Against the Plastic Tide:
Lessons from Inspiring Community Leaders Tackling Marine Plastic Pollution

Friday, 14th June 2019, 10.00am – 2.00pm
Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU

10.00am Arrivals and Coffee

10.30am Introduction and welcome to Lambeth, on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury
Co-chairs: The Rt Rev’d Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol and Stephen Harris, Special Representative, Commonwealth Clean Ocean Alliance

10.40am Opening panel: Against the plastic tide: How can we make a difference?

Archbishop Winston Halapua: Former Bishop of Polynesia and one of three Co-Archbishops of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Dr Lindsay Turnbull: Associate Professor and Fellow of The Queen’s College, Oxford University Aldabra Cleanup Project, Seychelles

Briony Coulson: Head, Oceans and Plastics Pollution, Marine and Fisheries Directorate, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Fiona Ball: Sky Ocean Rescue

Joanne Green: Senior Policy Adviser, Tearfund. Co-author: No Time to Waste

11.40am Coffee

12 noon Looking at ways forward: discussion in table groups of those who work in similar organisations (High Commissioners, academic experts, specialist NGOs, religious leaders etc)

Each group will be asked to address the same challenge: How can we make a difference?

What is the one thing that we would propose that would be most impactful in tackling marine plastic pollution for i) early harvest - within a year; ii) medium term - 3-5 years; iii) systemic change.

12.30pm Plenary discussion: Working together to make a difference: next steps
Co-chairs: The Rt Rev’d Graham Usher, Bishop of Dudley and Prof Richard Thompson, School of Biological and Marine Sciences, University of Plymouth

1.00pm Buffet lunch and continuing discussion

2.00pm Departures