

# Informal Virtual Exchange of Views on the Preparation for

# The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2023

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**29 March 2023 11:00 to 12:30 hour and 22:00 to 23:30 hours (GMT)**  
**30 March 2023 11:00 to 12:30 hour and 22:00 to 23:30 hours (GMT)**

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# Agenda Setting for the Informal Exchange of Views

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## **Mandate for the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue**

- ❖ Information note
- ❖ Dialogue in conjunction with the first annual session
- ❖ Summary report
- ❖ Informal summary report to be presented in conjunction with COP

## **Exchange of views today on**

- ❖ Focused topics for the Dialogue
- ❖ Structure of the Dialogue
- ❖ Expectations on the outcomes of the Dialogue



# Top topics in 2020 submissions (for first ocean dialogue in 2020) from Parties and non-Party stakeholders

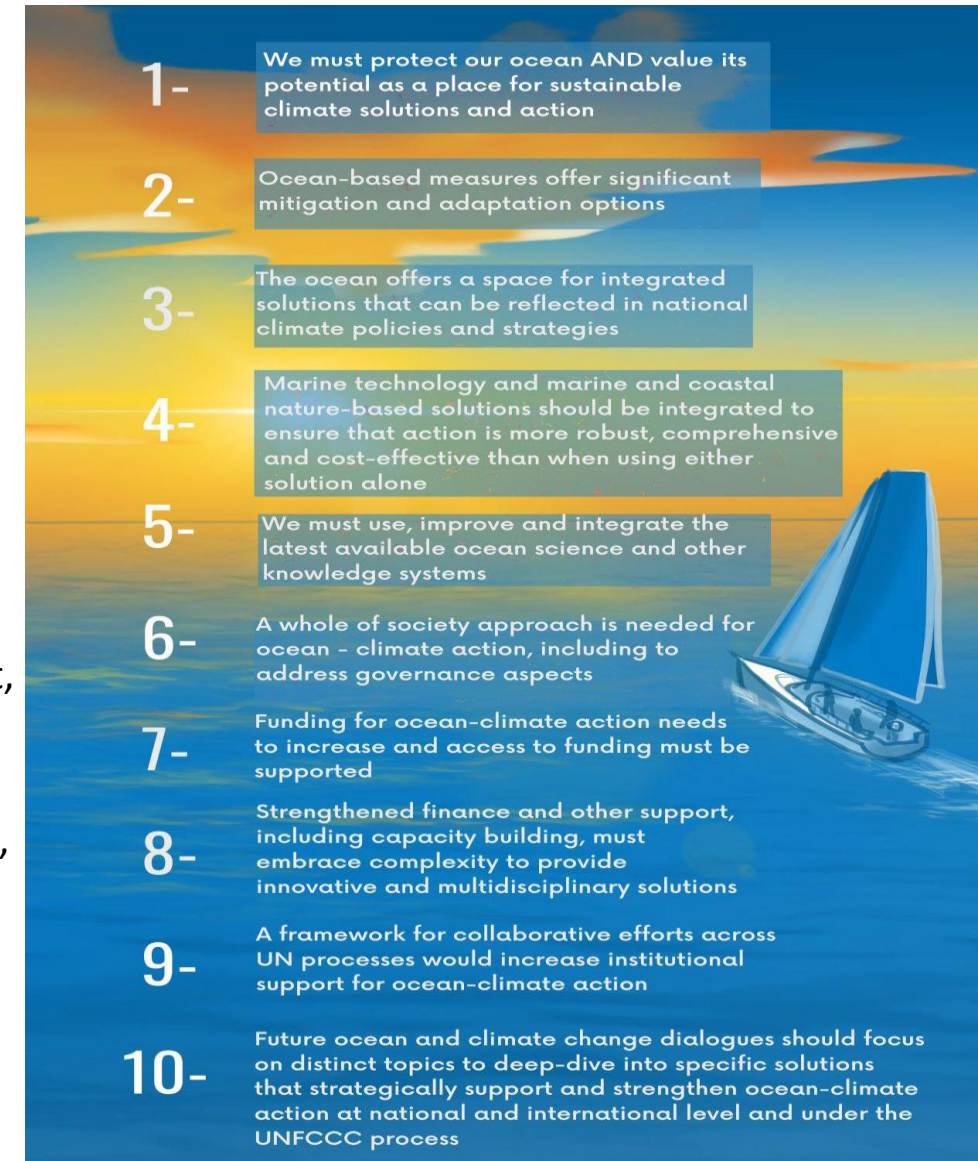
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- Adaptation and Mitigation
- Ocean Acidification and deoxygenation
- Biodiversity protection and prevention of biodiversity loss
- Sea Level Rise
- Blue Carbon
- Knowledge sharing and increased scientific research
- Finance and capacity development
- Indigenous Community Involvement
- Enhancing Nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based adaptation
- Optimizing connections between UNFCCC and other UN processes
- Strengthening action and building on existing UNFCCC processes
- Fisheries resources, fisheries, and aquaculture
- Emissions from marine shipping and transportation
- SIDS and LDCs
- Community Participation and livelihoods
- Marine Protected Areas
- NDCs and NAPs
- Global Emissions Reductions
- Renewable energy



# Informal summary of topics raised in 2020 and 2022 dialogues

- Decarbonization of the shipping sector
- Ecosystem conservation and restoration
- Blue carbon
- Climate resilient fisheries and aquaculture
- Marine and coastal nature-based solutions
- Renewable energy
- Climate resilient marine spatial planning and conservation
- Ocean as a carbon sink
- Ocean acidification and deoxygenation
- Sea level rise
- Mainstream ocean into national climate goals and implementation of those goals
- Use, improve and integrate the latest available ocean science and knowledge
- Enable climate-resilient coastal and marine climate solutions
- Optimize institutional connections across international policy processes and support, across UN and other international agendas and in relation to finance
- Integrate approaches across the UNFCCC process, including GST
- Integrate solutions , governance and stewardship including rights-based approaches, cross-sectoral partnerships, inclusion of vulnerable in decision-making, protecting livelihoods, ocean rights, rights and governance systems of indigenous peoples
- Engage all stakeholders including indigenous peoples, local communities, youth...
- Unlock / strengthen finance and address the climate-ocean financing gaps
- De-risk private sector engagement
- Build and strengthen sustainable blue economy
- Scale up/Share/Accelerate the initiatives that currently exist



## Vision of the co-facilitators on the topics for the Dialogue

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- **Two topics** per dialogue, to permit depth of discussion
- **Deep dives** (practical, specific) on ocean-climate action to be determined in consultation with Parties and observers
- **Topics to have near-term relevance, considering a multi-year arc** in which some topics could be addressed this year and others held for subsequent years



## Exchange of views: Housekeeping

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- To request the floor, please write your Party or organisation in the chat channel
- Meeting participants are encouraged to use the chat channel to ask questions. Please avoid starting discussions in the chat channel
- Please keep your interventions as brief as possible (**max. 3 minutes**).
- Focus on priority topics and expected outcomes
- The SBSTA chair retains overall governance and we will consult with him, including on modalities according to the rooms available in June
- You are encouraged to submit your intervention via email following this meeting to [ocean@unfccc.int](mailto:ocean@unfccc.int)





THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR INTERVENTIONS

