Call for Decade Actions No. 06/2023 - Project Application

Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

Call for Decade Actions No. 06/2023 - Request for Endorsement for a Decade Project linked to an endorsed Decade Programme

This form should only be used to request for endorsement of a Decade Project linked to an endorsed Decade Programme.

Please read all the supporting documentation to the Call carefully before submitting your application:

1. Guidance Note, especially Annex I for Project priorities of participating Programmes
2. FAQ
3. Ocean Decade Implementation Plan and Summary

We strongly you encourage you to contact the relevant Decade programme to discuss your application before submission. Contact details for Decade programmes can be found in the Guidance Note.

The deadline for submission for this form is 23.59h UTC 31 January 2024.

For requests for endorsement for Decade Programmes or Projects from groups from African and Caribbean SIDS nations who would like to undergo in-depth training on co-design for a specific Decade Action idea, please use this form:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/co-design_CFDA6

For submitting an Expression of Interest for Programmes, please fill this form:
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Important Information:

Please note that all character limits include spaces.

You may continue editing your submission until you are ready to submit. This is done via IP address recognition. Bookmark the survey when you first open it, and it
should maintain your responses if you access it via the bookmarked link.

Please find the PDF and Word versions of the form here.

Please note that these are for your use only, e.g. to help prepare your submission. Only submissions sent via the online form will be accepted.

If you need a copy of your responses please email us at oceandecade@unesco.org with the exact full name and contact name of your submission. Please be aware that it may take some time to provide you with the download.

For any questions please contact oceandecade@unesco.org with “Call for Decade Actions No. 06/2023” in the subject line.
1. To which Ocean Decade Programme are you apply to be a project under?

NOTE: Make sure to read Annex I of the Guidance Note to understand the priorities of your chosen programme before proceeding with your application.

- 9. Global Ocean Corps and Conveyor
- 12. Ocean Decade Research Programme on the Maritime Acoustic Environment (OD-MAE)
- 15. Early Career Ocean Professionals Programme (ECOPs)
- 16. Ocean Voices: Building transformative pathways to achieve the Decade’s outcomes
- 17. Marine Life 2030
- 26. Ocean Biomolecular Observing Network (OBON)
- 28. ForeSea - The Ocean Prediction Capacity of the Future
- 57. Challenger 150 - A Decade to Study Deep-Sea Life
- 63. Fisheries Strategies for Changing Oceans and Resilient Ecosystems by 2030 (FishSCORE 2030)
- 64. Empowering Women for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
- 69. Cultural Heritage Framework Programme
- 76. Global Ocean Oxygen Decade (GOOD)
- 77. One Ocean Network for Deep Observation
- 90. Sustainability of Marine Ecosystems through global knowledge networks (SmartNET)
- 97. An Observing Air-Sea Interactions Strategy (OASIS)
- 109. The Hydrous presents: The Decade of Ocean Empathy
- 118. SUSTainability, Predictability and RESilience of Marine Ecosystems (SUPREME)
- 129. Deep Ocean Observing Strategy (DOOS)
- 137. Digital Twins of the Ocean (DITTO)
- 144. CoastPredict - Observing and Predicting the Global Coastal Ocean
- 161. Deltas associated with large rivers: Seeking solutions to the problem of sustainability (Mega Deltas)
- 172. Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions (GEOS)
- 189. Joint Exploration of the Twilight Zone Ocean Network (JETZON)
- 219. Ocean Acidification Research for Sustainability (OARS)
- 8.2. Global Ocean Negative Carbon Emission (Global ONCE)
- 11.2. Decade Programme for Blue Carbon in the Global Ocean (GO-BC)
- 18.2 Ocean to climate Seamless Forecasting system (OSF)
- 20.2 Healthy Rivers, Healthy Ocean
- 1.3. Nutrition Sensitive Marine Aquaculture In Africa (AfriMAQUA)
- 4.3. Sustainable Blue Food Futures for People & Planet (BlueFood Futures)
- UN5. Ocean Best Practices for the Decade
- UN7. Ocean Literacy With All (OLWA)
- UN31. Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme
2. Is your project already affiliated with the programme you have selected?

- Yes
- No

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Proponent and Partner Details

* 3. Lead Institution Name

* 4. Lead Institution Type

* 5. Lead Institution Physical Address

Street Address

Town/City

Postal/Zip Code

* 6. Lead Institution Country

* 7. Is your institution based in a Least Developed Country, Small Island Developing State, or Africa

Please find a list of SIDS here: [https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/list-sids](https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/list-sids)

Please find a list of LDCs here: [https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category/ldcs-at-a-glance.html](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category/ldcs-at-a-glance.html)

- Yes
- No
* 8. Lead Institution Website


* 9. Lead Institution Primary Contact

This is the person responsible for the proposal and who will be directly contacted in future communications throughout the review process, and will be expected to sign the letter of endorsement should your application be successful.

First Name

Last Name

* 10. Lead institution primary contact gender

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female
- [ ] Prefer not to say

* 11. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address


* 12. Email contact of person completing survey

This person might not be the same as the lead institutional contact, but will be someone we will include in future communications throughout the review process.


* 13. Partner Institution Names

Please provide the names of up to five partner lead institutions. Other partner details can be provided in the supplementary information section.

Partner No. 1
Institution name

Partner No. 2
Institution name

Partner No. 3
Institution name

Partner No. 4
Institution name

Partner No. 5
Institution name
* 14. Partner focal points' contact details
Please provide the full name of the focal point person in the partner institution and their email address.

| Partner No.1 Focal point contact details |  |
| Partner No.2 Focal point contact details |  |
| Partner No.3 Focal point contact details |  |
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* 15. Partner Institution Countries

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* 16. Name of Decade Action
The public facing name used to refer to your Decade Action. Your Action name must be fewer than 50 characters.
17. Short name or acronym of Decade Action

18. Is the project you are proposing an ongoing initiative or new?
   - Ongoing Initiative
   - New Initiative

19. Have you contacted the relevant endorsed Decade programme in the development of your proposal (see Annex I of Guidance Note)?
   - No
   - Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.

20. Have you contacted any relevant National Decade Committee(s) in the development of your proposal? Full list can be found [here](#).
   - No
   - Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.

21. When will your proposed Action start and end?
   Please use the first of the month in which your Action will start if you do not have a specific start date.

   **Start Date**
   **Date**
   **DD/MM/YYYY**

   **End Date**
   **Date**
   **DD/MM/YYYY**

22. Total Budget estimate for the Decade Action to the nearest whole number with no punctuation.

23. Please indicate the currency of the above budget.
24. Estimate of percentage of total budget secured
This can include in-kind and financial resources.

25. Please tell us who your current funders are and from whom you are seeking or planning to seek additional financial or in-kind support.

26. Please select all countries in which the Decade Action will be implemented.

- [ ] All Countries
- [ ] Afghanistan
- [ ] Albania
- [ ] Algeria
- [ ] Andorra
- [ ] Angola
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- [ ] Antigua and Barbuda
- [ ] Argentina
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- [ ] Belize
- [ ] Benin
- [ ] Bhutan
- [ ] Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- [ ] Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- [ ] Qatar
- [ ] Republic of Korea
- [ ] Republic of Moldova
- [ ] Romania
- [ ] Russian Federation
- [ ] Rwanda
- [ ] Saint Kitts and Nevis
- [ ] Saint Lucia
- [ ] Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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- [ ] Saudi Arabia
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* 27. Please select all ocean basins in which the Decade Action will be implemented.

- [ ] North Atlantic Ocean
- [ ] South Atlantic Ocean
- [ ] North Pacific Ocean
- [ ] South Pacific Ocean
- [ ] Indian Ocean
- [ ] Arctic Ocean
- [ ] Southern Ocean
- [ ] Mediterranean Sea
- [ ] Other (including regional seas)

* 28. Summary of Decade Action

This summary will be used publicly on the Ocean Decade Network should your contribution be endorsed. (max. 1000 characters)

* 29. Please provide details on how your proposal aligns with the following Ocean Decade endorsement criteria.

Please keep in mind that this section is essential to the evaluation of your application, and therefore please be as objective and explanatory as possible. In case a criterion does not align with your proposal, please provide 2 to 3 sentences on why not (max. 5000 characters per criteria)

Contributes to achieving one or more of the following Decade objectives:
Objective 1: Identify critical ocean knowledge; Objective 2: Build capacity and generate knowledge; Objective 3: Increase the use of ocean knowledge.
Accelerates the generation or use of knowledge and understanding of the ocean, with a specific focus on knowledge that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and complementary policy frameworks and initiatives.

Is co-designed and/or co-delivered by knowledge generators and users, and thus facilitating the uptake of science and ocean knowledge for policy, decision-making, management and/or innovation.

Ensures that all data and resulting knowledge are provided in an open access, shared, discoverable manner.

Strengthens existing or creates new partnerships across nations and/or between diverse ocean actors, including users of ocean science.

Contributes toward capacity development, including, but not limited to, beneficiaries in SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs.

Overcomes barriers to diversity and equity, including gender, generational and geographic diversity.

Collaborates with and engages local and indigenous knowledge holders.
* 30. Please select which of the Decade Outcomes your Decade Action contributes to (max. 3)

- [ ] Outcome 1: A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and reduced or removed.
- [ ] Outcome 2: A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored and managed.
- [ ] Outcome 3: A productive ocean supporting sustainable food supply and a sustainable ocean economy.
- [ ] Outcome 4: A predicted ocean where society understands and can respond to changing ocean conditions.
- [ ] Outcome 5: A safe ocean where life and livelihoods are protected from ocean-related hazards.
- [ ] Outcome 6: An accessible ocean with open and equitable access to data, information and technology and innovation.
- [ ] Outcome 7: An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development.

* 31. Please select which of the Decade Challenges your Decade Action contributes to (max. 3)

- [ ] Challenge 1: Understand and map land and sea-based sources of pollutants and contaminants and their potential impacts on human health and ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to remove or mitigate them.
- [ ] Challenge 2: Understand the effects of multiple stressors on ocean ecosystems, and develop solutions to monitor, protect, manage and restore ecosystems and their biodiversity under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- [ ] Challenge 3: Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions to optimise the role of the ocean in sustainably feeding the world's population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- [ ] Challenge 4: Generate knowledge, support innovation, and develop solutions for equitable and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.
- [ ] Challenge 5: Enhance understanding of the ocean-climate nexus and generate knowledge and solutions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to the effects of climate change across all geographies and at all scales, and to improve services including predictions for the ocean, climate and weather.
- [ ] Challenge 6: Enhance multi-hazard early warning services for all geophysical, ecological, biological, weather, climate and anthropogenic related ocean and coastal hazards, and mainstream community preparedness and resilience.
- [ ] Challenge 7: Ensure a sustainable ocean observing system across all ocean basins that delivers accessible, timely, and actionable data and information to all users.
- [ ] Challenge 8: Through multi-stakeholder collaboration, develop a comprehensive digital representation of the ocean, including a dynamic ocean map, which provides free and open access for exploring, discovering, and visualizing past, current, and future ocean conditions in a manner relevant to diverse stakeholders.
- [ ] Challenge 9: Ensure comprehensive capacity development and equitable access to data, information, knowledge and technology across all aspects of ocean science and for all stakeholders.
- [ ] Challenge 10: Ensure that the multiple values and services of the ocean for human wellbeing, culture, and sustainable development are widely understood, and identify and overcome barriers to behaviour change required for a step change in humanity's relationship with the ocean.
* 32. In addition to SDG 14 (Life below water), which we assume is relevant to all Decade Actions, please indicate which of the other Sustainable Development Goals your Decade Action contributes to

☐ GOAL 1: No Poverty.
☐ GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
☐ GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
☐ GOAL 4: Quality Education
☐ GOAL 5: Gender Equality
☐ GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
☐ GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
☐ GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
☐ GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
☐ GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
☐ GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
☐ GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
☐ GOAL 13: Climate Action
☐ GOAL 15: Life on Land
☐ GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
☐ GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

* 33. What is the high-level objective of your Decade Action? (max. 1000 characters)

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* 34. What are key outcomes of your Decade Action? (max. 2000 characters).

[Blank Box]

* 35. What are key discrete activities that you will carry out in the first 3 years of your Decade Action? (max. 5000 characters)

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* 36. How does your project align with your chosen Decade Programme’s priorities? (max. 3000 characters)

NOTE: Make sure to read Annex I of the Guidance Note to understand the priorities of your chosen programme to answer this question.

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* 37. Please describe the management structure which will be used to coordinate your Decade Action (max. 2000 characters)

[Blank Box]
38. Please provide any supplementary information you would like reviewers to take into account as they review your Decade Action. This may include details of additional partners (max. 5000 characters).