

# **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**

## **Implementation Plan**

### **Executive Summary**

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The vision of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development is the ‘science we need for the ocean we want’. The Decade provides a convening framework for diverse stakeholders to co-design and co-deliver solution-oriented research needed for a well-functioning ocean in support of the 2030 Agenda. The Decade will facilitate the co-development of services and tools for decision-makers, policy developers, innovators, and managers at all scales. Capacity development, ocean literacy and the removal of barriers to full gender, generational, and geographic diversity will be systematic. The Decade will stimulate innovation, and increase access to technology - including data and knowledge platforms. The Implementation Plan documents Decade outcomes that describe the ‘ocean we want’ by 2030, and a series of Ocean Decade Challenges to unite partners around the most immediate priorities of the Decade. A series of objectives will frame Decade Actions that will be proposed by diverse partners, and endorsed by Decade governance and coordination structures. The Decade will promote the emergence of an extensive stakeholder engagement network. Financing of Decade Actions will be via direct financial or in-kind support, or via the Ocean Decade Alliance – a mechanism for large-scale commitments. The Decade Board – a high-level advisory body, will provide strategic oversight of the Decade. A Decade Coordination Unit, within the IOC Secretariat, will work with decentralized coordination structures to coordinate Decade implementation. The impact and progress of the Decade will be tracked and used to regularly review the Implementation Plan.