2021 2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 - Project Application

Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 – Request for Endorsement for a Decade Project linked to an endorsed Decade Programme

This form should only be used to request for endorsement of a Decade Project linked to an endorsed Decade Programme. According to the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, a Decade Project "*is a discrete and focused undertaking. It may be regional, national or subnational and it will typically contribute to an identified Ocean Decade programme*"

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

1. **<u>Guidance Note</u>, especially Annex I for Project priorities of participating Programmes**
2. **<u>FAQ</u>**
3. **Ocean Decade <u>Implementation Plan</u> and <u>Summary</u>**
4. **Publication <u>Co-designing the science we need for the ocean we want</u>**
5. **<u>The Barcelona Statement</u>**
6. **Publication <u>Ambition, Action, Impact: the Ocean Decade Pathway to 2030</u>**
7. **<u>FAIR</u> and <u>CARE</u> principles of data sharing**

We strongly encourage you to contact the relevant Decade programme to discuss your application before submission. Contact details for Decade programmes can be found in the Guidance Note.

The deadline for submission of this form is 31 August 2025 23h59 UTC.

If you wish to submit another type of Decade Action during Call for Decade Actions No 09/2025, please refer to the <u>Guidance Note</u> and the <u>Call page</u> for more information.

Important Information:

Please note that all character limits include spaces.

The Ocean Decade is not a financing mechanism. You will find more information on the benefits and commitments of Endorsed Decade Actions in the <u>Guidance Note</u> (section VI).

You can find PDF and Word versions of the form <u>here</u>. 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. To which Ocean Decade Programme are you applying to be a project under?

<u>NOTE</u>: Make sure to read Annex I of the Guidance Note to understand the priorities of your chosen programme before proceeding with your application.

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* 2. Is your project already affiliated with the programme you have selected?

◯ Yes

◯ No

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Proponent and Partner Details

* 3. Lead Institution Name

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

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* 4. Lead Institution Type

[▲▼]

* 5. Lead Institution Physical Address

Street Address   [   ]

Town/City   [   ]

Postal/Zip Code   [   ]

* 6. Lead Institution Country

[▲▼]

* 7. 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

* 8. Lead Institution Website

[   ]

* 9. 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 [   ]

   * 10. Lead institution primary contact gender

     ◯ Male

     ◯ Female

     ◯ Prefer not to say

* 11. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address

[   ]

* 12. 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.

[   ]

* 13. Partner Institution Names

Please provide the names of up to five partner lead institutions. Other partner details can be provided in the supplementary information section.

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 [   ]

* 14. Partner focal points' contact details

Please provide the full name of the focal point person in the partner institution and their email address.

Partner No.1 Focal
point contact details

Partner No.2 Focal
point contact details

Partner No.3 Focal
point contact details

Partner No.4 Focal
point contact details

Partner No.5 Focal
point contact details

* 15. Partner Institution Countries

	Partner Institution Country
Partner No. 1	
Partner No. 2	
Partner No. 3	
Partner No. 4	
Partner No. 5	

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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

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* 18. Summary of Decade Action

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

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

○ Ongoing Initiative

○ New Initiative

* 20. Have you contacted the relevant endorsed Decade programme in the development of your proposal (see Annex I of Guidance Note)?

○ No

○ Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.

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* 21. 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.

[   ]

* 22. 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] [   ]

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

[   ]

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

[▲▼]

* 25. Estimate of percentage of total budget secured
This can include in-kind and financial resources.

0	50	100	

* 26. Please tell us who your current funders are and from whom you are seeking or planning to seek additional financial or in-kind support.

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

☐ All Countries	☐ Gabon	☐ Oman
☐ Afghanistan	☐ Gambia (Republic of The)	☐ Pakistan
☐ Albania	☐ Georgia	☐ Palau
☐ Algeria	☐ Germany	☐ Palestine
☐ Andorra	☐ Ghana	☐ Panama
☐ Angola	☐ Greece	☐ Papua New Guinea
☐ Anguilla	☐ Grenada	☐ Paraguay
☐ Antigua and Barbuda	☐ Guatemala	☐ Peru
☐ Argentina	☐ Guinea	☐ Philippines
☐ Armenia	☐ Guinea-Bissau	☐ Poland
☐ Australia	☐ Guyana	☐ Portugal
☐ Austria	☐ Haiti	☐ Qatar
☐ Azerbaijan	☐ Honduras	☐ Republic of Korea
☐ Bahamas	☐ Hungary	☐ Republic of Moldova
☐ Bahrain	☐ Iceland	☐ Romania
☐ Bangladesh	☐ India	☐ Russian Federation
☐ Barbados	☐ Indonesia	☐ Rwanda
☐ Belarus	☐ Iran (Islamic Republic of)	☐ Saint Kitts and Nevis
☐ Belgium	☐ Iraq	☐ Saint Lucia
☐ Belize	☐ Ireland	☐ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
☐ Benin	☐ Israel	☐ Samoa
☐ Bhutan	☐ Italy	☐ San Marino
☐ Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	☐ Jamaica	☐ Sao Tome and Principe
☐ Bosnia and Herzegovina	☐ Japan	☐ Saudi Arabia

- [ ] Botswana
- [ ] Brazil
- [ ] British Virgin Islands
- [ ] Brunei Darussalam
- [ ] Bulgaria
- [ ] Burkina Faso
- [ ] Burundi
- [ ] Cabo Verde
- [ ] Cambodia
- [ ] Cameroon
- [ ] Canada
- [ ] Central African Republic (CAR)
- [ ] Chad
- [ ] Chile
- [ ] China
- [ ] Colombia
- [ ] Comoros
- [ ] Congo
- [ ] Cook Islands
- [ ] Costa Rica
- [ ] Cote d'Ivoire
- [ ] Croatia
- [ ] Cuba
- [ ] Cyprus
- [ ] Czechia
- [ ] Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- [ ] Democratic Republic of the Congo
- [ ] Denmark
- [ ] Djibouti
- [ ] Dominica
- [ ] Dominican Republic
- [ ] Ecuador
- [ ] Egypt
- [ ] El Salvador
- [ ] Equatorial Guinea

- [ ] Jordan
- [ ] Kazakhstan
- [ ] Kenya
- [ ] Kiribati
- [ ] Kuwait
- [ ] Kyrgyzstan
- [ ] Lao People's Democratic Republic
- [ ] Latvia
- [ ] Lebanon
- [ ] Lesotho
- [ ] Liberia
- [ ] Libya
- [ ] Liechtenstein
- [ ] Lithuania
- [ ] Luxembourg
- [ ] Madagascar
- [ ] Malawi
- [ ] Malaysia
- [ ] Maldives
- [ ] Mali
- [ ] Malta
- [ ] Marshall Islands
- [ ] Mauritania
- [ ] Mauritius
- [ ] Mexico
- [ ] Micronesia (Federated States of)
- [ ] Monaco
- [ ] Mongolia
- [ ] Montenegro
- [ ] Morocco
- [ ] Mozambique
- [ ] Myanmar
- [ ] Namibia
- [ ] Nauru
- [ ] Nepal

- [ ] Senegal
- [ ] Serbia
- [ ] Seychelles
- [ ] Sierra Leone
- [ ] Singapore
- [ ] Slovakia
- [ ] Slovenia
- [ ] Solomon Islands
- [ ] Somalia
- [ ] South Africa
- [ ] South Sudan
- [ ] Spain
- [ ] Sri Lanka
- [ ] Sudan
- [ ] Suriname
- [ ] Sweden
- [ ] Switzerland
- [ ] Syrian Arab Republic
- [ ] Tajikistan
- [ ] Thailand
- [ ] Timor-Leste
- [ ] Togo
- [ ] Tonga
- [ ] Trinidad and Tobago
- [ ] Tunisia
- [ ] Türkiye
- [ ] Turkmenistan
- [ ] Tuvalu
- [ ] Uganda
- [ ] Ukraine
- [ ] United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- [ ] United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)
- [ ] United Republic of Tanzania
- [ ] United States of America (USA)
- [ ] Uruguay

☐ Eritrea	☐ Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	☐ Uzbekistan
☐ Estonia	☐ New Zealand	☐ Vanuatu
☐ Eswatini	☐ Nicaragua	☐ Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
☐ Ethiopia	☐ Niger	☐ Viet Nam
☐ Fiji	☐ Nigeria	☐ Yemen
☐ Finland	☐ North Macedonia	☐ Zambia
☐ France	☐ Norway	☐ Zimbabwe

* 28. 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

☐ Other (including regional seas)

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* 29. 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.

* 30. 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.

* 31. 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

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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.

* 32. 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.

> (text field)

* 33. 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.

> (text field)

* 34. 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.

> (text field)

* 35. 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.

> (text field)

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

> (text field)

* 37. Contributes toward capacity development, including, but not limited to, beneficiaries in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs.

> (text field)

* 38. 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.

> (text field)

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

> (text field)

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Decade Action Objectives and Outcomes

* 40. What is the high-level objective of your Decade Action? (max. 1000 characters)

* 41. 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.

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

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

* 44. How does your project align with your chosen Decade Programme's priorities? (max. 3000 characters)

NOTE: Make sure to read Annex I of the Guidance Note to understand the priorities of your chosen programme to answer this question.

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Supplementary Information

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