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Climate Technology Progress Report 2026

Working title: Beyond the Blue Horizon

- As Parties prepare for COP31 (2026), the ocean is gaining prominence as a critical component of the global climate agenda.
- Safeguarding the ocean carbon sink requires integrating climate objectives into ocean governance, protection, and investment decisions.

The 2026 report focus on

- the ocean's dual role as a carbon sink and a foundation of climate resilience, requiring aligned action on ecosystem protection, adaptation, and sustainable ocean-based livelihoods
- How to safeguard the ocean's climate function while managing emerging risks and uncertainties, focusing on the role of technology in achieving this

It highlights technologies across three domains:

- Protecting and enhancing natural ocean carbon systems
- Strengthening ocean carbon monitoring, intelligence, and data infrastructure
- Advancing emerging marine carbon dioxide removal approaches

It includes a chapter with particular attention to SIDS

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The ambition of the Report series is to:

- ✓ **provide scientifically credible and policy relevant assessments** of different aspects of tech transfer in key areas;
- ✓ **deliver information** relevant to the UNFCCC process, including to the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
- ✓ inform **country action** on tech transfer and enabling environments;
- ✓ **Bridge between science and practise** through engaging countries in the process, making it a forum for countries to discuss and inform the assessment

How climate technologies are advancing across key ocean-related domains, including blue carbon ecosystems, ocean-carbon intelligence, and marine CDR,

- *what progress has been achieved,*
- *which factors are enabling or constraining development, and*
- *which pathways can accelerate the deployment, accessibility, and implementation of these technologies across different national and regional contexts.*

Structure of the report

Chapter 1: Introduction, setting the scene

Part I (Global focus)

Chapter 2: State of the Ocean Carbon Sink

Chapter 3: Priority Response Areas (technologies), *Christopher Pearce (National Oceanography Centre, NOC)*

Chapter 4: Policy Implications. *Francis X Johnson (Stockholm Environment Institute, SEI)*

Part II (regional focus)

Chapter 5: SIDS, *Michelle DeFreese (Pacific Community, SPC), Laura Ramajo (Center for Climate and Resilience Research, Chile)*

Role of TEC and CTCN AB

1. Representation in the Steering Committee (SC), which

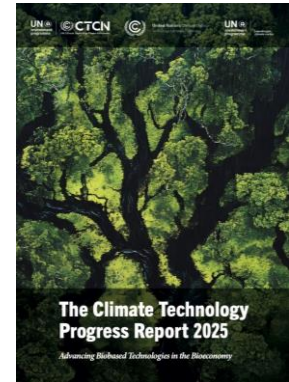
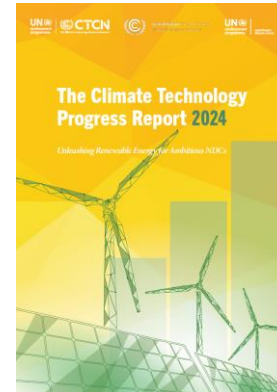
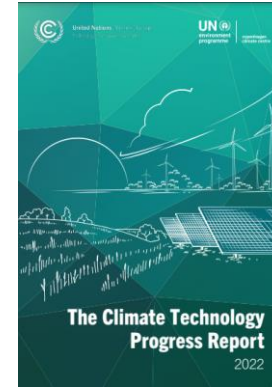
- guides the report production by selecting themes and lead authors (as per an agreed process)
- reviews and signs off on the report chapters and the executive summary
- provides overall strategic advice.
- meets regularly (ca. every 8 weeks, online)

2. Jointly launch and present the report at different occasions

3. Co-sign foreword

4. Co-branding

In 2024, the TEC prepared key messages from the 2022 and 2023 CTPR to the COP through the JAR

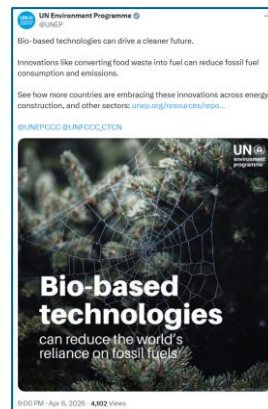


Next steps and launch

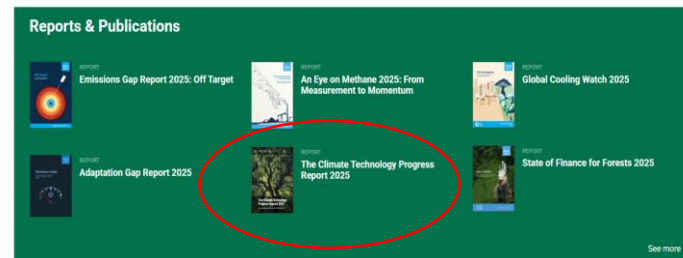
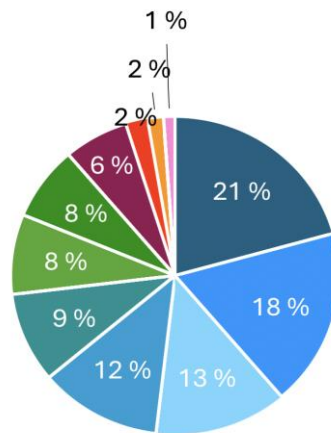
- 11 - 12 May: in-person lead author meeting
- 8 - 22 June: 1st draft circulated for review
- 20 July – 3 August : 2nd draft circulated for review
- 23 Sept – 15 Oct: Layout
- 31 August: final draft
- September – October: Editorial, layout and final approval process
- **29 October: Launch**
- 29 Oct – 20 Nov (and beyond): SoMe Promotion
- 9 – 20 Nov: dissemination at COP31 event(s)

Communication and Uptake, 2025 edition

- Total downloads UNEP-CCC website 1.491.
In addition, the report is available on UNEP main website, CTCN and UNFCCC ttclear websites
- Total reach of 98.6 million through media mentions



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