



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

GOOS Steering Committee Meeting

Update on Implementation

1 December 2021

Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020 – Results to date...

- First meet and greet of Communities of Practice held – others planned for January
- Generally good engagement with Decade Actions
- Strong demand for support on resource mobilisation and communications

31 programmes

38 contributions

83 projects

10 UN led Decade Actions

> 350 Decade Activities



15 October 2021 – 31 January 2022

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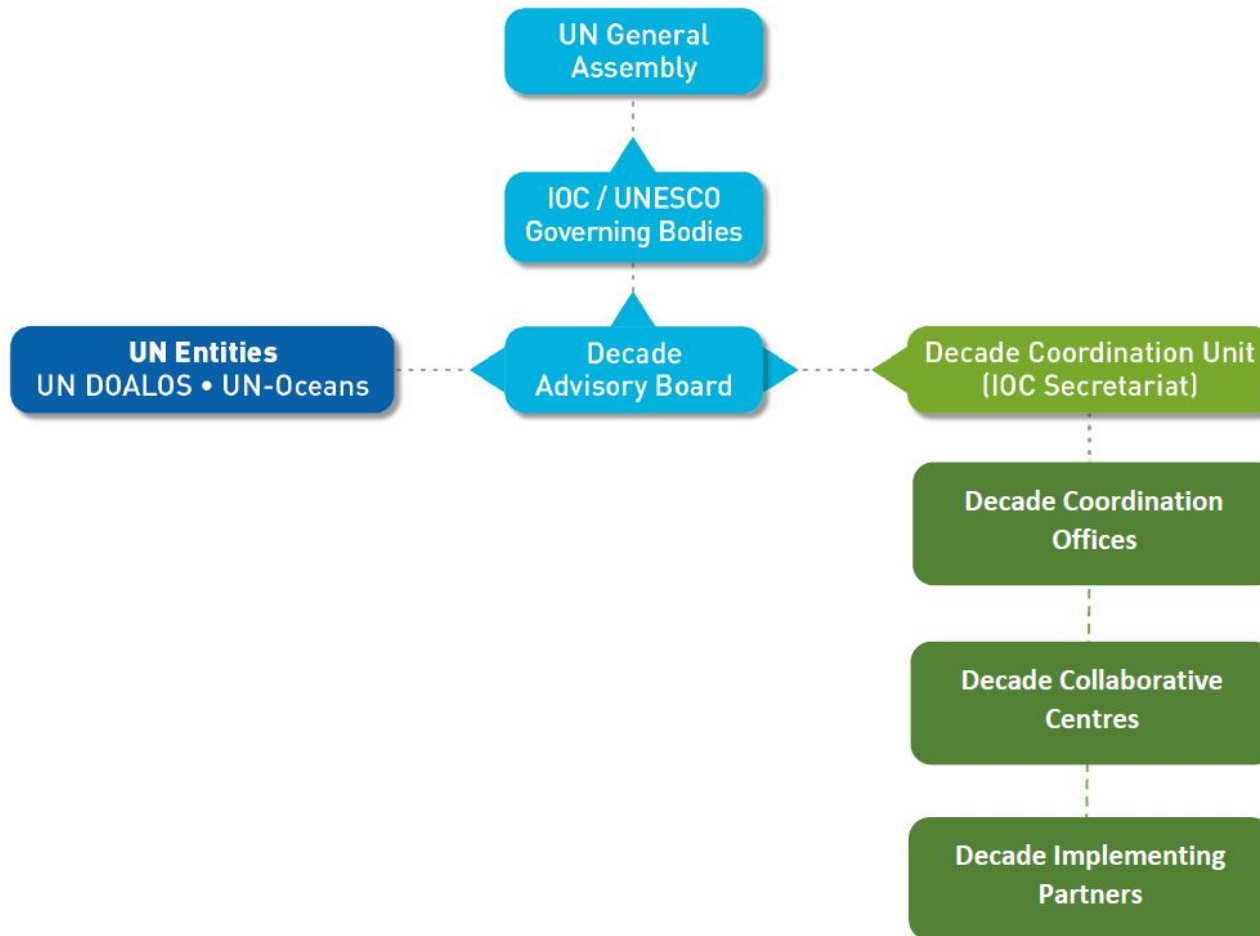
Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021

- 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 + 2 that are endorsing existing projects in this first round
- Sponsored Call for Decade Actions (projects) with AXA Research Fund and Meer Wissen Initiative
- Support mechanisms for lead partners in LDCs and SIDS - webinar held on 24/11 but little uptake of support offered by DCU

Decade Advisory Board Establishment

- 243 nominations received of very high quality and diversity
- Selection Panel of IOC Chair and Officers met twice to discuss candidates and establish a group that contained diversity across:
 - Sectors
 - Genders
 - Generations
 - Geographies
- Continuity from the EPG / IDAB will be assured by wo members
- Announcements of the full group will be made next week – Circular Letter and public communications
- First meeting in January 2022

Building the architecture of the Decade – Governance & Coordination



- DCU growing steadily – new secondments being developed with France and Norway
- Four Collaborative Centres relatively well advanced in planning:
 - North East Pacific
 - Innovation and Solutions
 - Ocean Prediction
 - Coastal Resilience
- First Decade Implementing Partner announced this week – European Marine Board

Stakeholder Engagement: Global Stakeholder Forum



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- **1505 registered users!**
- At the heart of the new Ocean Decade website with successful soft launch in October at forum.oceandecade.org
- Online community platform for the Ocean Decade – “LinkedIn” of the Decade
- Provides space for National Decade Committees, Communities of Practice, ECOPs, other groups and their members
- Will be the portal to submit Decade Activities and Decade Actions
- Facilitates sharing of information on events, news resources and Decade Actions
- Will be built out and tailored to user needs over time – feedback collected on a continuous basis

A screenshot of the Ocean Decade website's 'Join the Community' page. The page features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'DISCOVER', 'TAKE ACTION', 'WHAT'S ON?', 'OPPORTUNITIES', and a 'JOIN' button. The main heading reads 'JOIN THE COMMUNITY' in large, bold, white letters, followed by the subtext 'Over 4,800 Members Making Change Now' and a prominent '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!'. Three columns of content are displayed: 'Connect' (with an image of a diver), 'Transform' (with an image of coral reefs), and 'Support' (with an image of people working). Each column contains a brief description of the benefit. At the bottom, a footer area says 'Be part of the Ocean Decade. Join the community.' with another 'SIGN UP' button.

Ocean Decade Alliance



Ocean Decade Alliance:

- Alliance Sherpas' meeting planning in January 2022
- New short term prospects for Head of State membership
- High level events planned around One Ocean Summit and UN Ocean Conference

Resource Needs of Endorsed Programmes

	Need (USD million)	Secured (USD million)	Gap (USD million)
Action costs	461	69	391
Coordination costs	37	14	23
Project costs	3039	759	2280
TOTAL	3539	844	2695

Sponsored Calls for Decade Actions:

- Close to **USD 14 million** leveraged in sponsored, co-branded Calls for Decade Actions
- Partners = MeerWissen, AXA, DFO, JPI Ocean
- Two others in preparation...

Foundations Dialogue:

- Approx. 25 active philanthropies
- Thematic and geographic working groups
- In-person meeting Morocco late May 2021
- Alignment needed with GOOS philanthropic analyses

Other priorities:

- Additional sponsored Calls for Decade Actions
- More structured private sector engagement
- Targeted outreach to Member States
- International financing instruments – GCF, Adaptation Fund etc.

Important Milestones in 2022



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Looking Forward: GOOS Role in the Decade



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1. Coordination role within the observations community – leadership in Community of Practice? Ambition to establish a Decade Collaborative Centre
2. Joint analyses and action in relation to philanthropic Foundation resource mobilisation
3. Development of joint messaging / packaging of products to use with partners and funders for coordination and programme resource needs

