

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

Significant progress has been made in the implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Endorsed Decade Actions include 52 programmes, 363 projects and 100 contributions. They are led by partners from over 60 countries, although gaps persist in Decade Actions led by partners in SIDS and LDCs. Call for Decade Actions No. 07/2024 focusing on contributions to strengthen existing Decade Actions and coordination structures is open until August 2024. Twelve Decade Coordination Offices / Decade Collaborative Centres have been established and are providing 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 met regularly throughout this period to review programme submissions and provide strategic advice on Decade implementation. 38 National Decade Committees are currently operational. There is significant action at the regional level including the establishment of the Africa Ocean Decade Taskforce and new regional coordination structures in the South Pacific and the Tropical Americas and Caribbean. A major meeting of philanthropic partners was held in Monaco in June 2023 and identified new initiatives to support Decade implementation. The Ocean Decade Alliance has expanded to include eleven Patrons and nineteen institutional members from government, industry, UN entities and philanthropy. The 2024 Ocean Decade Conference (Barcelona, April) convened over 2,600 participants and resulted in The Barcelona Statement outlining science and knowledge priorities for the coming years of the Ocean Decade, together with a series of critical enabling factors related to resource mobilisation, partnerships, and the operationalisation of an enhanced science-policy-society interface.