

Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States – The Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue 2025 which took place on 17 and 18 June, in conjunction with SBSTA 62

- The European Union and its Member States thank very much the two co-facilitators for this year Dialogue,
- The EU welcomes the dialogue was organised in the first days of Bonn to build on UNOC3 outcomes, and enhance links with other SBs discussions. We call for continuing this connection in future Dialogues.
- The EU very much welcomes the inclusion of the ocean in the COP letter from Brazil. Building on previous COP decisions and the Friends' Statement made at COP29, the EU calls for including strong and ambitious ocean language in the texts at COP30, preferably in cover decisions, as appropriate.
- As key outcomes of this Dialogue:
 - It is important to continue connecting the Dialogue to existing workstreams under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement with a balanced approach between mitigation and adaptation.

Regarding NDCs:

- The EU calls for urgent and enhanced ambition when updating NDCs, consistent with the first GST calling for deep, rapid, and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5 C.
- Ocean-based mitigation action should always be sustainable and protect the integrity of all ecosystems in accordance with the best available science, the ecosystem-based approach and the precautionary principle.
- This includes focusing on reducing emissions, for instance by reducing emissions from shipping and other ocean-based activities while transitioning away from fossil fuels by increasing offshore renewable energies to contributing to the global aim of tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030.
- We consider positively the Blue NDC Challenge launched by Brazil and France.

On GGA:

- The ocean should be fully mainstreamed across all targets to achieve the GGA, particularly ecosystems and biodiversity, food systems, infrastructure, water, and livelihoods. The EU welcomes the inclusion of ocean indicators in the current list, and an adequate representation in the final list.

On synergies:

- We very much welcome UNOC3 outcomes particularly the BBNJ Agreement and call for strengthening synergies with the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.