

Talking Points for Brazil in Panel 1 of the 2026 Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue

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Panel 1: “Ocean-based priorities in the NDCs”

Intervention time: 5 minutes

- *Distinguished delegates, Good afternoon.*
- *It is a pleasure to represent Brazil in this important exchange.*
- *Over the past decade, the ocean has gained growing visibility in climate discussions and in national climate planning. This is reflected in the growing number of Parties with ocean-related measures in their commitments, and in the work of the Ocean Dialogue itself, which has strengthened the ocean-climate nexus. Today, 92% of island and coastal countries have included at least one ocean based climate action in their NDCs.*
- *This progress should be acknowledged. At the same time, integrating ocean considerations across the UNFCCC remains a work in progress, and as recognition grows, so too does the need to focus on implementation. Ocean-based actions are already reflected in many NDCs and adaptation plans, yet translating them into outcomes requires overcoming persistent barriers: limited climate finance, insufficient technical and institutional capacity, fragmented ocean data, and weak project and investment pipelines.*
- *It is for this reason that the Blue NDC Challenge – launched by Brazil and France at the Third UN Ocean Conference in 2025 – is evolving into the Blue NDC Implementation Taskforce, which Brazil will co-chair with France from 2026. The Taskforce aims to support countries in moving from ambition to delivery – fostering technical cooperation, strengthening capacities, and connecting governments with financial and delivery partners. Together with the Blue Package, the flagship ocean-climate outcome of the COP30 Action Agenda, it mobilizes governments, finance, civil society and the private sector behind ocean-based solutions.*
- *These initiatives, together with the discussions and results of the Ocean Dialogue, should feed into other formal and informal processes so that ocean-based action is consistently reflected across the work of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.*
- *A good example is the Belém Mission to 1.5, led by the COP29, COP30 and COP31 Presidencies – a joint push to accelerate NDC and NAP implementation and mobilize investment, in which ocean-based solutions should be recognized among the high-impact action areas and the consultations will take place this Friday.*

- *The UAE Dialogue on implementing the Global Stocktake outcomes, first convened at this session, and the 2026 Standing Committee on Finance Forum, which Brazil will co-chair, are further channels through which ocean priorities should be carried forward. Strengthening means of implementation and cooperation must remain a priority, so that developing countries can deliver on their Blue commitments.*
- *At the national level, Brazil is pursuing this implementation-focused approach through its National Climate Plan, the main framework for implementing both its NDC and its National Adaptation Plan through integrated mitigation and adaptation strategies. A defining feature has been the alignment of the climate, biodiversity and ocean agendas: our NBSAP (National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan) was developed in parallel with the Climate Plan, treating the protection of ecosystems – including the coastal and marine system – as climate infrastructure.*
- *Within the Climate Plan, the Sectoral Adaptation Plan for the Ocean and Coastal Zone strengthens resilience, reduces vulnerabilities and supports the sustainable management of coastal and marine ecosystems. Marine Spatial Planning is recognized as a key tool for reconciling conservation, sustainable ocean economies and climate objectives, while Marine Protected Areas and ecosystem restoration advance integrated ocean governance and reinforce the resilience of coastal communities.*
- *If the last decade was defined by growing recognition of the ocean-climate nexus, the years ahead should be defined by accelerating implementation and deepening cross-cutting ocean integration across the UNFCCC. This is very much in the spirit of the collective mutirão championed by the COP30 Presidency: bringing different actors together to turn commitments into action.*
- *Thank you very much.*