



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

Empowering Women for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development Decade Programme

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KEY PARTNERS

- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- International Seabed Authority (ISA)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO)
- UN Division for Ocean Affairs and The Law of the Sea (DOALOS)
- High Seas Alliance (HSA)

DECADE CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

CHALLENGE 2: Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity

CHALLENGE 4: Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy

CHALLENGE 9: Skills, knowledge and technology for all

CHALLENGE 10: Change humanity's relationship with the ocean

OCEAN BASINS

North Atlantic	Southern
South Atlantic	Indian
North Pacific	Arctic
South Pacific	

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- @WMUHQ #WMUOceanScience
- World Maritime University
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/WMUHQ/videos>

Summary

Empowering Women for the Ocean Decade aims to advance an alternative, inclusive model to enable more representative ocean science knowledge production to ensure gender equality and the empowerment of women of different ages and backgrounds at all levels. The Programme's research will identify outcomes which can be used in institutional capacity building and awareness raising. This includes the development of a baseline study on women's empowerment in selected intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned with ocean affairs. Research findings will identify key barriers and good practices which can inform the proposed Strategy and Action Plan. This will contribute to delivering equal opportunities for full participation and leadership by women at all levels of ocean science under the Ocean Decade. The Programme will enhance ongoing collaborations with partners to deliver substantive research outputs contributing to transformative actions.

Duration: 27/03/2019 - 31/03/2023

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Priority Activities (first 2 years)

- Collection and analysis of baseline gender-disaggregated data from selected international organizations and national institutions.
- Advocacy activities and events to raise awareness and support of gender equality and the empowerment of women under Ocean Decade actions.
- Engagement with partners to co-develop knowledge and good practices on promoting gender equality and empowering women scientists.
- PhD and Post-doctoral capacity-development.
- Develop a Strategy and Action Plan for women's empowerment in the Ocean Decade.
- Publish and present research outputs.

"The Ocean Decade provides a golden opportunity to achieve gender equality in ocean science. We are pleased that this effort has been recognized by the IOC-UNESCO as an official Decade Action and are committed to contributing to transformative actions that empower women from all backgrounds."

*Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry
President, World Maritime University*

