

2021 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CALL FOR DECADE ACTIONS NO. 01/2020

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN 5 OCTOBER 2020 5 JANUARY 2021

THE OCEAN DECADE

The vision of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development is 'the science we need for the ocean we want'.

To achieve the Ocean Decade vision, a wide range of partners will implement endorsed Decade Actions in the form of programmes, projects or activities over the next ten years. Proponents of endorsed Decade Actions will have the opportunity to join a highly visible, shared, global effort that builds on decades of achievement in ocean science. There will be opportunities to create new collaborations across disciplines, geographies and generations, as well as opportunities to access new sources of support.

Via this Call for Decade Actions, UNESCO-IOC invites partners to request endorsement under the Ocean Decade for transformative Decade Actions that contribute to the Ocean Decade vision.

This Call for Decade Actions is the first of a series that will be launched as part of the Ocean Decade and it focuses specifically on:

- large-scale, multi-country, transformative Decade programmes; and
- large-scale contributions of in-kind or financial resources for Decade Actions or coordination costs.

Programmes or contributions that will enhance the sustainability of ocean science, including infrastructure or individual or institutional capacity, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic are welcome in response to this call. Actions in any part of the world are welcome, and there is no limitation on who can submit a request for endorsement.

A suite of documents provides additional information on the Call including the <u>Implementation Plan</u>, the <u>Guidance Note for Applicants</u> and an <u>FAQ page</u> on the Ocean Decade website. Interested parties should complete and submit the relevant online <u>"Request for Endorsement"</u> before 15 January 2021.

Two virtual sessions will provide additional information on the Call for Decade Actions. The first of these sessions will be held on 20 October 2020 and the second on 6 November 2020. Information on these sessions will be posted on <u>www.oceandecade.org</u>.

Decisions on endorsement under this Call will be made in the first quarter of 2021.

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