



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 - Programme Expression of Interest

Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 - Expressions of Interest for Programme proposals

According to the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, a Decade Programme "is typically global or regional in scale and will contribute to the achievement of one or more of the Ocean Decade Challenges. It is long-term (multi-year), interdisciplinary and will consist of component projects and potentially enabling activities."

Applicants are first invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) demonstrating the urgency of the initiative and the alignment with the [Barcelona Statement](#), how they align with [existing programmes](#) and science-policy integration.

Please read all the supporting documentation to the Call carefully before submitting your application:

1. [Guidance Note](#)
2. [FAQ](#)
3. [Ocean Decade Implementation Plan and Summary](#)
4. [Co-designing the science we need for the ocean we want](#)
5. [Ambition, Action, Impact: the Ocean Decade Pathway to 2030](#)
6. [FAIR](#) and [CARE](#) principles of data sharing

The deadline for submission of this form is 15 June 2025 23h59 UTC.

The Expressions of Interest submitted via this form will be reviewed by the Decade Coordination Unit and the Decade Advisory Board. If successful, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal by 30 September 2025.

If you wish to submit another type of Decade Action during Call for Decade Actions No 09/2025, please refer to the [Guidance Note](#) and the [Call page](#) for more information.

Important Information:

1) Please note that all character limits include spaces.

2) You can find the PDF and Word versions of the form [here](#). Please note that these are for your use only, e.g. to help prepare your submission. Only submissions sent via the online form will be accepted.

For any questions, please contact oceandecade@unesco.org with “Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025” in the subject line.



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Eligibility

* 1. Before proceeding with your submission, please ensure that you meet the requirements as a Decade Programme described in [this document](#). Do you wish to proceed with your submission as a Decade Programme?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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Proposal scope

* 2. On which Ocean Decade Challenge will your Decade Action have a primary focus?

- ☐ Challenge 1: Understand and map land and sea-based sources of pollutants and contaminants and their potential impacts on human health and ocean ecosystems and develop solutions to remove or mitigate them.
- ☐ Challenge 2: Understand the effects of multiple stressors on ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to monitor, protect, manage and restore ecosystems and their biodiversity under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- ☐ Challenge 3: Generate knowledge, support innovation and develop solutions to optimize the role of the ocean in sustainably nourishing the world's population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- ☐ Challenge 4: Generate knowledge, support innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships and develop solutions for equitable, resilient and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- ☐ Challenge 5: Enhance understanding of the ocean-climate nexus and generate knowledge and solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to the effects of climate change across all geographies and at all scales, and to improve services including predictions for the ocean, climate and weather.
- ☐ Challenge 6: Enhance multi-hazard early warning services for all geophysical, ecological, biological, weather, climate and anthropogenic related ocean and coastal hazards, and mainstream community preparedness and resilience.
- ☐ Challenge 7: Ensure a sustainable and sustained ocean observing system across all ocean basins that delivers accessible, timely and actionable data and information to all users.
- ☐ Challenge 8: Through multi-stakeholder collaboration, develop a comprehensive digital representation of the ocean, including a dynamic ocean map, which provides free and open access for exploring, discovering, and visualizing past, current, and future ocean conditions in a manner relevant to diverse stakeholders.
- ☐ Challenge 9: Ensure comprehensive capacity development and equitable access to data, information, knowledge and technology across all aspects of ocean science and for all stakeholders.
- ☐ Challenge 10: Meaningful society-ocean connections are strengthened, driving increased motivation, capability and opportunity for people, across all sectors of society, to make decisions, act and behave in ways that ensure a healthy ocean.

* 3. Which priority outlined in the Barcelona Statement does your proposal aim to address?

Please refer to the [Barcelona Statement](#) for more information on the priorities. Please select up to three options.

- ☐ Understand global distribution and human health and ecosystem impacts of marine pollution across the land-sea continuum, including the identification of priority pollutants and consideration of emerging and unregulated pollutants.
- ☐ Enhance and scale-up marine and coastal ecosystem-based management approaches, including a focus on better understanding of and solutions for multiple stressors.
- ☐ Better understand deep-sea ecosystems, including vulnerability to climate change and new or emerging economic activities.
- ☐ Encourage sustainable, resilient, and equitable small-scale fisheries and aquaculture and facilitate sustainable management of industrial fisheries.
- ☐ Strengthen sustainable aquatic food production and innovation for new frontiers with a focus on developing countries and strengthened public-private partnerships.
- ☐ Underpin evidence-based Sustainable Ocean Plans at the national level and in relevant transboundary areas.
- ☐ Encourage sustainable and climate resilient ocean economy projects, prioritizing those that integrate environmental conservation with socio-economic benefits for local communities.
- ☐ Rapidly scale up climate mitigation including through marine renewable energy and management of coastal ecosystems.
- ☐ Allow timely understanding of the technical, ecological, and social feasibility, potential impacts of proposed marine carbon dioxide removal initiatives and contribute to future policy and regulation development.
- ☐ Underpin adaptive governance and management systems and decision support tools for the assessment of vulnerability and risk to coastal communities and marine industries.
- ☐ Develop economic models, policies, and innovative financial instruments to diversify and accelerate investment in ocean science, including for enhanced digital representation of the ocean and sustained and sustainable ocean observing and infrastructure.
- ☐ Inform knowledge drawn from transdisciplinary social science and ocean literacy research on human-ocean connection, behavior change, and cultural engagement that can be integrated into Ocean Decade digital infrastructure and used to map and measure the impact of ocean literacy initiatives.
- ☐ Increase engagement with the health sector and better understand connections between ocean health and human health.

* 4. Please provide more details on how this proposal aligns with the priorities identified in [The Barcelona Statement](#) (max 3000 characters).



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Proponent and Partner Details

* 5. Lead Institution Name

The lead institution is the one responsible for the programme and where the lead contact is affiliated to.

* 6. Lead Institution Type

* 7. Lead Institution Physical Address

Street Address

Town/City

Postal/Zip Code

* 8. Lead Institution Country

* 9. Is your institution based in a Least Developed Country, Small Island Developing State, or Africa

Please find a list of SIDS [here](#).

Please find a list of LDCs [here](#).

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 10. Lead Institution Website

* 11. Lead Institution Primary Contact

This is the person responsible for the proposal and who will be directly contacted in future communications throughout the review process, and will be expected to sign the letter of endorsement should your application be successful.

First Name

Last Name

* 12. Lead institution primary contact gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to say

*** 13. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address**

*** 14. Email contact of person completing survey**

This person might not be the same as the lead institutional contact, but will be someone we will include in future communications throughout the review process.

*** 15. Partner Institution Names**

Please provide the names of up to five partner lead institutions. Other partner details can be provided if you are invited to submit a full application.

Partner No. 1
Institution name

Partner No. 2
Institution name

Partner No. 3
Institution name

Partner No. 4
Institution name

Partner No. 5
Institution name



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Decade Action Description

*** 16. Name of Decade Action**

The public facing name used to refer to your Decade Action. Your Action name must be fewer than 50 characters.

*** 17. Short name or acronym of Decade Action**

* 18. Is the project you are proposing an ongoing initiative or new?

- ☐ Ongoing Initiative
- ☐ New Initiative

* 19. Please succinctly describe your proposed Decade Action (max. 3000 characters).

* 20. Please describe how your Decade programme proposal creates positive synergies and integrates with existing endorsed Decade programmes (max. 3000 characters).

Please clearly identify all Decade programmes you have had consultation with in the preparation of the EOI and provide concrete examples of how you will create synergies and collaboration with these programmes.

* 21. Please describe the tangible and concrete ways in which the science and knowledge generated by your proposed Decade programme will inform decision making to support sustainable development (max. 3000 characters)

* 22. Have you contacted any relevant decentralized coordination structure(s) (Decade Coordination Office or Decade Collaborative Centre) in the development of your proposal?

Full list can be found [here](#).

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.

* 23. Have you contacted any relevant National Decade Committee(s) in the development of your proposal?

Full list can be found [here](#).

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.

* 24. When will your proposed Action start and end?

Please use the first of the month in which your Action will start if you do not have a specific start date.

Start Date

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

End Date

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

* 25. Total Budget estimate for the Decade Action to the nearest whole number with no punctuation.

* 26. Please indicate the currency of the above budget.

* 27. Estimate of percentage of total budget secured

This can include in-kind and financial resources.

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* 28. Please select all countries in which the Decade Action will be implemented.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Countries | <input type="checkbox"/> Gabon | <input type="checkbox"/> Oman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan | <input type="checkbox"/> Gambia (Republic of The) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Albania | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Palau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algeria | <input type="checkbox"/> Germany | <input type="checkbox"/> Palestine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andorra | <input type="checkbox"/> Ghana | <input type="checkbox"/> Panama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angola | <input type="checkbox"/> Greece | <input type="checkbox"/> Papua New Guinea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anguilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> Paraguay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antigua and Barbuda | <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemala | <input type="checkbox"/> Peru |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Argentina | <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenia | <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea-Bissau | <input type="checkbox"/> Poland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Guyana | <input type="checkbox"/> Portugal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria | <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Qatar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Azerbaijan | <input type="checkbox"/> Honduras | <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Korea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungary | <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Moldova |

<input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain	<input type="checkbox"/> Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/> Romania
<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh	<input type="checkbox"/> India	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian Federation
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbados	<input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Rwanda
<input type="checkbox"/> Belarus	<input type="checkbox"/> Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Kitts and Nevis
<input type="checkbox"/> Belgium	<input type="checkbox"/> Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Lucia
<input type="checkbox"/> Belize	<input type="checkbox"/> Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
<input type="checkbox"/> Benin	<input type="checkbox"/> Israel	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoa
<input type="checkbox"/> Bhutan	<input type="checkbox"/> Italy	<input type="checkbox"/> San Marino
<input type="checkbox"/> Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaica	<input type="checkbox"/> Sao Tome and Principe
<input type="checkbox"/> Bosnia and Herzegovina	<input type="checkbox"/> Japan	<input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia
<input type="checkbox"/> Botswana	<input type="checkbox"/> Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/> Senegal
<input type="checkbox"/> Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/> Kazakhstan	<input type="checkbox"/> Serbia
<input type="checkbox"/> British Virgin Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenya	<input type="checkbox"/> Seychelles
<input type="checkbox"/> Brunei Darussalam	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiribati	<input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leone
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulgaria	<input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait	<input type="checkbox"/> Singapore
<input type="checkbox"/> Burkina Faso	<input type="checkbox"/> Kyrgyzstan	<input type="checkbox"/> Slovakia
<input type="checkbox"/> Burundi	<input type="checkbox"/> Lao People's Democratic Republic	<input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabo Verde	<input type="checkbox"/> Latvia	<input type="checkbox"/> Solomon Islands
<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/> Somalia
<input type="checkbox"/> Cameroon	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesotho	<input type="checkbox"/> South Africa
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada	<input type="checkbox"/> Liberia	<input type="checkbox"/> South Sudan
<input type="checkbox"/> Central African Republic (CAR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Libya	<input type="checkbox"/> Spain
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad	<input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lanka
<input type="checkbox"/> Chile	<input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania	<input type="checkbox"/> Sudan
<input type="checkbox"/> China	<input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg	<input type="checkbox"/> Suriname
<input type="checkbox"/> Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/> Madagascar	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweden
<input type="checkbox"/> Comoros	<input type="checkbox"/> Malawi	<input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland
<input type="checkbox"/> Congo	<input type="checkbox"/> Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/> Syrian Arab Republic
<input type="checkbox"/> Cook Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Maldives	<input type="checkbox"/> Tajikistan
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rica	<input type="checkbox"/> Mali	<input type="checkbox"/> Thailand
<input type="checkbox"/> Cote d'Ivoire	<input type="checkbox"/> Malta	<input type="checkbox"/> Timor-Leste
<input type="checkbox"/> Croatia	<input type="checkbox"/> Marshall Islands	<input type="checkbox"/> Togo
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuba	<input type="checkbox"/> Mauritania	<input type="checkbox"/> Tonga
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/> Mauritius	<input type="checkbox"/> Trinidad and Tobago
<input type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Tunisia
		<input type="checkbox"/> Türkiye

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic People's Republic of Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Micronesia (Federated States of) | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkmenistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Republic of the Congo | <input type="checkbox"/> Monaco | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuvalu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark | <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolia | <input type="checkbox"/> Uganda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Djibouti | <input type="checkbox"/> Montenegro | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominica | <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco | <input type="checkbox"/> United Arab Emirates (UAE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozambique | <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuador | <input type="checkbox"/> Myanmar | <input type="checkbox"/> United Republic of Tanzania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt | <input type="checkbox"/> Namibia | <input type="checkbox"/> United States of America (USA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvador | <input type="checkbox"/> Nauru | <input type="checkbox"/> Uruguay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial Guinea | <input type="checkbox"/> Nepal | <input type="checkbox"/> Uzbekistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eritrea | <input type="checkbox"/> Netherlands (Kingdom of the) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanuatu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estonia | <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand | <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eswatini | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaragua | <input type="checkbox"/> Viet Nam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopia | <input type="checkbox"/> Niger | <input type="checkbox"/> Yemen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiji | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigeria | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finland | <input type="checkbox"/> North Macedonia | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> France | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway | |

* 29. Please select all ocean basins in which the Decade Action will be implemented.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> North Atlantic Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Atlantic Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Pacific Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Ocean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including regional seas) | |



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Disqualification page

Please consider submitting your proposal as a different Decade Action. Here are the options:

Decade Project: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Proj_CFDA9

Decade Contribution: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DecadeContribution>

Decade Activity: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DecadeActivity>

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