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| **Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 - Programme Expression of Interest** |
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Information - Please read it entirely before proceeding with your application

**Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025 - Expressions of Interest for Programme proposals**According to the Ocean Decade Implementation Plan, a **Decade Programme** "*is typically global or regional in scale and will contribute to the achievement of one or more of the Ocean Decade Challenges. It is long-term (multi-year), interdisciplinary and will consist of component projects and potentially enabling activities*."  
  
Applicants are first invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) demonstrating the urgency of the initiative and the alignment with the [Barcelona Statement](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000391112), how they align with [existing programmes](https://oceandecade.org/decade-actions/type-of-action-programme/) and science-policy integration.  
  
Please read all the supporting documentation to the Call carefully before submitting your application:  
  
1. [Guidance Note](https://oceanexpert.org/document/29169)  
2. [FAQ](https://oceanexpert.org/document/29170)  
3. Ocean Decade [Implementation Plan](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000377082?posInSet=3&queryId=7b7745da-b1da-4d06-8c91-2876a1f350a9) and [Summary](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000376780?posInSet=2&queryId=7b7745da-b1da-4d06-8c91-2876a1f350a9)  
4. Publication [Co-designing the science we need for the ocean we want](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000379563)  
5. Publication [Ambition, Action, Impact: the Ocean Decade Pathway to 2030](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000391502?posInSet=1&queryId=8761c9c0-91f3-41a4-83f7-dd8b6ecf133e)  
6. [FAIR](https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/) and [CARE](https://www.gida-global.org/care) principles of data sharing  
  
The deadline for submission of this form is **15 June 2025 23h59 UTC**.  
  
The Expressions of Interest submitted via this form will be reviewed by the Decade Coordination Unit and the Decade Advisory Board. If successful, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal by **30 September 2025**.  
  
If you wish to submit another type of Decade Action during Call for Decade Actions No 09/2025, please refer to the [Guidance Note](https://oceanexpert.org/document/29169) and the [Call page](https://forum.oceandecade.org/page/call-for-decade-actions-no8) for more information.  
 **Important Information:**

Please note that all character limits include spaces.

You can find the PDF and Word versions of the form [here](https://oceanexpert.org/document/29173.). 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.**

For any questions, please contact oceandecade@unesco.org with “Call for Decade Actions No. 09/2025” in the subject line.

## Eligibility

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#### **\* 1. Before proceeding with your submission, please ensure that you meet the requirements as a Decade Programme described in**[**this document**](https://oceanexpert.org/document/32052)**. Do you wish to proceed with your submission as a Decade Programme?**

Yes

No

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| Proposal scope Parte superior do formulário **\* 2. On which Ocean Decade Challenge will your Decade Action have a primary focus?** 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 optimize the role of the ocean in sustainably nourishing the world’s population under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.  Challenge 4: Generate knowledge, support innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships and develop solutions for equitable, resilient 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 and sustained 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: Meaningful society-ocean connections are strengthened, driving increased motivation, capability and opportunity for people, across all sectors of society, to make decisions, act and behave in ways that ensure a healthy ocean. **\* 3. Which priority outlined in the Barcelona Statement does your proposal aim to address? Please refer to the**[**Barcelona Statement**](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000391112)**for more information on the priorities. Please select up to three options.** Understand global distribution and human health and ecosystem impacts of marine pollution across the land-sea continuum, including the identification of priority pollutants and consideration of emerging and unregulated pollutants.  Enhance and scale-up marine and coastal ecosystem-based management approaches, including a focus on better understanding of and solutions for multiple stressors.  Better understand deep-sea ecosystems, including vulnerability to climate change and new or emerging economic activities.  Encourage sustainable, resilient, and equitable small-scale fisheries and aquaculture and facilitate sustainable management of industrial fisheries.  Strengthen sustainable aquatic food production and innovation for new frontiers with a focus on developing countries and strengthened public-private partnerships.  Underpin evidence-based Sustainable Ocean Plans at the national level and in relevant transboundary areas.  Encourage sustainable and climate resilient ocean economy projects, prioritizing those that integrate environmental conservation with socio-economic benefits for local communities.  Rapidly scale up climate mitigation including through marine renewable energy and management of coastal ecosystems.  Allow timely understanding of the technical, ecological, and social feasibility, potential impacts of proposed marine carbon dioxide removal initiatives and contribute to future policy and regulation development.  Underpin adaptive governance and management systems and decision support tools for the assessment of vulnerability and risk to coastal communities and marine industries.  Develop economic models, policies, and innovative financial instruments to diversify and accelerate investment in ocean science, including for enhanced digital representation of the ocean and sustained and sustainable ocean observing and infrastructure.  Inform knowledge drawn from transdisciplinary social science and ocean literacy research on human-ocean connection, behavior change, and cultural engagement that can be integrated into Ocean Decade digital infrastructure and used to map and measure the impact of ocean literacy initiatives.  Increase engagement with the health sector and better understand connections between ocean health and human health. **\* 4. Please provide more details on how this proposal aligns with the priorities identified in**[**The Barcelona Statement**](https://oceanexpert.org/document/34098)**(max 3000 characters).** Parte inferior do formulário |

## Proponent and Partner Details

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#### **\* 5. Lead Institution Name** The lead institution is the one responsible for the programme and where the lead contact is affiliated to.



#### **\* 6. Lead Institution Type**

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#### **\* 7. Lead Institution Physical Address**

Street Address

Town/City

Postal/Zip Code

#### **\* 8. Lead Institution Country**

#### **\* 9. 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) Please find a list of LDCs [here](https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/list-ldcs)

Yes

No

#### **\* 10. Lead Institution Website**



#### **\* 11. 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

#### **\* 12. Lead institution primary contact gender**

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

#### **\* 13. Lead Institution Primary Contact Email Address**



#### **\* 14. 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.



#### **\* 15. Partner Institution Names** Please provide the names of up to five partner lead institutions. Other partner details can be provided if you are invited to submit a full application.

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

## Decade Action Description

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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. Please succinctly describe your proposed Decade Action (max. 3000 characters).**



#### **\* 20. Please describe how your Decade programme proposal creates positive synergies and integrates with existing**[**endorsed Decade programmes**](https://oceandecade.org/decade-actions/type-of-action-programme/) **(max. 3000 characters).**

#### Please clearly identify all Decade programmes you have had consultation with in the preparation of the EOI and provide concrete examples of how you will create synergies and collaboration with these programmes.



#### **\* 21. Please describe the tangible and concrete ways in which the science and knowledge generated by your proposed Decade programme will inform decision making to support sustainable development? (max. 3000 characters)**



#### **\* 22. Have you contacted any relevant decentralized coordination structure(s) (Decade Coordination Office or Decade Collaborative Centre) in the development of your proposal?** Full list can be found [here](https://oceandecade.org/decade-collaborative-centres/).

No

Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.



#### **\* 23. Have you contacted any relevant National Decade Committee(s) in the development of your proposal?** Full list can be found [here](https://oceandecade.org/national-ocean-decade-ecosystem/).

No

Yes. Please inform which one and briefly summarise the results of the discussion.



#### **\* 24. 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



End Date Date



#### **\* 25. Total Budget estimate for the Decade Action to the nearest whole number with no punctuation.**



#### **\* 26. Please indicate the currency of the above budget.**



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| **\* 27. Estimate of percentage of total budget secured** *This can include in-kind and financial resources.* |  |  |

#### **\* 28. Please select all countries in which the Decade Action will be implemented.**

All Countries

Afghanistan

Albania

Algeria

Andorra

Angola

Anguilla

Antigua and Barbuda

Argentina

Armenia

Australia

Austria

Azerbaijan

Bahamas

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Barbados

Belarus

Belgium

Belize

Benin

Bhutan

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Botswana

Brazil

British Virgin Islands

Brunei Darussalam

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cabo Verde

Cambodia

Cameroon

Canada

Central African Republic (CAR)

Chad

Chile

China

Colombia

Comoros

Congo

Cook Islands

Costa Rica

Cote d'Ivoire

Croatia

Cuba

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Denmark

Djibouti

Dominica

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Egypt

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

Eritrea

Estonia

Eswatini

Ethiopia

Fiji

Finland

France

Gabon

Gambia (Republic of The)

Georgia

Germany

Ghana

Greece

Grenada

Guatemala

Guinea

Guinea-Bissau

Guyana

Haiti

Honduras

Hungary

Iceland

India

Indonesia

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Iraq

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Kenya

Kiribati

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Latvia

Lebanon

Lesotho

Liberia

Libya

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives

Mali

Malta

Marshall Islands

Mauritania

Mauritius

Mexico

Micronesia (Federated States of)

Monaco

Mongolia

Montenegro

Morocco

Mozambique

Myanmar

Namibia

Nauru

Nepal

Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Niger

Nigeria

North Macedonia

Norway

Oman

Pakistan

Palau

Palestine

Panama

Papua New Guinea

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Poland

Portugal

Qatar

Republic of Korea

Republic of Moldova

Romania

Russian Federation

Rwanda

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Samoa

San Marino

Sao Tome and Principe

Saudi Arabia

Senegal

Serbia

Seychelles

Sierra Leone

Singapore

Slovakia

Slovenia

Solomon Islands

Somalia

South Africa

South Sudan

Spain

Sri Lanka

Sudan

Suriname

Sweden

Switzerland

Syrian Arab Republic

Tajikistan

Thailand

Timor-Leste

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

Tunisia

Türkiye

Turkmenistan

Tuvalu

Uganda

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)

United Republic of Tanzania

United States of America (USA)

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of

Viet Nam

Yemen

Zambia

Zimbabwe

#### **\* 29. 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)

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