

**DRAFT RESOLUTION EC-55/[4.1]**

Submitted by Brazil, Colombia, India, and Morocco,

Agenda item 4.1

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE  
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)**

The Executive Council,

1. **Recalling** IOC Resolutions EC-53/1 and A-31/1 on the Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030), thereafter the Decade,

**Part 1 – Decade Coordination**

2. **Considering** document IOC/EC-55/4.1.Doc(1) on the Status of the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) and its addendum presenting the Outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade Call for Actions and scope of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call,
3. **Takes note** of the establishment of Decade coordinating mechanisms (Decade Coordination Offices, Decade Collaborative Centres, Decade Implementing Partners, National Decade Committees) as presented in document IOC/INF-1413;
4. **Also takes note** of the establishment of the Decade Advisory Board (DAB) and its rules of procedure as presented in document IOC/INF-1414;
5. **Thanks** the members of the Interim DAB for their contribution up to December 2021;
6. **Invites** Member States and partners to:
  - (i) provide voluntary financial contributions to support the work of the IOC Secretariat in coordinating the Decade including in-kind support (such as staff loans) and secondments to the Decade Coordination Unit (DCU);
  - (ii) offer to host and fund Decade Actions, DCOs, and DCCs as described in the Decade Implementation Plan;

- (iii) establish NDCs with a view to stimulating national activities and international cooperation; and
  - (iv) host regional or international Decade stakeholders events, including in the context of the International Ocean Decade Conference Series.
7. **Further invites** UN-Oceans members, UN Member States, international scientific and academic organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders to support the Decade in collaboration with IOC, and contribute to its implementation by proposing Decade Actions in accordance with the Decade Implementation Plan;
8. **Thanks** the Governments of Canada, China, France, India, Japan, the Kingdom of Belgium (Government of Flanders), Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland as well as REV-Ocean, Panerai, and FUGRO for their financial contributions to the Decade;
9. **Further thanks** the Government of Germany for their hosting of the “High Level Launch of the Ocean Decade – First International Ocean Decade Conference” and the UN Ocean Decade Laboratories, the Government of Egypt for hosting the “African Conference on Priority Setting & Partnership Development for the Decade”, the Government of Thailand for hosting “UN Ocean Decade Kick-off Conference for the Western Pacific and its Adjacent Areas”, the Governments of Colombia and Barbados for hosting the “Regional Kick-off Conference for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021–2030 for the Tropical Americas and the Caribbean Region”, and the Kingdom of Morocco through the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection for hosting the “Second Ocean Decade Foundations Dialogue”;

## **Part 2 – IOC Contribution to the Decade**

10. **Supports** the registration of IOC-led Decade Actions, specifically:
- (i) E-DNA expeditions in marine World Heritage sites (UN8);
  - (ii) OceanTeacher Global Academy: Building Capacity and Accelerated Technology Transfer for the Ocean Decade (UN10);
  - (iii) Pacific Islands Marine Bioinvasions Alert Network (UN11);
  - (iv) Accelerate Marine Spatial Planning in the Western Pacific (UN21);
  - (v) Accelerating capacity development transformations Western Pacific – Regional Network of Training and Research Centers (RTRCs) on Marine Science (UN23);

- (vi) Stem the tide of Asia's riverine plastic emission into the ocean (UN22);
  - (vii) Explore the strongest ocean current in the Western Pacific: the 2nd Cooperative Study of Kuroshio and adjacent regions (UN24);
  - (viii) An Ocean Data and Information System supporting the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development – OceanData 2030 (UN25);
  - (ix) Enhancing capacity development in the TAC Region (136.2);
  - (x) Integrating Coastal Hazard Warning Systems for TAC (138.2);
  - (xi) MACHC-IOCARIBE Seabed 2030 Project (140.2);
11. **Also supports** the active role of the IOC Regional and Technical Subsidiary Bodies and Programmes in facilitating Decade regional and thematic coordination and engagement activities, and in particular of:
- (i) IOC WESTPAC Secretariat acting as Decade Coordination Office for the Western Pacific Region;
  - (ii) IODE Programme Office acting as Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data Sharing;
  - (iii) GOOS Project Office acting as Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Observation;
12. **Welcomes** the development of the Ocean Decade African Roadmap and its nine priority actions;
13. **Invites** IOCAFRICA and IOCARIBE to consider acting as DCO for the implementation of regional Decade Actions and to develop terms of reference and identify resource needs for the strengthening of their respective regional Secretariats;
14. **Takes note** of the resource needs identified by IOC Programmes to fulfil Decade coordination functions; and **thanks** the Government of Thailand for its support to strengthen the IOC WESTPAC Office;
15. **Further invites** Member States, partners, and donor organizations to support these Decade Actions and Coordination mechanisms, including through allocation of extra-budgetary resources to relevant IOC programmes, to achieve their transformative ambitions, guide their respective communities, and act as catalysers of further actions within and beyond the Decade.

-----  
Financial implications :