

Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue, 2026

Statement on behalf of India

India reaffirms its full commitment to climate action, noting that its NDC 3.0 covers all sectors, including land- and ocean-based measures.

We emphasize that this Dialogue should remain facilitative, balanced, Party-driven, factual, and non-prescriptive, without imposing additional burdens. NDCs must remain nationally determined, reflecting each Party's circumstances, capacities, and priorities, in line with the principles of equity and CBDR-RC.

While recognizing the importance of oceans for adaptation and resilience, it is stressed that inclusion of ocean-based measures in NDCs must be voluntary, and the Dialogue should not create prescriptive expectations or sector-specific guidance.

It is also highlighted that the Paris Agreement and the BBNJ Agreement are separate legal instruments and should be treated as such.

Adequate time should be provided to ensure a more inclusive, Party-driven exchange of views.