

Roundtable 4 on Integrated and holistic approaches as part of the
3rd Technical Dialogue of the Global Stocktake

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Thank you, Mr. Co-facilitator, for giving me the opportunity to speak.

My name is Marine Lecerf, and I represent the Ocean & Climate Platform — an international coalition of more than a hundred civil society organisations working at the interface between science and policy to promote a better understanding and consideration of ocean, climate and biodiversity interactions.

Since this third and last Technical Dialogue is looking at “what is next” to ratchet up ambition and successfully meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, we would like to raise two points:

(1) FIRST - The importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including the ocean, coastal and marine ecosystems, should be reflected in the emerging messages of all roundtables. When it comes to Roundtable 4, we believe the second point on policy packages should highlight the potential of ocean-based measures for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

The ocean is one of our best allies in the fight against climate change. Both a powerful carbon sink and a heat reservoir, it acts as our planet’s thermostat and supports global efforts to limit temperature rise. The ocean is also central to the resilience and well-being of coastal communities, with its ecosystems acting as natural buffers against the growing impacts of climate change, while providing a wide-range of socio-economic benefits to people. From food security to energy transition, the ocean lays at the crossroads of all major challenges facing humanity today and is, as such, a key to the sustainable world we must build.

In that regard, the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue under SBSTA has been a crucial driver of ocean-based climate ambition and action. Accordingly, we believe that the conclusions of the Dialogue should be considered and reflected in the outcomes of the Global Stocktake.

This year, the Dialogue identified two focal areas to be discussed, namely coastal ecosystem restoration and fisheries - including its contribution to food security.

They are part of a wider portfolio of scientifically-proven and sustainable ocean-based climate solutions, in which you will also find ocean renewable energy, decarbonised shipping, and sustainable coastal tourism.

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<p>2. Governments should implement integrated policy packages that mainstream climate resilience and low GHG development and strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.</p>	<p>2. Governments should implement integrated policy packages to collectively build a climate resilient, nature-positive and low-carbon world mainstream climate resilience and low GHG development and strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change in the context of while delivering on sustainable development objectives including food security and poverty eradication and efforts to eradicate poverty.</p>

<p><u>For more information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ocean for Climate Report, sharing options of ocean-based climate measures to include in NDCs ● Ocean for Climate Declaration, guiding Parties and NPS towards ocean-climate pathways ● Coastal and marine ecosystems as Nature-based Solutions in new or updated NDCs, assessing whether and how marine and coastal Nature-based Solutions have been included within NDCs

(2) **SECOND** - In addition to mentioning the scope of improvement for non-party stakeholders actions, Point 4 should emphasise the importance of adopting a whole-of-society approach to effectively tackle climate change.

Non-party stakeholders, united under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, and under the leadership of the High-level Climate Champions, significantly increased their ambition over the last years.

In that regard, I would like to share an example of good practices. The Ocean & Coastal Zones group is designing an “Ocean Breakthrough” focusing on 5 key ocean sectors :

- marine conservation,
- ocean-based transport,
- ocean renewable energy,
- aquatic food and
- sustainable coastal tourism.

These can be understood as sectoral objectives to guide the delivery of nature-positive and net-zero actions, and in turn raise the ambition of governments.

Envisioned under a common and overarching goal of **delivering sustainable, equitable and effective solutions for a resilient and regenerated ocean by 2030**, this Ocean Breakthrough comes with concrete and quantified objectives, specific actions, accountability mechanisms, and enablers to achieve them, such as policy and finance.

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4. <i>Non-Party stakeholder actions can strengthen efforts for systemic transformations.</i>	4. Non-Party stakeholder actions can strengthen efforts for systemic transformations.

<p><u>For more information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blue Ambition Loop report, <i>mapping and taking stock of civil-society led actions in ocean sectors</i> ● Ocean Breakthroughs, <i>catalysing ocean action to deliver on a nature-positive and net zero future</i>

To conclude, the Global Stocktake is an opportunity to better include ocean-based climate solutions and better include the concrete initiatives from non-party stakeholders to achieve the Paris goals - we must embark on this journey collectively. Thank you for your attention.