

Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue, 2026

Statement on behalf of Oman

Thank you, Co-Facilitators.

The Sultanate of Oman aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Oman recognizes the fundamental role of the ocean in regulating the global climate system and sustaining food security, livelihoods, and economic development. Healthy marine ecosystems are essential for millions of people worldwide who depend on fisheries and marine resources as a primary source of food, nutrition, and income. Climate change is increasingly affecting the ocean through warming waters, ocean acidification, deoxygenation, sea level rise, and more frequent extreme weather events. These impacts threaten marine biodiversity, fish stocks, coastal ecosystems, and, consequently, the food security and livelihoods of coastal communities, particularly in developing countries.

As a coastal nation, Oman understands the importance of strengthening the resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems to safeguard food systems and support sustainable fisheries. We therefore support efforts to enhance scientific knowledge, improve the understanding of ocean-climate-food security linkages, and promote effective adaptation measures that protect both ecosystems and communities.

We emphasize that developing countries require enhanced support, including finance, technology transfer, and capacity-building, to address ocean-related climate impacts and to implement sustainable ocean-based solutions that contribute to climate resilience and food security.

We look forward to constructive discussions that advance practical, inclusive, and action-oriented outcomes under this agenda item.

Thank you.