

COP30 Opening Plenary
**SBSTA Report on the 2025 Ocean and Climate Change
Dialogue**

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Your Excellency André Corrêa do Lago, COP 30 President

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of Ambassador Carlos Cozende and myself, as the co-facilitators of the 2025 Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue.

The 2025 Dialogue was held in hybrid mode on 17–18 June 2025, in conjunction with the sixty-second session of the subsidiary bodies in Bonn. It focused on three key topics: first, ocean-based measures in the Nationally determined contributions; second, the ocean under the Global Goal on Adaptation; and third, ocean-climate-biodiversity synergies.

This year's Dialogue demonstrated once more how critical ocean-based climate action is—for achieving the Paris Agreement goals and following up on the outcome of the first global stocktake.

Participants emphasized the urgency of integrating ocean-based mitigation and adaptation measures in the new NDCs and the contribution they can deliver for the 1.5°C goal and in building resilience to climate change. We welcome the findings of the 2025 NDCs synthesis report by the secretariat, where Parties

reported a significant increase in ocean-based climate action; and, the launch of the Blue NDC Challenge by France and the COP30 Presidency. We encourage all Parties to include and implement ambitious ocean-based measures and strategies in their new NDCs.

Regarding the integration of the ocean across all relevant thematic targets of the Global Goal on Adaptation, participants recommended indicators that capture ecosystem integrity, connectivity, and resilience. Aligning the indicators with existing multilateral frameworks such as the Convention on Biological Diversity's Global Biodiversity Framework can reduce duplication and maximize impact. For COP30, Parties may wish to consider how these indicators can ensure ocean-based adaptation is visible, measurable, and well-resourced under the Global Goal on Adaptation.

This year's Dialogue has underscored the importance of international cooperation and highlighted the growing momentum for synergistic action between ocean, climate, and biodiversity agendas. The Dialogue welcomed the 2025 UN Ocean Conference and its' outcomes that reaffirms the ocean-climate-biodiversity synergies. We are pleased to note the BBNJ Agreement will enter into force beginning of next year, which provides a critical opportunity to advance integrated ocean governance supporting climate ambition.

Across all discussions, one message resonated strongly: science, finance, technology, and capacity-building are the critical enablers of ocean-based climate action. The Dialogue underscored the need for finance that is predictable, accessible and targeted to those who need it most—developing countries. Blue finance must match the ambition we are asking Parties to deliver in their new NDCs.

To continue this ongoing discussion, Ambassador Cozendey and I are convening an Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue meeting on November 13, from 13:30 to 15:00 Hrs, in special event room - Tapajos.

We thank all Parties and observers for their support to us as the co-facilitators of the 2025 Dialogue. We also take this opportunity to welcome Sivendra Michael of Fiji, who succeeds Ambassador Cozendey as the co-facilitator for the 2026 Dialogue. Both Sivendra Michael and I look forward to your continued support for the 2026 Dialogue.

Thank you.