



2021 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
2030 for Sustainable Development

The Ocean Decade - Highlights

A reminder - why an Ocean Decade?



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Where we are



- Science based on curiosity & competent for problem diagnostic
- Observing system for climate and emerging data service
- Major knowledge gaps, weak ocean literacy
- Funding base mostly in research mode
- Hugely uneven capacity, especially low in developing countries/SIDS

Where we would like to be

- Science providing solutions and motivation for action
- Accessible ocean data and information for all actors
- Ocean literate society and well-informed decisions
- Long term resource commitments to ocean science
- CD/ transfer of technology: no one is left behind

Ocean Decade Challenges



Understand and beat marine pollution



Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity



Sustainably feed the global population



Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy



Unlock ocean based solutions to climate change



Increase community resilience to ocean hazards



Expand the global ocean observing system



Create a digital representation of the ocean



Build skills, knowledge and technology for all



Change humanity's relationship with the ocean



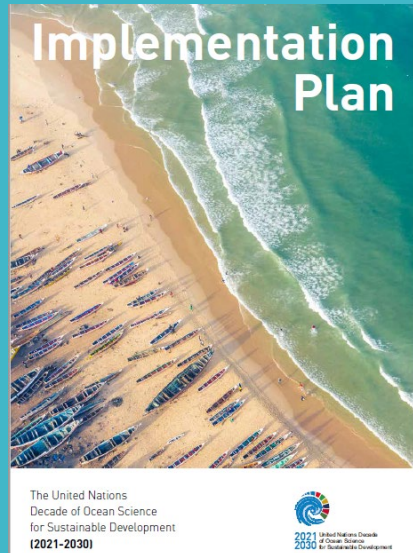
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Towards the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan



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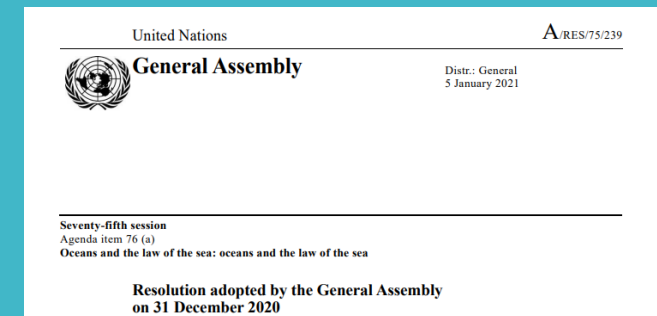
2016-2017



2020



2018-2019



- 304. Welcomes the steps taken by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission to prepare the implementation plan for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies, funds, programmes and bodies of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders, and takes note with appreciation of that plan;
- 305. Requests that the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission regularly consult with, and report to, Member States on the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and its implementation;
- 306. Invites the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly on the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development through his report on oceans and the law of the sea, on the basis of information to be provided by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission;



Decade Action Framework

Vision
The science we need for the ocean we want

Mission
Transformative ocean science solutions for sustainable development, connecting people and our ocean.

2030 AGENDA & REGIONAL AND GLOBAL POLICY FRAMEWORKS



DECADE OUTCOMES

“THE OCEAN WE WANT”



OCEAN DECADE CHALLENGES

The most immediate and pressing needs of the Decade, Challenges may evolve throughout the Decade and new Challenges will be added. Each Challenge contributes to one or more Decade outcomes.



DECADE OBJECTIVES

The steps in the process from the ocean we have to the ocean we want. Objectives are relevant to all Challenges. Prioritisation and translation of objectives into Actions will vary depending on context.



DECADE ACTIONS

The tangible initiatives and endeavours that will be implemented by a wide range of Decade stakeholders to fulfil the objectives and thus achieve the Challenges.



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Results of Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020

31 programmes

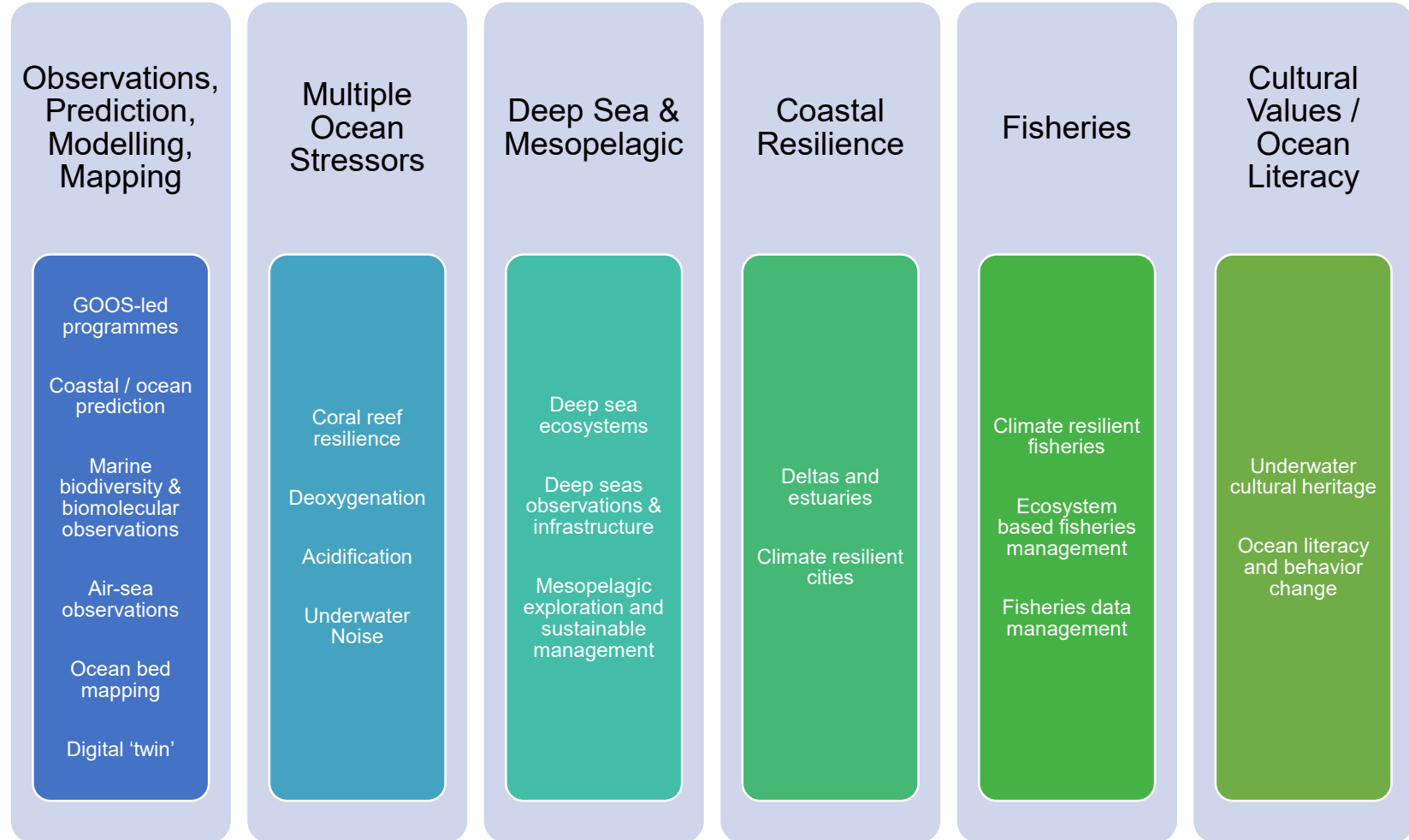
10 UN led
Decade Actions

36 contributions

83 projects

Full list can be
found on:

www.oceandecade.org

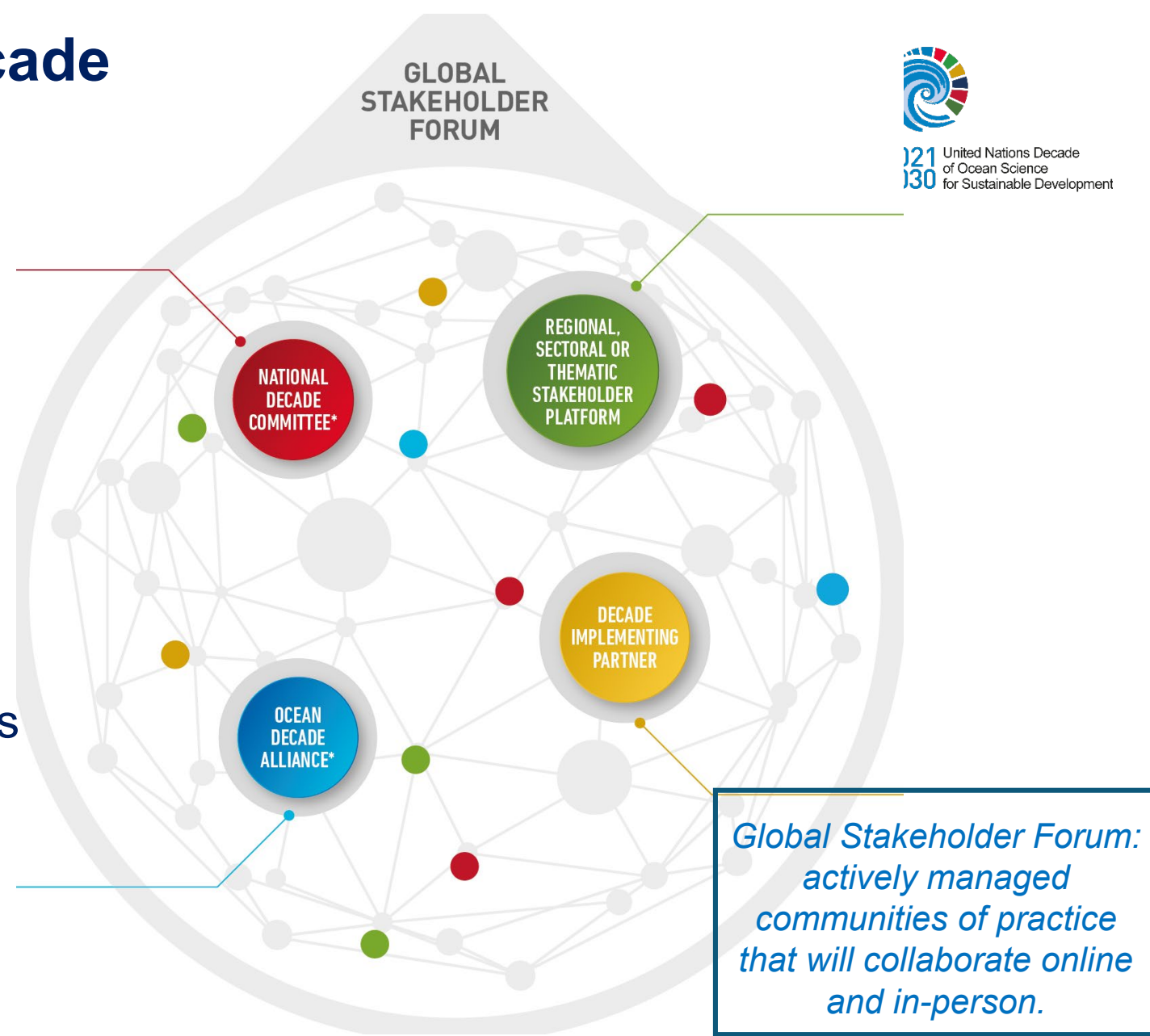


Regional programme: Pacific solutions to save our ocean, Mediterranean regional programme

Network programmes: Best Practices, ECOPs, gender, capacity development, networks to facilitate co-design and co-creation of Decade Actions including innovation, stimulate investment and incite global engagement

Engagement in the Ocean Decade

- Submission of Decade Activities for endorsement
- Response to Call for Decade Actions for programs or projects
- Registration of Stakeholder Engagement Networks via GSF
- Join National Decade Committee or regional initiative
- Decade coordination support structures
- Join thematic working groups
- Participate in upcoming events:
 - Ocean Decade Laboratories
 - Ocean Decade Virtual Series

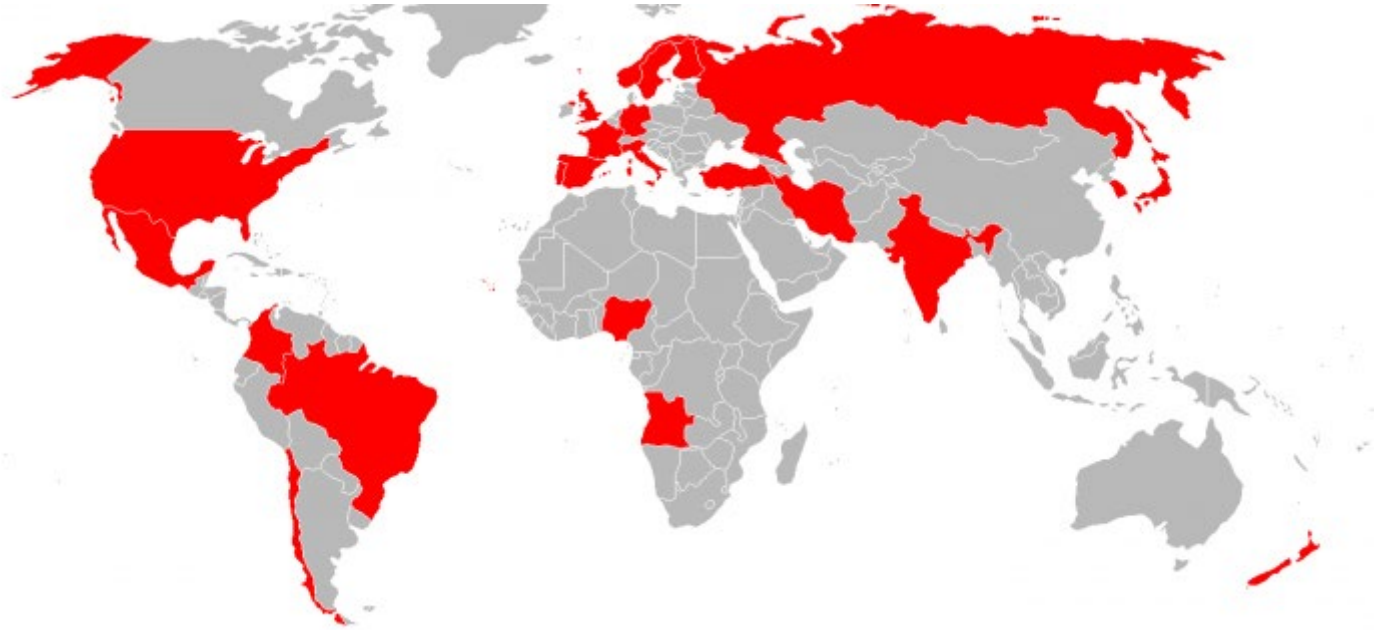


National Decade Committees & Regional Taskforces

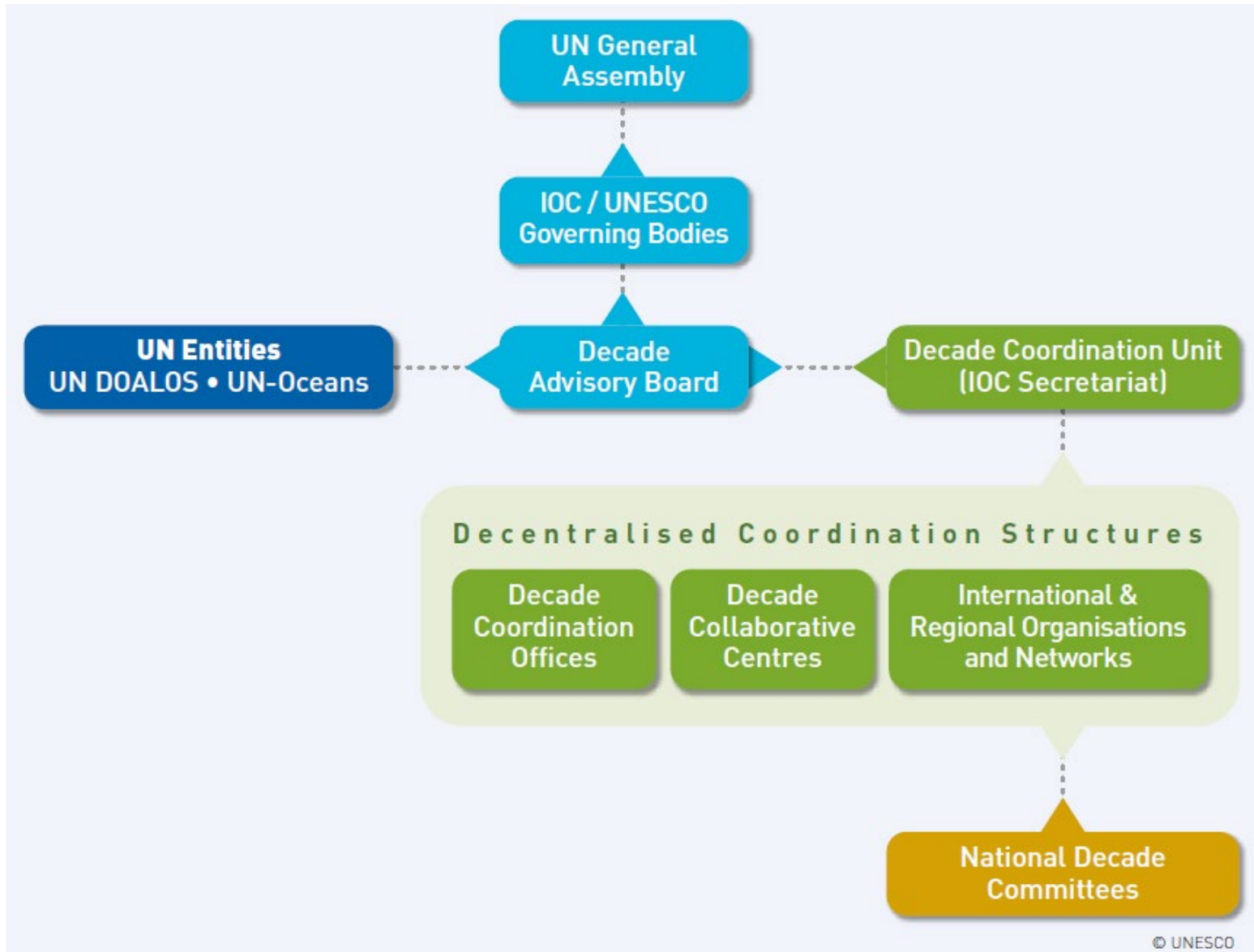
- **25 National Decade Committees** established with > 20 in creation
- Committees convene and create synergies between national actors and help set national priorities / support resource mobilisation
- **More NDCs are needed** - mentoring role of well established NDCs for new committees
- **7 regional taskforces** with diverse mandates and activities => Action Plans, regional programmes, priority setting and stakeholder engagement

Regional initiatives:

- **Africa (under development)**
- **Arctic**
- **Mediterranean**
- **Pacific SIDS**
- **Southern Ocean**
- **West Pacific**
- **Western Tropical Atlantic**



Established National Decade Committees

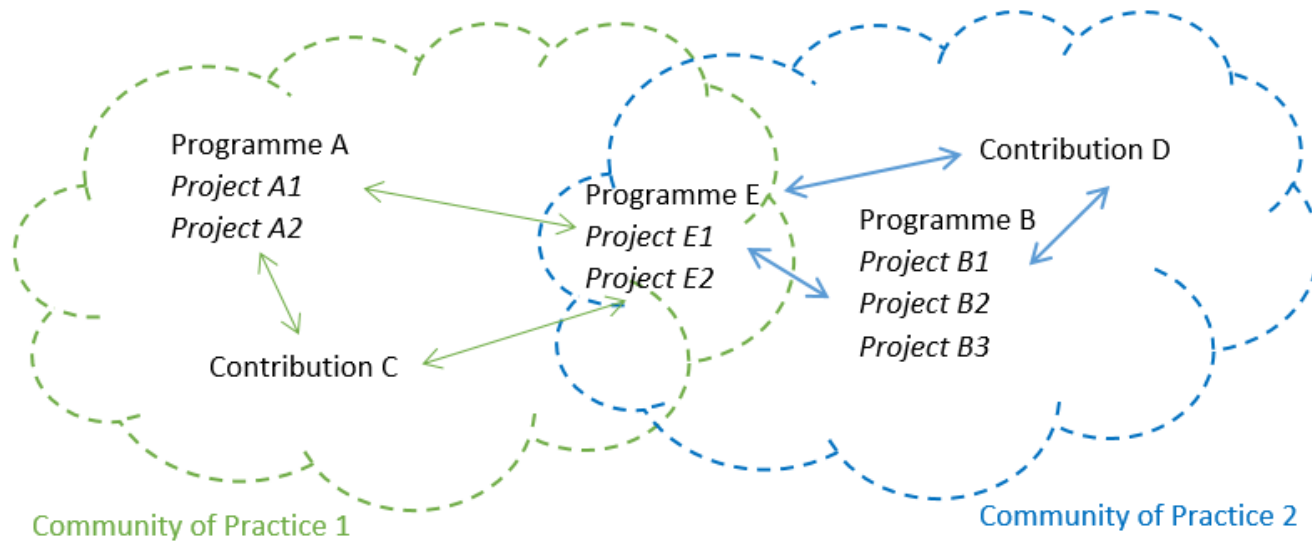


- National Decade Committees:** facilitate national contributions to the Decade, engage national stakeholders and enhance their access to Decade benefits.

The Decade Coordination Unit uses the Global Stakeholder Forum to promote exchange and cooperation between National Decade Committees

For more information, see Implementation Plan

Communities of Practice



Thematic Communities of Practice	Geographic Communities of Practice
Multiple Ocean Stressors	Southern Ocean
Deep Sea Research and Management	Arctic Ocean
Fisheries and Blue Food	Indian Ocean
Sustainable Ocean Economy	North Atlantic
Sustainable Ocean Planning	South Atlantic
Ocean – Climate Nexus	North Pacific
Ocean Observations	South Pacific
Coastal Ecosystem and Community Resilience	Mediterranean Sea
Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems	*Communities of Practice for other inland seas or sub-Ocean Basins are likely to emerge
Data, Information & Knowledge	
Capacity Development	
Ocean Literacy, Inclusivity and Cultural Values of the Ocean	



Stakeholder Engagement: UN, Philanthropy & Private Sector



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- Regular updates via **UN Oceans** meetings & participation in UN partners events
- **Philanthropic Foundations:**
 - Regular meetings of Foundations Dialogue group
 - Planning underway for second Foundations Dialogue meeting in Morocco
 - Contributions from Foundations
 - Membership of Ocean Decade Alliance
- **Private Sector:**
 - Continued engagement via UN Global Compact
 - Partnership agreements with private sector partners
 - Additional focus on private sector via Resource Mobilisation Strategy

Global Stakeholder Forum

*Global, online infrastructure to facilitate stakeholder exchange via Communities of Practice
Deployed end 2021 as part of new website*

The screenshot shows a website landing page for the 'Ocean Decade Community'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UN Decade logo (2021-2030) and menu items: DISCOVER, TAKE ACTION, WHAT'S ON?, OPPORTUNITIES, and a JOIN button. The main heading is 'JOIN THE COMMUNITY' in large white and teal letters, with the subtext 'Over 4,800 Members Making Change Now' and a prominent teal 'SIGN UP' button. Below this, a section titled 'Join the Ocean Decade Community' includes the text: 'Let's join hands to deliver the science we need for the ocean we want! Join the Ocean Decade community!'. This section features three columns with images and text: 1. 'Connect' with a diver image and text: 'Connect with your peers, future employers in your field and be mentored by world-class professionals.' 2. 'Transform' with a coral reef image and text: 'Transform the future of our ocean and sustainable development and grow your impact by collaborating with world scientists and policy makers.' 3. 'Support' with an image of people at a table and text: 'Support programmes with a proven impact on sustainability on a local, national, regional and global scale.' At the bottom, a teal banner reads 'Be part of the Ocean Decade. Join the community.' with another 'SIGN UP' button.



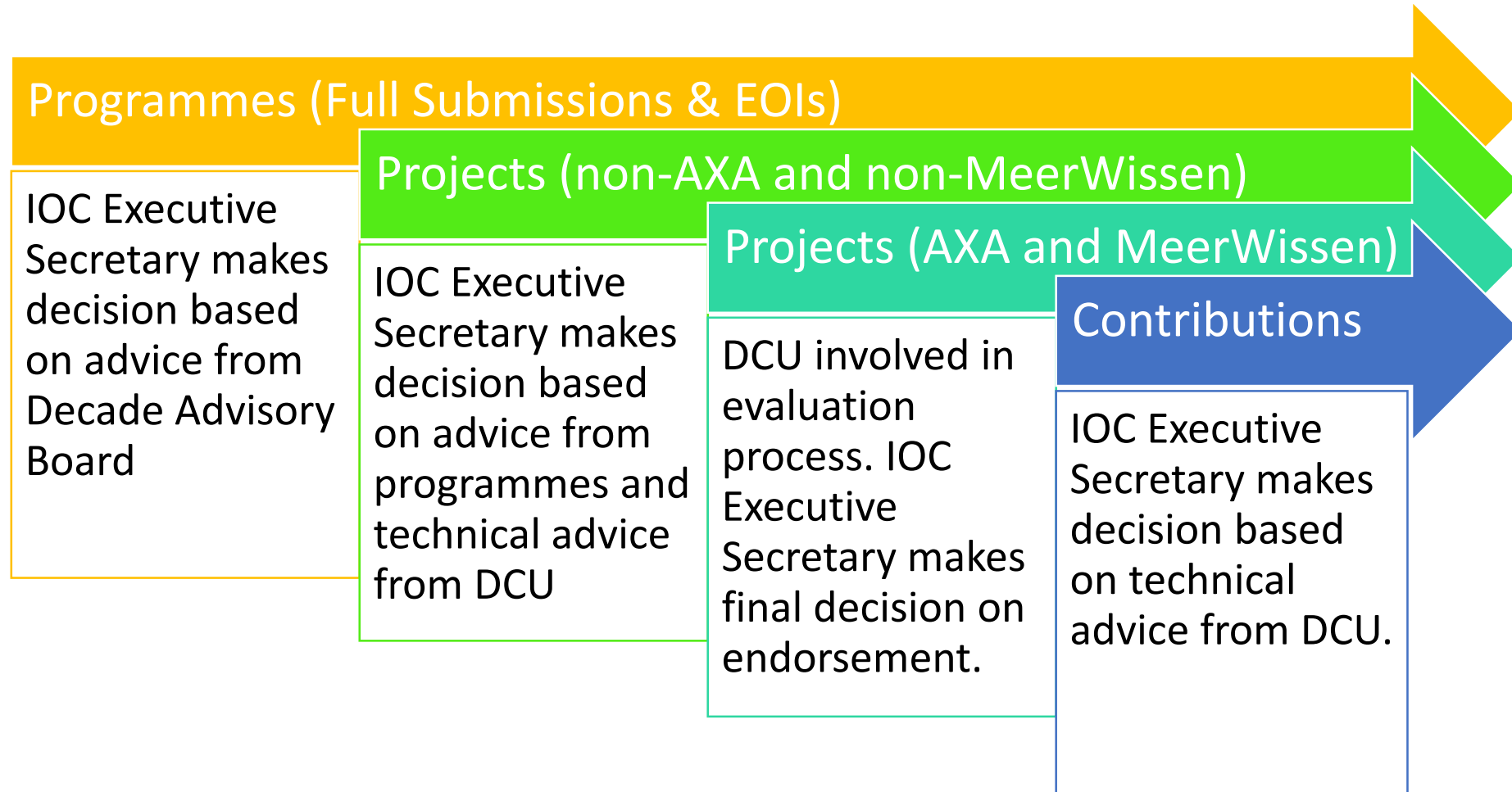
15 October 2021 – 31 January 2022

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Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021

- Thematic or regional programmes addressing primarily Challenges 1 – Marine Pollution, 2 – Ecosystem Management and 5 – Ocean Climate Nexus (programmes addressing other Challenges to be addressed via an Expression of Interest)
- Soliciting projects for 23 endorsed programmes that have indicated that they are ready to participate in the Call
- Sponsored Call for Decade Actions (projects) with AXA Research Fund and Meer Wissen Initiative
- Support mechanisms for lead partners in LDCs and SIDS

Decision Making Processes for Endorsement





Decade Advisory Board



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- **Composition:** the Decade Advisory Board comprises 15 expert members serving in their individual capacity drawn from government, private sector, philanthropy, civil society, and the scientific community, as well as representatives of UN Agencies.
- <https://www.oceandecade.org/decade-advisory-board/#:~:text=The%20Decade%20Advisory%20Board%20is,serve%20in%20their%20individual%20capacities.>

Ocean Decade at Major Global Events



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- One Ocean Summit, France, February 2022
- BBNJ IGC-4, New York, March 2022
- Our Ocean, Palau, April 2022
- Africa Regional Conference, May 2022
- Foundations Dialogue Meeting, Rabat, May 2022
- 2022 UN Ocean Conference, Lisbon, June 2022
- COP 27 UNFCCC, Egypt, November 2022