

## **Ocean Decade Implementation: Summary of Developments**

Significant progress has been made in the implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Following the analysis of the first set of submissions received to Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021, endorsed Decade Actions now number 43 programmes, 146 projects and 51 contributions. They are led by partners from over 40 countries. Fifteen of these Decade Actions are led by UN entities. Call for Decade Actions No. 03/2022 focusing on sustainable blue food and sustainable ocean economy is open until August 2022. Five Decade Collaborative Centres have been established and will provide essential coordination support to the Decade Coordination Unit housed within IOC-UNESCO. The Decade Advisory Board comprising 15 expert members and five UN entity representatives was established and met twice throughout this period to review programme submissions and provide strategic advice on the Decade implementation. 28 National Decade Committees are currently operational. There is significant action at the regional level coordinated by seven regional taskforces and key achievements included the launch of the Ocean Decade Africa Roadmap and the Southern Ocean Action Plan. A major meeting of philanthropic partners was held in Morocco in June 2022 focusing on support to co-design, capacity development and science communication. The Ocean Decade Alliance has expanded to include ten Patrons and sixteen institutional members from government, industry, UN entities and philanthropy. The launch of a joint call to action from Alliance members for investment in ocean science is planned for the UN Ocean Conference. Communications and outreach have been intensive, with the launch of the GenOcean communications campaign and major presence of the Decade in international events including UNFCCC COP26 and the 2022 UN Ocean Conference.