United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Informal Virtual Exchange of Views on the Preparation for

The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2023

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Agenda Setting for the Informal Exchange of Views

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 <u>2020 submissions</u> (for first ocean dialogue in 2020) from Parties and non-Party stakeholders

- 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

We must protect our ocean AND value its potential as a place for sustainable climate solutions and action Ocean-based measures offer significant mitigation and adaptation options The ocean offers a space for integrated solutions that can be reflected in national climate policies and strategies Marine technology and marine and coastal nature-based solutions should be integrated to ensure that action is more robust, comprehensive and cost-effective than when using either solution alone We must use, improve and integrate the latest available ocean science and other knowledge systems A whole of society approach is needed for ocean - climate action, including to address governance aspects Funding for ocean-climate action needs to increase and access to funding must be supported Strengthened finance and other support, including capacity building, must embrace complexity to provide innovative and multidisciplinary solutions A framework for collaborative efforts across UN processes would increase institutional support for ocean-climate action Future ocean and climate change dialogues should focus 10on distinct topics to deep-dive into specific solutions that strategically support and strengthen ocean-climate action at national and international level and under the **UNFCCC** process

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

- 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 multiyear arc in which some topics could be addressed this year and others held for subsequent years



Exchange of views: Housekeeping

- 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 <u>ocean@unfccc.int</u>



THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR INTERVENTIONS

