

Ocean Decade Contribution Endorsement Application

Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

This form should only be used to request endorsement for a **Decade Contribution**. According to the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, a Decade Contribution *"supports the Ocean Decade through provision of a necessary resource (e.g. funding or an in-kind contribution). A contribution can support either the implementation of an Ocean Decade Action or the coordination costs of the Ocean Decade."*

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

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

Important Information:

Please note that all character limits include spaces.

Decade Contributions **need to have all budgetary resources secured**. If your initiative is not fully funded, please consider [other categories](#) of Decade Actions.

You can find 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 "Contribution Submission" in the subject line.

Institutional Affiliation Details

* 1. Lead Institution Name

The lead institution is the one responsible for the project and where the lead contact is affiliated to. Please enter the lead institution's name [exactly as it appears in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If your institution is not listed, please enter the full name of the lead institution in English (if available), without using any abbreviations.

* 2. Lead Institution Type

* 3. Lead Institution Physical Address

Street Address: _____

Town/City: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____

* 4. Lead Institution Country

* 5. 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

* 6. Lead Institution Website

* 7. 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 _____

* 8. Lead institution primary contact gender

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

* 9. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address

* 10. 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.

Partner Institution

*13. Does your initiative have any partners?

Yes

No

Partner Institution Details

[IF THE ANSWERS IS "YES"] You will now be asked to provide the names of up to 5 partner institutions. Additional details about partners can be included in the supplementary information section.

If you have fewer than 5, leave the remaining sections blank.

Partner No. 1

* 14. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears [in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

* 15. Focal point contact information

First name _____

Last name _____

Email address _____

* 16. Institution country

Partner No. 2

17. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears [in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

18. Focal point contact information

First name _____

Last name _____

Email address _____

19. Institution country

Partner No. 3

20. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears [in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

21. Focal point contact information

First name _____

Last name _____

Email address _____

22. Institution country

Partner No. 4

23. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears [in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

24. Focal point contact information

First name _____

Last name _____

Email address _____

25. Institution country

Partner No. 5

26. Institution name

Please enter the institution's name exactly as it appears [in this list](#), using the following format: "Institution Unique ID + Institution Name". If the institution is not listed, please enter its full name without using abbreviations.

27. Focal point contact information

First name _____

Last name _____

Email address _____

28. Institution country

Decade Action Description

* 12. Name of Decade Contribution

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

13. Short name or acronym of Decade Contribution

* 14. Summary of Decade Contribution

This summary will be used publicly on the Ocean Decade Website should your initiative be endorsed (max. 1000 characters)

* 15. When will your proposed Contribution 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 in DD/MM/YYYY format.

Start Date __/__/____

End Date __/__/____

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

All Countries	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cuba
Afghanistan	Botswana	Cyprus
Albania	Brazil	Czechia
Algeria	British Virgin Islands	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Andorra	Brunei Darussalam	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Angola	Bulgaria	Denmark
Anguilla	Burkina Faso	Djibouti
Antigua and Barbuda	Burundi	Dominica
Argentina	Cabo Verde	Dominican Republic
Armenia	Cambodia	Ecuador
Australia	Cameroon	Egypt
Austria	Canada	El Salvador
Azerbaijan	Central African Republic (CAR)	Equatorial Guinea
Bahamas	Chad	Eritrea
Bahrain	Chile	Estonia
Bangladesh	China	Eswatini
Barbados	Colombia	Ethiopia
Belarus	Comoros	Fiji
Belgium	Congo	Finland
Belize	Cook Islands	France
Benin	Costa Rica	Gabon
Bhutan	Cote d'Ivoire	Gambia (Republic of The)
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Croatia	

Georgia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nepal
Germany	Latvia	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Ghana	Lebanon	New Zealand
Greece	Lesotho	Nicaragua
Grenada	Liberia	Niger
Guatemala	Libya	Nigeria
Guinea	Liechtenstein	North Macedonia
Guinea-Bissau	Lithuania	Norway
Guyana	Luxembourg	Oman
Haiti	Madagascar	Pakistan
Honduras	Malawi	Palau
Hungary	Malaysia	Palestine
Iceland	Maldives	Panama
India	Mali	Papua New Guinea
Indonesia	Malta	Paraguay
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Marshall Islands	Peru
Iraq	Mauritania	Philippines
Ireland	Mauritius	Poland
Israel	Mexico	Portugal
Italy	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Qatar
Jamaica	Monaco	Republic of Korea
Japan	Mongolia	Republic of Moldova
Jordan	Montenegro	Romania
Kazakhstan	Morocco	Russian Federation
Kenya	Mozambique	Rwanda
Kiribati	Myanmar	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Kuwait	Namibia	Saint Lucia
Kyrgyzstan	Nauru	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Samoa	Türkiye
San Marino	Turkmenistan
Sao Tome and Principe	Tuvalu
Saudi Arabia	Uganda
Senegal	Ukraine
Serbia	United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Seychelles	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)
Sierra Leone	
Singapore	
Slovakia	United Republic of Tanzania
Slovenia	
Solomon Islands	United States of America (USA)
Somalia	Uruguay
South Africa	Uzbekistan
South Sudan	Vanuatu
Spain	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Sri Lanka	
Sudan	Viet Nam
Suriname	Yemen
Sweden	Zambia
Switzerland	Zimbabwe
Syrian Arab Republic	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Tonga	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tunisia	

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

North Atlantic Ocean

South Atlantic Ocean

North Pacific Ocean

South Pacific Ocean

Indian Ocean

Arctic Ocean

Southern Ocean

Mediterranean Sea

42. Regional seas (if applicable)

You can select up to 3 regional seas. The list of regional seas is based on the International Hydrographic Organization catalogue.

Regional Sea No. 01 _____

Regional Sea No. 02 _____

Regional Sea No. 03 _____

* 43. Please select which of the Decade Outcomes your Decade Action contributes to (max. 3)

Outcome 1: A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed.

Outcome 2: A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed.

Outcome 3: A productive ocean supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy.

Outcome 4: A predicted ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions.

Outcome 5: A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards.

Outcome 6: An accessible ocean with open and equitable access to data, information and technology and innovation.

Outcome 7: An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development.

* 44. Please select which of the Decade Challenges your Decade Action contributes to (max. 3)

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.

* 45. In addition to SDG 14 (Life below water), which we assume is relevant to all Decade Actions, please indicate which of the other Sustainable Development Goals your Decade Action contributes to.

GOAL 1: No Poverty.

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being

GOAL 4: Quality Education

GOAL 5: Gender Equality

GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality

GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

GOAL 13: Climate Action

GOAL 15: Life on Land

GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions

GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

*22. Is your Decade Contribution proposal:

Financial

In-kind

Financial and In-kind

* 23. Total Budget estimate for the Decade Contribution to the nearest whole number with no punctuation.

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

* 25. Please confirm that you have full budgetary resources for your contribution.

Please note that Decade Contributions need to have all budgetary resources secured. If your initiative is not fully funded, please consider other categories of Decade Actions.

I confirm that I have the full budgetary resources for my Decade Contribution proposal.

* 26. Please describe any in-kind resources you will be contributing to the Decade (Mx. 2000 characters).

If your contribution is only financial, please indicate with 'N/A'

Ocean Decade Endorsement Criteria

The endorsement criteria are a set of ideals endorsed Decade Actions are held to and encouraged to progress on throughout the Decade. They aim to support the progress being made on the Decade Challenges and Outcomes.

This section is essential for the evaluation of your application, **so please provide tangible actions on how your project will meet all the endorsement criteria. If a particular criterion does not align with your proposal, please explain why.** There is a limit of 5000 characters per criteria.

* 46. Contributes to achieving one or more of the following Decade objectives:
Objective 1: Identify critical ocean knowledge; Objective 2: Build capacity and generate knowledge; Objective 3: Increase the use of ocean knowledge.

* 47. Accelerates the generation or use of knowledge and understanding of the ocean, with a specific focus on knowledge that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and complementary policy frameworks and initiatives.

* 48. Is co-designed and/or co-delivered by knowledge generators and users, and thus facilitating the uptake of science and ocean knowledge for policy, decision-making, management and/or innovation.

Please also include in your answer the role of partners and stakeholders in [co-designing/co-delivering](#) your initiative.

* 49. Ensures that all data and resulting knowledge are provided in an open access, shared, discoverable manner.

Please refer to [FAIR](#) and [CARE](#) principles of data sharing. Mention which existing databases/repositories you will be using. If you are creating one, please explain how it will work and how it will synergize with existing ones, as well as meeting the principles mentioned above.

* 50. Strengthens existing or creates new partnerships across nations and/or between diverse ocean actors, including users of ocean science.

* 51. Contributes toward Capacity Development, including, but not limited to, beneficiaries in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Land Locked Developing Countries (LLDCs).

Capacity Development refers to a broad range of opportunities that enable individuals, institutions, and industries to participate in and benefit from ocean research and services essential to sustainable development and human well-being. These opportunities include access to equipment and infrastructure, as well as funding mechanisms such as grants, scholarships, and fellowships. They also extend to internships, jobs, and mentorships; research and training; conferences, workshops, and webinars; and professional networks that support community building. Capacity Development may further involve access to ocean data, information, and

documentation, public communication and literacy initiatives, and opportunities such as expeditions, travel grants, and visiting scholars or lecturers.

* 52. Overcomes barriers to diversity and equity, including gender, generational and geographic diversity.

Please make sure to detail in your response the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) mechanisms adopted by your initiative.

* 53. Collaborates with and engages local and indigenous knowledge holders.

Decade Action Objectives and Outcomes

* 35. How do you benefit from having your Contribution endorsed by the Ocean Decade? (Max. 2000 characters)

* 36. What are the key outcomes of your Decade Action? (max. 2000 characters).

Please also describe any impact that your initiative will create that you expect will continue to generate benefits following the end of the Decade.

* 37. What are key discrete activities that you will carry out in the first 3 years of your Decade Action? (max. 5000 characters)

* 38. Please describe the management structure which will be used to coordinate your Decade Action (max. 2000 characters)

Capacity Development Components

This section allows the Decade to gauge how it can best support the capacity development elements, whether planned or existing, within your initiative. Capacity Development refers to opportunities such as:

- Access to equipment
- Access to infrastructure
- Awards
- Conferences/forums
- Fellowships
- Funding, grants, and scholarships
- Internships/jobs
- Mentorships
- Ocean data, information, and documentation
- Ocean literacy, public information, and communication
- Onboarding expeditions, research, and training
- Professional networks and community building
- Training/Workshops
- Travel grants
- Visiting lecturers/scholars
- Webinars

These activities aim to build skills and knowledge among individuals or groups, lowering barriers to equitable access and directly addressing Decade Challenge 9: Skills, knowledge, technology and participation for all. They are not intended for profit generation.

* 59. Does your initiative provide or offer Capacity Development activities?

Yes

No

Capacity Development Components

This section invites you to express your interest in featuring your initiative on Ocean Connector, a platform dedicated to capacity development. Your expression of interest will only be confirmed if your initiative is endorsed as a Decade Action.

Ocean Connector is a digital platform that provides a space to advertise open opportunities with application or registration deadlines, where individuals can apply directly through a URL listed on the platform. If no opportunities are currently open but are expected in the future, you may still indicate “yes” in your response. The Decade Coordination Unit will then contact you and provide access to the platform so you can submit the opportunity once it is ready to be advertised. After an opportunity

is uploaded, the Decade Communication Team will support its promotion through the Ocean Decade networks. For more details, [please visit here](#).

* 60. If your Decade Action proposal is endorsed, would you like to feature capacity development opportunities or elements of a capacity development initiative on Ocean Connector?

If you indicate "Yes," the Ocean Decade Secretariat will follow up and guide you through the process after the endorsement occurs. Uploading your opportunities to the platform provides benefits such as increased visibility and wider promotion of your activities.

Yes

No

Supplementary Information

61. Please provide any supplementary information you would like reviewers to take into account as they review your Decade Action (max. 5000 characters).