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Cities with the Ocean Initiative

Implementation in the Indian Ocean Region

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Cities with the Ocean: a new platform to support the sustainable development of coastal urban territories



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- Coastal urban territories are hotspots of the relationship between People and the Ocean, where both challenges and opportunities are the most acute.
- The Platform facilitates access to the Ocean Decade for coastal cities worldwide
- Mobilize the Ocean Decade ecosystem to enable coastal cities to take ownership of marine sciences and strengthen the consideration of the ocean in their sustainable development.
- A **cross-cutting** approach, across all the Decade's challenges, to address the **threats** and **opportunities** for coastal cities.



Challenge 1

Understand and beat marine pollution



Challenge 3

Sustainably feed the global population



Challenge 5

Unlock ocean-based solutions to climate change



Challenge 7

Expand the Global Ocean Observing System



Challenge 9

Skills, knowledge and technology for all



Challenge 2

Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity



Challenge 4

Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy



Challenge 6

Increase community resilience to ocean hazards



Challenge 8

Create a digital representation of the ocean



Challenge 10

Change humanity's relationship with the ocean



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Bringing two communities together

Urban development and management

Coastal cities

Local government
Local stakeholders in
various sectors
(NGOs, private sector,
citizens...)

Ports

Fishing ports
Commercial ports

Global Platform *Cities with the Ocean*

Partners supporting sustainable cities

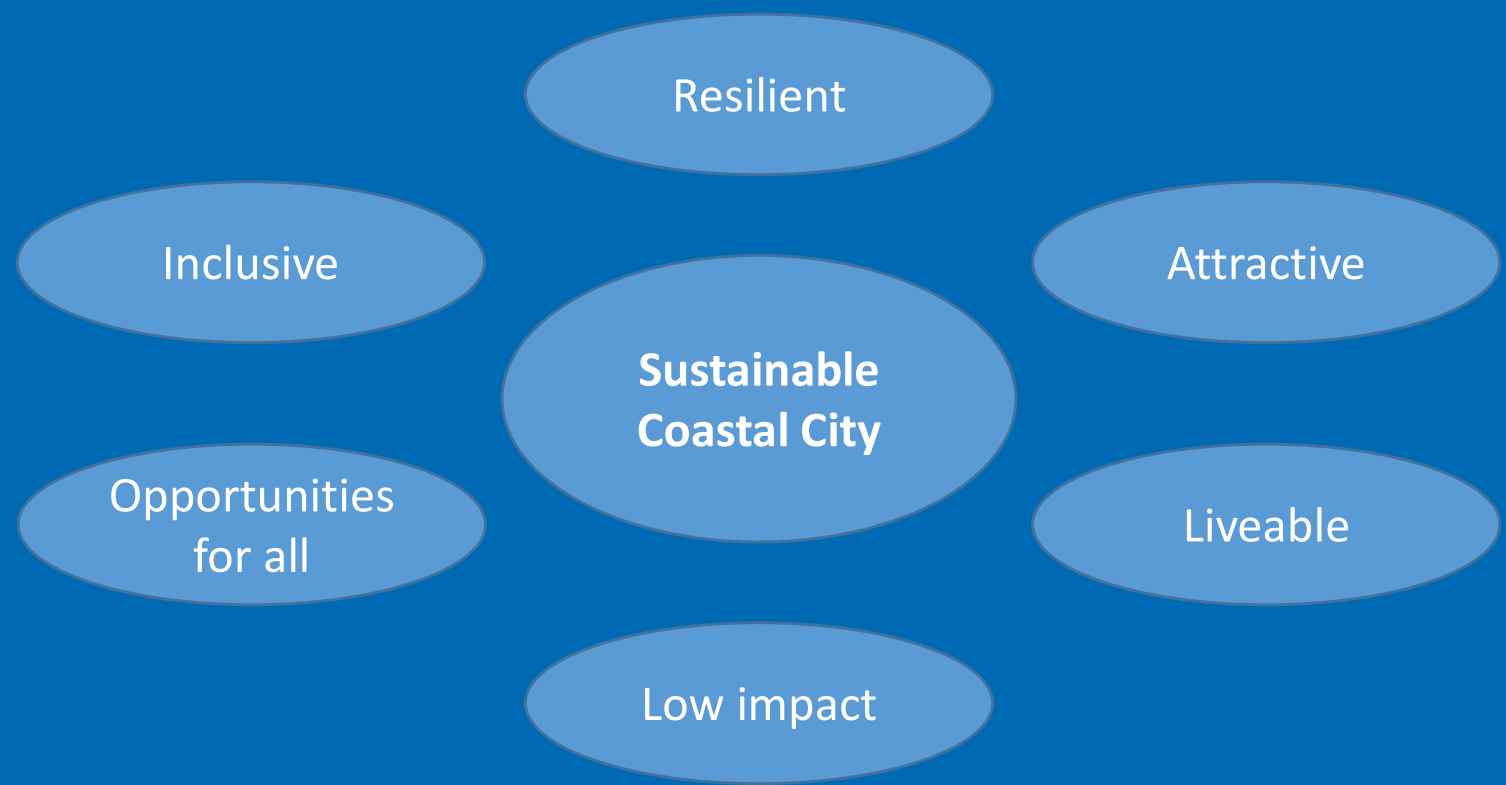
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Development agencies
and banks, NGOs,
Foundations

Ocean science

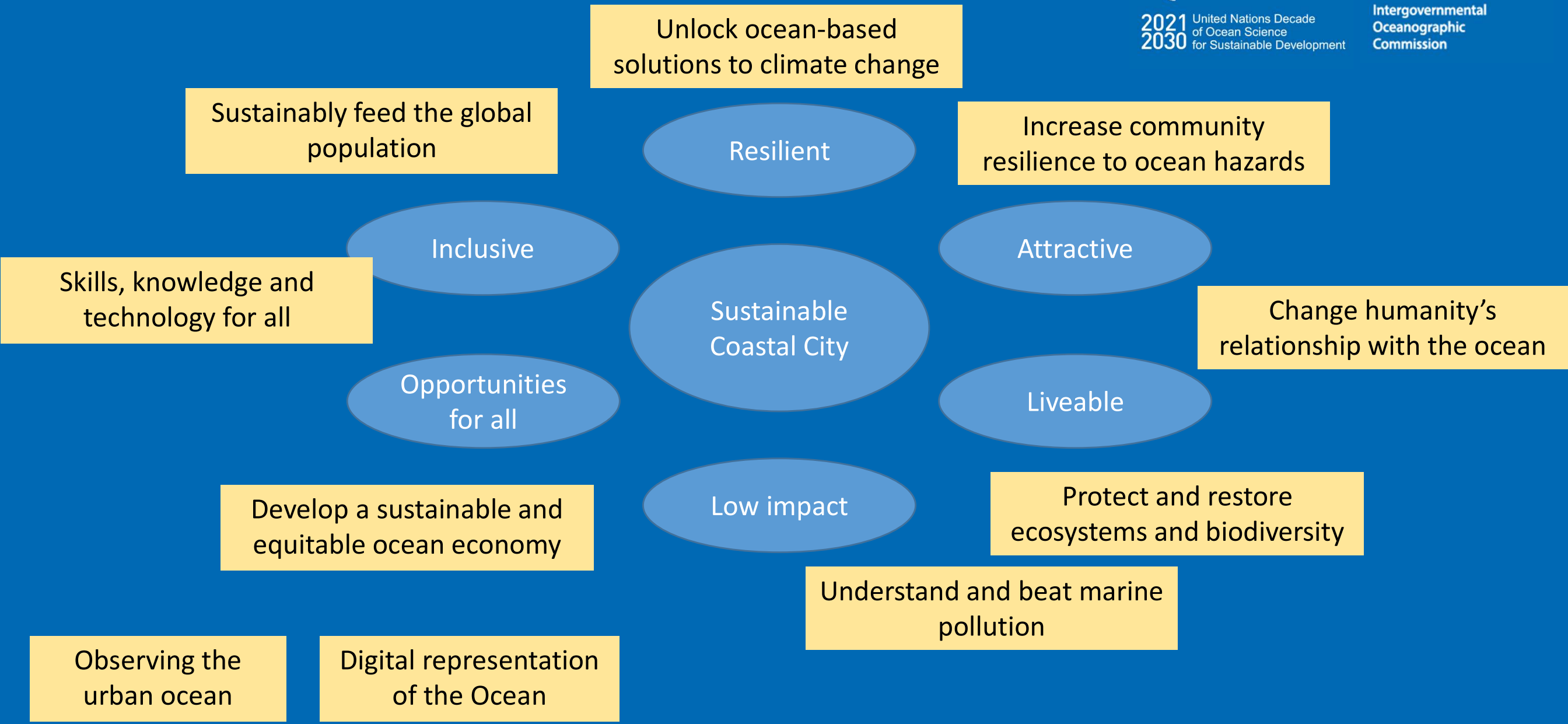
Decade Actions

Other initiatives
beyond the Ocean
Decade

Mobilizing the Ocean Decade to address the challenges of coastal cities



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Examples of Decade Actions with a focus on coasts



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Ocean Literacy

Ocean Literacy With All (IOC)

Coastal Resilience

DCC Coastal Resilience (Italy)

Ocean Hazards

The Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (IOC)

Pollution

Global Estuaries Monitoring (China)

Mitigating and adapting to climate change

Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions (USA)

Ocean Observing

CoastPredict - Observing and Predicting the
Global Coastal Ocean (Italy)

Sea Level Rise

Sea'Ties (France)

Ocean Modeling

DCC OceanPrediction (France)



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Members

Coastal cities

- Barcarena (Brazil)
- Mombasa (Kenya)
- Lagos (Nigeria)
- Miami Beach (USA)
- Auckland (New Zealand)
- Qingdao (China)
- Barcelona (Spain)
- Nice (France)
- Venice (Italy)
- Matosinhos (Portugal)
- Horta (Portugal)
- Xiamen

Ports

- AIVP
- FAO Blue Ports Initiative
- Port de Barcelona

Ocean science

- Ocean Decade Actions

Partners

- IOC/UNESCO
- UNESCO Cities Platform
- UN Habitat
- ICLEI



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Science core- Decade Actions

Founding Group	
DCC Coastal Resilience	Italy
The Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme	France
Ocean Cities	Spain
Ocean Literacy With All (OLWA)	Italy
Global Estuaries Monitoring (GEM)	China
Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions (GEOS)	USA
Sea'Ties	France
CoastPredict	Italy
OceanPrediction (DCC)	France
DCC Indian Ocean Region	India
Royal College of Arts	UK
Maré de Ciencia	Brazil

New members
Clean Climate and Environment Campaign
Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System Secretariat
UNESCO Chair in Water, Ports, and Historic Cities
Oceanographic and Ecological Data for Nature-Based Coastal Protection in Tunisia
Global Real-Time Early Alarm for Tsunami
World Harbour Seascape Restoration Programme
The Ocean Cleanup

Expected products

Co-design a **Toolbox for ocean cities and ports**

Ocean Literacy

Capacity Development

Best practices

+ **support innovation** in science-based, ocean-based solutions

Connect with existing initiatives and networks

Connect networks

Share needs assessment

Disseminate solutions

Develop common tools

Where we are

- Launch of Platform in Barcelona – Barcelona Statement
- Qingdao Conference – Qingdao Declaration
- Ocean Decade International Cooperation Center (ODCC) China offer to host secretariat
- Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience Coalition and UNOC 3



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The image shows a preliminary program for the Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Summit. At the top, logos for the French Government, UN Ocean Conference NICE 2025 France, the Government of Costa Rica, the City of Nice, the Ocean Rise Coalition, and the Ocean & Climate Platform are displayed. The event title "OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE SUMMIT" is followed by the date "Saturday, June 7, 2025 UNOC3". Below this, the "PRELIMINARY PROGRAM" is outlined in a table with three columns: Plenary Hall, Side Room 1, and Side Room 2. The program includes an Opening Ceremony at 9:00, the launch of the Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience Coalition at 10:00, a break at 11:00, and thematic sessions starting at 11:30. The thematic sessions are: Support knowledge-based decision-making, Assess coastal risk & vulnerability, and Coordinate territorial governance.

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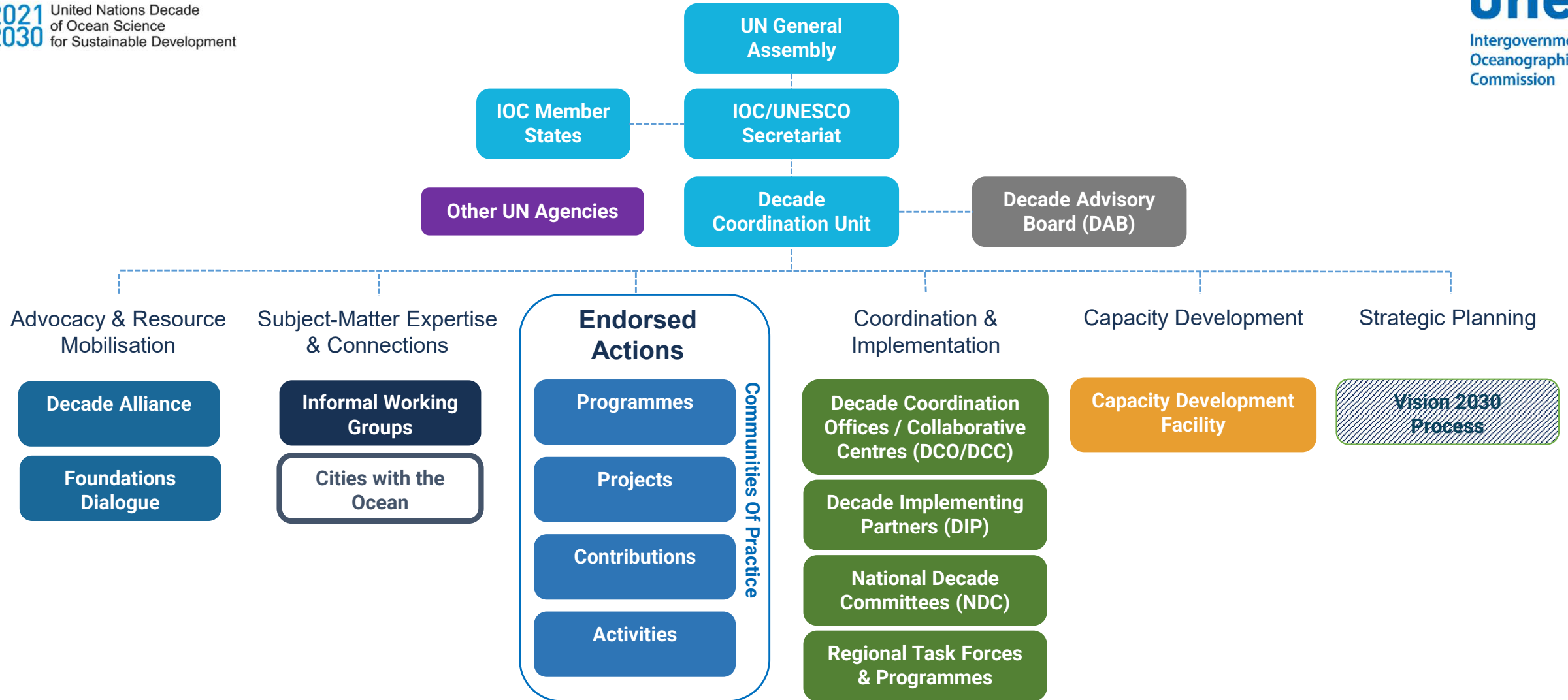
OCEAN RISE
A COASTAL RESILIENCE
COALITION FOR CITIES & REGIONS

**OCEAN & CLIMATE
PLATFORM**

OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE SUMMIT
Saturday, June 7, 2025 UNOC3

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

	Plenary Hall	Side Room 1	Side Room 2
9:00	OPENING CEREMONY		
10:00	LAUNCH OF THE OCEAN RISE & COASTAL RESILIENCE COALITION		
11:00		BREAK	
11:30		THEMATIC SESSIONS	
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Establishment of a Régional node for the Cities Within the IOCINDIO



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- Co-hosted by an endorsed Decade Action or Institution within the region
- Co-development and delivery of a unified work program
- Joint planning and implementation of relevant activities, including city-to-city exchanges, knowledge co-production efforts, best practices sharing, and capacity development workshops.
- Collaborative efforts in resource mobilization
- Shared communication and visibility of outcomes



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Endorse the Call to Action
Thank you

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