium 2 will launch at **10:00:00 UTC** on December 14th and 16th, convenient for attendees in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

Auditorium 3 will launch at **17:00:00 UTC** on December 14th and 16th, convenient for attendees in the Americas.

You can join whichever auditorium is most convenient to your region.

DAY 1: DECEMBER 14, 2021

Keynote Speakers

Michele Weber

Director of Conservation Innovation of [Revive and Restore](#), challenges the prevailing thinking towards holistic restoration and its intended consequences by promoting the incorporation of biotechnologies in coral reef conservation and restoration efforts.

Ian McLeod

Assistant Program Director for Australia's [Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program](#) provides an update from RRAP and its significant strides over the last three years since Reef Futures 2018.

Jennifer Koss

Director of [NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program](#) reviews the [Global Coral R&D Accelerator Platform](#) updates and advancements since its launch by the G20 in 2020.

Veta Wade

CEO and Founder of AQUA Montserrat and [Fish 'N Fish inc.](#) Shares her mission to build equability and generate a blue economy for the Caribbean and greater ocean stewardship for island communities.

Gator Halpern

Co Founder of [Coral Vita](#), brings a commercial perspective to scaling up restoration efforts discussing a new opportunity as a recent recipient of the [Earthshot Prize](#).



Day 1 Regular Program Synopsis

Reef Futures virtual brings you a selection of curated content, highlighting the most critical advancements in reef restoration efforts. In addition to our keynote addresses, the program of day 1 will also showcase updates from the CRC, highlighting advancements from our steering committee and working group chairs since Reef Futures 2018. Presentations from our guest speakers will cover a range of topics including advancements in large-scale coral production, monitoring techniques, biobanking, and novel collaborations for building capacity and expanding restoration efforts. Additionally, there will also be highlights from restoration efforts around the world from locations like Indonesia, Colombia, and Puerto Rico.

DAY 2: DECEMBER 16, 2021

Keynote Speakers

Andrea Grotolli

President of the [International Coral Reef Society](#). Presenting on decadal grand challenges to rebuild coral reefs.

Sarah Fangman

Superintendent of the [Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary](#) reviews one of the worlds' most ambitious coral restoration efforts, [Mission: Iconic Reefs](#), and the initiatives status and success to date since its launch in 2019.

Carly Kenkel

Assistant Professor, [University of Southern California](#), addresses the myth of the super coral by discussing expectations for selective breeding of corals

Nikki Traylor-Knowles

Assistant Professor at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami dispels the myth of the Super Coral.

Day 2 Regular Program synopsis

Day 2 of the Reef Futures Virtual platform continues to bring you the latest and greatest content from global restoration efforts and coral reef conservation initiatives. In addition to our keynote lineup, you'll hear more updates from the CRC's leadership team, and see presentations about advancements in coral spawning and larval-based restoration, coral rescue and relocation efforts, and ways to build collaborative networks for scaling up restoration efforts.