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Asunto: Actualización sobre la implantación del Decenio del Océano, incluido el proceso de inscripción para la Conferencia del Decenio del Océano 2024 (Barcelona, abril de 2024)

La presente Circular se ha preparado para proporcionar información actualizada sobre aspectos clave del Decenio de las Naciones Unidas de las Ciencias Oceánicas para el Desarrollo Sostenible en relación con: (i) la inscripción para la Conferencia del Decenio del Océano 2024 (Barcelona, abril de 2024); (ii) la designación de nuevos miembros expertos de la Junta Asesora del Decenio; y (iii) la invitación a participar en la revisión de los borradores de los Libros Blancos del proceso Visión 2030.

Inscripción para la Conferencia de la Década del Océano 2024

Auspiciada por España y organizada juntamente con la COI-UNESCO en su calidad de organismo coordinador del Decenio de las Naciones Unidas de las Ciencias Oceánicas para el Desarrollo Sostenible (2021-2030), la Conferencia del Decenio del Océano 2024 tendrá lugar en Barcelona (España) del 10 al 12 de abril de 2024. Este evento presencial de tres días será un momento clave para que una amplia gama de partes interesadas, evalúen los logros de los tres primeros años del Decenio del Océano y formulen una visión compartida para los años venideros. La Conferencia será precedida de una serie de eventos satélites que tendrán lugar en toda Barcelona los días 8 y 9 de abril de 2024 y que alimentarán los debates de la Conferencia. Las solicitudes de inscripción para la Conferencia ya están abiertas y se cerrarán a las 23:59h UTC del 10 de febrero de 2024. Tenga en cuenta que, lamentablemente, debido a la gran demanda prevista y al número limitado de plazas en el sitio de la Conferencia, no se confirmarán todas las solicitudes de inscripción, por lo que se recomienda a los participantes que esperen a recibir la confirmación de su inscripción antes de proceder con los planes de viaje. Para garantizar una participación optimizada dentro de las limitaciones mencionadas, las sesiones plenarias de la conferencia se retransmitirán en directo. Las

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solicitudes de inscripción pueden realizarse a través del sitio web de la Conferencia: <https://oceandecade-conference.com/home.php>.

Designación de nuevos miembros expertos de la Junta Asesora del Decenio

En la 31ª reunión de la Asamblea de la COI (UNESCO, 14-15 de junio de 2021), los Estados Miembros de la COI, los organismos de las Naciones Unidas y los asociados aprobaron el mandato de la Junta Asesora del Decenio sobre la base del documento [IOC-31/3.7.Doc\(1\)](#), incluido el proceso de selección de sus miembros. La Junta Asesora del Decenio es un órgano consultivo de múltiples partes interesadas que asiste a la Secretaría de la COI en el desempeño de su función de coordinadora del Decenio. La Junta responde tanto ante los órganos rectores de la COI como ante el Secretario Ejecutivo de la COI. La Junta Asesora del Decenio está compuesta por un máximo de 15 miembros expertos procedentes de los gobiernos, el sector privado, la filantropía, la sociedad civil y la comunidad científica, así como por representantes de entidades de las Naciones Unidas. Tras una convocatoria de candidaturas a través de la Circular No. [2848](#) (2021), la Circular No. [2871](#) se identificó al primer grupo de 15 miembros expertos seleccionados para la Junta Asesora del Decenio que fueron nombrados para un mandato de dos años que comenzó el 1 de enero de 2022 y finalizó el 31 de diciembre de 2023. En la 32ª reunión de la Asamblea de la COI (21-30 de junio de 2023), se presentó en el documento [IOC/INF-1426](#) un informe sobre la actuación de la Junta Asesora durante este periodo. El Reglamento Interno de la Junta que se presentó en el documento [IOC/INF-1414](#) al Consejo Ejecutivo de la COI en su 55ª reunión (13-17 de junio de 2022), prevé un proceso para alternar los mandatos de los miembros expertos del Comité. De acuerdo con el Reglamento, al menos cinco miembros expertos en activo se mantendrán en la Junta para un segundo mandato.

Entre el 23 de agosto y el 30 de octubre de 2023 se abrió una convocatoria de candidaturas para los 15 miembros expertos de la Junta a través de los siguientes canales:

- Los Estados Miembros de la COI a través de las Circulares de la COI;
- Organismos pertinentes de la ONU a través de la ONU-Océanos;
- Redes científicas, utilizando mecanismos de comunicación formales e informales;
- Redes dedicadas a la política, a las empresas y al desarrollo sostenible mediante anuncios; y
- Los sitios web del Decenio del Océano y de la COI.

A través de este proceso, se presentaron 300 candidaturas procedentes de los Estados Miembros de la COI-UNESCO, Naciones Unidas, entidades de las Naciones Unidas u organizaciones intergubernamentales, así como candidaturas espontáneas.

El Secretario Ejecutivo de la COI convocó un panel de selección compuesto por el Presidente de la COI y miembros de la Mesa de la COI que representan a los cinco grupos electorales de la COI. Con el apoyo técnico de la Unidad de Coordinación del Decenio, se encargó a este panel la selección de los expertos miembros de la Junta Asesora del Decenio.

En su evaluación, el panel se comprometió a garantizar que los expertos miembros tuvieran suficientes competencias, conocimientos, influencia e imparcialidad en relación con la visión y los objetivos del Decenio y fueran capaces de llevar a cabo el trabajo descrito en el mandato. La diversidad de sectores fue una consideración clave, incluyendo una mezcla de miembros de la comunidad científica, del sector privado, de la filantropía y del gobierno. También se seleccionó a los expertos teniendo debidamente en cuenta su experiencia y el equilibrio geográfico, generacional y de género.

La lista de los miembros expertos seleccionados se adjunta a la presente Circular.

Revisión de los borradores de los Libros Blancos del proceso Visión 2030

El proceso Visión 2030 se inició a principios de 2023 para identificar una ambición estratégica y medidas comunes de éxito para cada uno de los 10 Desafíos del Decenio del Océano. Desde mayo de 2023, 10 grupos de trabajo de múltiples partes interesadas han estado elaborando borradores de Libros Blancos para cada uno de los Desafíos. Estos Libros Blancos identifican las necesidades de los usuarios, los conjuntos de datos prioritarios, brechas residuales en la ciencia, así como los conocimientos científicos, los recursos o infraestructuras, las asociaciones, el desarrollo de capacidades, las soluciones tecnológicas y las infraestructuras necesarias para cada Desafío, a fin de garantizar que pueda cumplirse al final del Decenio del Océano en 2030.

Entre el 22 de enero y el 22 de febrero de 2024 se abrirá un proceso de revisión de los borradores de los Libros Blancos. Los borradores pueden descargarse aquí: <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33599>. Las contribuciones al proceso de revisión deben hacerse a través del siguiente enlace: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WP_vision_2030.

Además, se celebrarán cuatro seminarios web interactivos entre el 12 y el 16 de febrero de 2024 para recolectar comentarios y opiniones adicionales sobre los Libros Blancos. Los detalles sobre el calendario y los enlaces de inscripción para estos seminarios web pueden encontrarse aquí: <https://oceanecade.org/news/vision2030-white-papers-review-process/>.

Los resultados del proceso de revisión se utilizarán para revisar y actualizar los Libros Blancos, y las versiones revisadas se presentarán y debatirán en la Conferencia del Decenio Océano 2024 (Barcelona, abril de 2024), antes de su finalización y publicación posteriormente en 2024.

Para más información o preguntas sobre estos temas, póngase en contacto con Julian Barbière (j.barbiere@unesco.org) o Alison Clausen (a.clausen@unesco.org).

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Adj: 1/ Lista de miembros expertos de la Junta Asesora del Decenio (sólo en inglés)

Annex 1/ List of Expert Members of Decade Advisory Board



Professor Donovan Campbell (Jamaica) is a Professor of Environmental Geography at the University of the West Indies. His primary scientific expertise is in climate change adaptation and food systems in the Small Islands. He has contributed to multiple intergovernmental scientific assessments, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the World Ocean Assessment, and the Global Environmental Outlook. At the regional level, he currently serves as Head of the Regional Centre for Caribbean Technology Needs Assessment and is the Co-Director of the Caribbean Resilience & Recovery Knowledge Network.



Awa Bousso Dramé (Senegal / Cabo Verde) is a researcher in coastal sciences, GIS and AI at University College London. She is also the CEO of 'GIS Research Institute'. Awa's expertise has been internationally recognised through the 2023 Forbes Africa 30 under 30s Class and the 2022 L'Oréal-UNESCO award for Women in Science: Sub-Saharan Africa, for her research on coupling AI and GIS for monitoring cross-border coastal/marine systems in West Africa, and promoting gender equality in STEM. Awa turns her research into social impact through different educational programs and supports policymaking within governments and international organisations. Awa is currently developing coastal research initiatives in Cabo Verde reaching 16 countries in West Africa and more than 150 women and girls.



Linda Faulkner (New Zealand) is currently Natural Sciences Commissioner of New Zealand's National Commission for UNESCO, Deputy Director for New Zealand's Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge, and Director of Tūtaiao Ltd. – a private consultancy focusing on people, policy and planning. Linda hails primarily from the tribal regions of Ngāti Rangī and Whanganui in Aotearoa New Zealand and has long advocated the opportunities and benefits possible through empowering indigenous knowledge and practice to work alongside contemporary science. Her work in the National Science Challenge arena has seen transformational change to the way indigenous knowledge contributes to multi and transdisciplinary research, and the significant benefits and impact that accrue from such approaches.



José Marie Figueres (Costa Rica) moved into Costa Rica's public service in 1987 when he was appointed President of the National Railroad System. He later served as Minister of Foreign Trade and then as Minister of Agriculture. José María was elected President of Costa Rica in 1994, at the age of 39. As President he led and implemented a comprehensive national development strategy combining environmental, social and economic policies. For his work he received numerous international environmental awards, including the first ever Leadership Prize from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). In 1999 he was appointed by Secretary General Kofi Annan to lead the first ever United Nations ICT Task Force. In 2000 he joined the Management Board of the World Economic Forum working with its founder Klaus Schwab, and later was appointed by the Board as its first CEO. As of 2013 José María was instrumental in launching the Global Ocean Commission, which he co-chaired with David Miliband (UK) and Trevor Manuel (SA). President Figueres also serves on the boards of 'Pristine Seas', the 'Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance' (ORRA) and is a founding member of 'Antarctica 2020'. He is also a participant in 'Friends of Ocean Action'.



Professor Gideon Henderson (United Kingdom) is Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra, UK), responsible for overseeing the quality of evidence that the Department relies on for policy decisions. He also provides ministers with scientific advice and sets the priorities for scientific research and evidence-gathering. He has been Professor of Earth Sciences at the Department of Earth Sciences in the University of Oxford since 2006. Gideon is also a Senior Research Fellow at University College, Oxford and an Adjunct Associate Research Scientist at the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. His awards include the 30th Annual Plymouth Marine Science Medal 2016, European Union of Geosciences outstanding young scientist award in 2001, and the Leverhulme Prize Fellowship in 2001. In 2013, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. Gideon is completing a second term on the Decade Advisory Board.



Dr Michelle Heupel (Australia) is Director of Australia's Integrated Marine Observing system. She is a research scientist with over 25 years' experience working on ecology, conservation and management of marine predators, predominantly sharks and fish. Her career has spanned a range of sectors in marine science, including universities, public funded research agencies, private non-profit laboratories and joint ventures. Michelle has produced over 200 peer reviewed scientific publications, has held various editorial positions with several scientific journals and has previously or currently sits on several national and international committees relevant to science, conservation and management. She is a former member of the Commonwealth Threatened Species Scientific Committee and was a member of the Australian Delegation to the Convention on Migratory Species Sharks MOU meetings in 2016 and 2018.



Charlotte Hudson (United States of America) is the Project Director of the Lenfest Ocean Program, a scientific grant-making program based at The Pew Charitable Trusts (Washington, D.C., USA), that funds research projects that address the needs of marine and coastal stakeholders and supports grantees to engage with the people most likely to use the results. She is responsible for identifying thematic areas of research and overseeing the design and implementation of research projects that include purposeful engagement with those who might use the research. She also oversees the engagement with and communication of research results in ways that inform policy decisions and promote the sustainable management of the ocean. Charlotte has co-authored many papers on the role of science, philanthropy and policy in decision-making. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Davidson College and a master's degree in environmental management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. Charlotte is completing a second term on the Decade Advisory Board.



Adrian Lema (Denmark) is Director of Denmark's National Center for Climate Research at the Danish Meteorological Institute. He has many years of experience in bridging knowledge and policy and now translates climate science and oceanography into public awareness, policymaking and practical applications. Adrian is also Chair of the Danish, Greenlandic and Faroese committee for UN Ocean Decade.



Angelique Pouponneau (Seychelles) is a lawyer in the Seychelles and UK. She holds an LLM in Environmental Law; specializing in the law of the sea and natural resources law. Angelique is also a trained climate change negotiator under the AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Programme at the United Nations. She has worked in different countries in the Caribbean, Pacific and the Indian Ocean on a wide range of projects relating to sustainable fisheries, sustainable management of marine biodiversity within and beyond national jurisdiction, and climate change, in particular climate adaptation and climate finance. Further, she served as a legal expert of the African Group of Sixth Committee in works of oceans and law of the sea at the United Nations. Moreover, Angelique has experience working with civil society as a co-founder and board member for not-for-profit organizations in Seychelles and abroad. Angelique is completing a second term on the Decade Advisory Board.



Dr Julie Reimer (Canada) is a marine social scientist and Senior Policy Advisor in the National Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) program at Fisheries and Oceans Canada. In her various roles, she aims to amplify MSP as a pathway toward global conservation and sustainability goals. Julie holds a PhD in geography, a Master of Marine Management, and a Bachelor of Science in biology, and brings this interdisciplinary lens to her work across MSP practice and research. She has been recognized as a leader in organizational governance, youth empowerment, and science-based advocacy. In 2021, Julie was named a Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leader in Canada.



Professor Hiroaki Saito (Japan) is a professor and Advisor to the Director at the Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute (AORI) at the University of Tokyo. Prior to this, Hiroaki spent more than 30 years at the National Fisheries Research Institutes at Hokkaido and Tohoku, Japan. Hiroaki's scientific interest is the role of organisms in marine ecosystem dynamics and biogeochemical cycles and how they respond to natural and anthropogenic perturbations. From 2018-2023 he served as Chair of the Integrated Marine Biosphere Research (IMBeR)-Japan National Committee, Science Council of Japan and he is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Oceanography.



Marc Simon (France) is Innovation and Strategic Project Senior Vice President at Suez France and a member of the Scientific Council of H/OEHS Exposure Scenario Tool (IHEST). He has 30 years of experience in the water industry and circulation economy in France, Australia, China and Africa for large municipalities and industries. Marc has worked with diverse coastal communities for wastewater and storm management, urban cleaning services, sea water desalination, aquifer recharge, and centralized wastewater facility on industrial parks.



Dr Katy Soapi (Solomon Islands) is the Coordinator for the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science at the Pacific Community (SPC, New Caledonia). Before that, she was the Manager of the Pacific Natural Products Research Centre at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji. She has worked with Pacific Island governments to assist with the development of guidelines and policy on access and benefit sharing. Katy is an adviser on marine genetic resources supporting Pacific Island countries on marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) process at the UN. Katy is passionate about developing the capacity of early career ocean professionals and is also active at the community level. Katy holds a bachelor's degree from USP, a master's from the University of Sydney, Australia, and a PhD from the University of East Anglia, UK. She grew up on the island of Rendova, Solomon Islands.

Katy is completing a second term on the Decade Advisory Board.



Dr Alexander Turra (Brazil) is a professor at the Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo (IOUSP, Brazil) and coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on Ocean Sustainability, based at the Oceanographic Institute and the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of São Paulo. He is a biologist that exercises interdisciplinary and integrated research, focusing on themes such as marine biodiversity, governance, integrated management, marine conservation, environmental impact assessment, climate change and marine pollution (marine litter). Turra seeks to promote the integration between science and society, policy makers and the private sector to support public policies and technological development and innovation applied to the ocean. Alexander is completing a second term on the Decade Advisory Board.



Dr Nina Wambiji (Kenya) has worked at the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) as a Senior Research Scientist for the last 19 years. Nina is the Assistant Director responsible for the Fisheries Section at KMFRI. Nina is also the Vice President of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), which promotes research into and extension of coastal and marine spaces, capacity building, knowledge sharing, science to policy linkages and improving awareness of research interventions. She has been WIOMSA's Country coordinator for Kenya since 2014.