

DRAFT RESOLUTION EC-57/DR.[4.7]

Submitted by Germany, India, Morocco and Portugal

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

The Executive Council,

Part I

1. **Recalling** IOC Resolutions EC-53/1, A-31/1, A-32/3 and EC-55/1 on the Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030), thereafter the Decade,
2. **Considering** document IOC/EC-57/4.7Doc(1) on the Status of the Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and Perspectives for 2025,
3. **Takes note with satisfaction** of the contribution of the Decade Advisory Board (DAB) to the implementation and strategic development of the Decade, and **welcomes** the renewal of its members for the period 2024–2025, in accordance with the DAB Terms of Reference;
4. **Also welcomes** the development of the Ocean Decade Vision 2030 process aimed at enhancing the strategic delivery of the Decade under its 10 Decade Challenges, and **thanks** the Co-Chairs and Members of the Vision 2030 Working Groups;
5. **Also takes note** of the positive results achieved during the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference and **extends its gratitude** to the Government of Spain, the Generalitat of Catalonia and the City of Barcelona for hosting this event;
6. **Affirms its support** to the implementation of the priorities and recommendations outlined in *The Barcelona Statement*¹,
7. **Invites** Member States and partners to:

¹ <https://oceanexpert.org/document/34098>

- (i) incorporate the Ocean Decade Vision 2030 priorities and recommendations into their national and regional science-policy frameworks, and to use them to inform budget and resourcing decisions;
 - (ii) 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) and secondments to the Decade Coordination Unit (DCU);
 - (iii) offer to host and fund Decade Actions, Decade Coordination Offices (DCO), and Decade Collaborative Centres as described in the Decade Implementation Plan (IOC Ocean Decade Series, 20);
 - (iv) establish National Decade Committees with a view to stimulate national activities and international cooperation; and
 - (v) host regional or international Decade stakeholders events;
8. **Also invites** UN Member States, UN-Oceans members, international scientific and academic organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to support the Decade in collaboration with IOC, and to contribute to its implementation by proposing Decade Actions in accordance with the Decade Implementation Plan; and supporting the implementation of the priorities and recommendations of the Vision 2030 process;

Part II

9. **Having examined** document IOC/EC-57/4.7.Doc(2),
10. **Further takes note** of the Draft Scoping Framework for the Ocean Decade Mid-Term Evaluation, including any amendments discussed in the session, and **requests** the IOC Executive Secretary to conduct the Mid-Term Evaluation in 2024–2025, report related findings to the IOC Assembly at its 33rd session, and to propose suitable decisions to implement the findings;
11. **Expresses gratitude** to the Governments of Canada, France, Japan, Belgium (Government of Flanders), Norway, Germany, Ireland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Sweden, as well as REV-Ocean, and FUGRO for their valuable financial contributions to the Decade;
12. **Also expresses appreciation** to:
- (i) the Government of Thailand for hosting the 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference in Bangkok, 22–25 April 2024, and;

- (ii) the Government of India for hosting the Indian Ocean Regional Decade Conference, in Hyderabad, 1–3 February 2024;
13. **Supports** the registration of new IOC-led Decade Actions, specifically:
- (i) Harmful Algal Bloom Solutions Programme;
 - (ii) Ocean Decade Sustainable Ocean Planning Programme, and;
 - (iii) SEAWARD Africa Ocean Decade Programme;
14. **Also supports** the active roles of the IOC Regional and Technical Subsidiary Bodies and Programmes in facilitating Decade regional and thematic coordination and engagement activities, in particular:
- (i) WESTPAC Secretariat acting as DCO for the Western Pacific Region;
 - (ii) IOCARIBE Secretariat acting as DCO for the Tropical Americas and Caribbean Region;
 - (iii) IOCAFRICA Secretariat acting as DCO for Africa;
 - (iv) IODE Programme Office acting as DCO for Ocean Data Sharing;
 - (v) GOOS Project Office acting as DCO for Ocean Observations, and;
 - (vi) UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, acting as a DCO for Connecting People and Ocean;
15. **Takes note** of the resource needs identified by the DCU, IOC-led DCOs and IOC-led Decade Actions to fulfil their commitments under the Decade;
16. **Further invites** Member States, partners, and donor organizations to support IOC-led Decade Actions and coordination mechanisms, including through allocation of extra-budgetary resources to relevant IOC programmes and regions, to achieve their transformative ambitions, guide their respective communities, and catalyse further actions within and beyond the Decade.