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MEETING NOTES

1.0 Opening and Meeting Procedures

1.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

The IOC Chair and IOC Executive Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and thanked them for their involvement in the Interim Decade Advisory Board.

1.2 Review of Objectives and Agenda for Meeting & Reminder of Terms of Reference of Board

Participants were reminded of the objectives of the meeting as follows:

1. Present a set of 'endorsement ready' programmes and clusters for technical advice and comments from the participants.
2. Provide an overview of a set of 'pipeline' programmes and clusters for high level comments and technical advice from the participants.
3. Share initial information on contribution, project, activity and network submissions.
4. Present the draft monitoring and evaluation conceptual framework for comments and technical advice.

The agenda for the meeting was presented along with an extract of the Terms of Reference of the Interim Decade Advisory Board that highlighted the role of the Board as a technical advisory group to review and provide advice on the issues presented to it. This includes recommendations to facilitate the decision of the IOC Executive Secretary on the endorsement of programme submissions.

1.3 Operational Procedures for Meeting

Participants were advised of the procedures for recording notes during the meeting. Participants were thanked for providing information on potential Conflict of Interest and advised of the procedures for recusing themselves during discussions of programmes for which they had a potential Conflict of Interest. They were advised that individuals did not need to recuse

themselves during discussions on the clusters of programmes as the level of discussion was focused on structural methods rather than program specifics.

2.0 Results of the Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020

2.1 Overview of submissions received to Call for Decade Actions & process followed by IOC Secretariat in preliminary analysis & categories of submissions to be presented to the Board

The IOC Secretariat presented an overview of the 215 programme submissions and 27 contribution submissions that were received in response to the Call for Decade Actions No. 01/2020. The high diversity in terms of Ocean Decade Challenges, geographical coverage and type of proponent was noted by the Secretariat.

This was followed by a presentation of the process that was followed to sort and analyse the submissions in advance of their presentation to the Board meeting. Participants were advised that the following categories of submissions would be presented and discussed during the meeting:

1. Endorsement ready programmes
2. Endorsement ready clusters
3. Pipeline programmes
4. Pipeline clusters

Participants were advised that information on projects, activities, networks and contributions would be provided for information. The following issues were raised by participants:

- There are concerns about the inclusivity observed in the program leads and that perhaps the submission proponents are from communities already engaged in the process and do not include enough private sector or social science stakeholders for example
 - The Secretariat responded that only the lead partner sectors are captured by the form, but the private sector did make some submissions, and are represented more fully in the partners. There are several strong program submissions with a focus on social and cultural aspects such as the Cultural Heritage Network, however additional efforts will be needed by the Board and the Decade Coordination Unit to broaden engagement in the Decade.
- Questions were raised in terms of how well the submissions embrace co-creation of science
 - The Secretariat responded that the degree to which co-design is present in submissions varies from an obvious focal point of the program to a slight afterthought, but it was recognised that we are at the beginning of the process and further aspects of co-design can be incorporated into the endorsed programs as they grow.

2.2 Presentation and discussion of Endorsement Ready Programmes & Clusters

Eight 'endorsement ready' programmes were presented to the meeting. For each submission a summary of the key issues discussed and the Board's recommendation are provided below. Recommendations are based on one of the following categories:

- No revision needed – ready for decision on endorsement
- Minor revision - information requested from proponent before decision on endorsement
- Additional development - more substantive revision or information requested from proponent to be shared with Decade Advisory Board for further consideration before decision on endorsement
- Change of category of submission - recommended re-categorisation of submission to allow decision on endorsement
- Not ready for consideration for endorsement - resubmission required by proponent at a later date after comments from Board have been addressed.

Submission No. 15. Early Career Ocean Professionals

Lead partner: Ocean Decade Informal Working Group for Early Career Ocean Professionals

- The Board recognised this as a very valuable submission and noted that ECOP engagement will be an essential part of the Decade. The Board discussed that the programme submission could also potentially be classified as a network which could function as a forum for co-design of science and avoid silo-ing ECOPs. However, it is also recognised that the proponent has the aim of carrying out projects and activities that may make it more suitable to be categorised as a programme. If this were the case, then measures would need to be put in place to ensure that the ECOP initiative works transversally across all Decade Challenges and programmes. For example, the Decade should consider introducing a requirement for other programmes to consult with the ECOP programme in their development and implementation.

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. IOC Secretariat to explore the issue of programme vs. network categorisation with the proponent before taking a final decision on endorsement.

Submission No. 69. Cultural Heritage Framework Programme

Lead partner: Ocean Decade Heritage Network

- The Board recognised this as a solid programme proposal that has good support from the Board members recognizing the vital significance of cultural heritage. There are a number of cultural heritage projects needing coordination under the Decade and this programme would provide that coordination.
- The Board would like to seek clarification on the proponent's definition of cultural heritage and understand how this programme can link to a broader community of

practice on cultural values of the ocean. There is a need to discuss with the proponent how this programme can actively engage with other relevant programmes throughout the Decade.

- There is general support for this submission and recognition of the powerful role of cultural heritage to engage key stakeholders, particularly the general population.
- The Board's recommendation is that the IOC Secretariat explore the issues raised above with the proponent before taking a final decision on endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. The IOC Secretariat should explore the issues raised above with the proponent before taking a final decision on endorsement.

Submission No. 107. The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

Lead partner: The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project

- Seabed 2030 is recognised as an important element of the Decade and the Board expressed its support for this long-standing programme. However, the Board raised questions about how the programme will engage with other sectors, and link with potential end users and policymakers. Further information is requested on the link to stakeholders including the mechanisms that could be developed to share data (e.g. with ISA sub-contractors) and other stakeholders like those in the oil and gas industry, GIS, relevant UN agencies, and chart making companies.
- The Board noted that there is an opportunity to make linkages with Submission 164 related to geological mapping.

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. IOC Secretariat to request further information from the proponent on how new stakeholders will be engaged and how links to end-users will be created before taking a final decision on endorsement.

Submission No. 64. Empowering Women for the Ocean Decade

Lead partner: World Maritime University - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

- The Board expressed support for this programme focusing on gender inclusivity but highlighted the need to expand the programme scope to a broader definition of ocean professionals.
- The Board identified that further discussions are needed with the proponent in terms of the 3-year timeframe to start implementing project level Decade Actions; It was noted that this timeframe was due to the anticipated time needed to complete research to underpin the Action Plan development, but the Board suggested that the programme could take a 'learning by doing' approach that would enable the proponent to implement co-design processes to start Decade Actions in a shorter timeframe.
- The Board requested clarification on how the programme will support stakeholders in underprivileged regions and communities including in Least Developed Countries and SIDS.

- Similar to the ECOP programme, the Board recognized the need to recognise and enhance the cross-cutting nature of this programme for example by requiring that all other programmes would be required to consult them to ensure good integration of gender issues. A need to investigate links to other programmes including for example, ECOP programme was also identified.

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. IOC Secretariat to explore options with proponent to start implementation of Decade Actions under the programme earlier than currently planned before taking a final decision on endorsement.

Submission No. 84. Pacific solutions to save our ocean: an integrated ocean science programme towards a healthy Blue Pacific Continent to sustain future generations.

Lead partner: Pacific Community (SPC)

- The Board recognised this submission as a strong proposal but considers that it may need stronger linkages with other programmes addressing integrated ocean management and with private sector stakeholders, without which they may not achieve their goal. Developing a title that was more engaging for partners and potential funders could also be considered.
- It is noted that the development of the proposed programme involved groups and organisations representing industry but has not yet engaged specific industry actors. Further clarification is requested on how connections would be made throughout project implementation to industry stakeholders and global initiatives in data, technology etc.
- This programme could become a model for other geographic regions but needs funders like the GEF and governments to step up and provide the financial support necessary to implement this programme (and other similar programmes).

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. IOC Secretariat to have a discussion with the proponent regarding plans to engage diverse stakeholders - including industry, in programme development and implementation before taking a final decision on endorsement.

Submission No. 189. Joint Exploration of the Twilight Zone Ocean Network

Lead partner: National Oceanography Centre, UK

- The proposal has the potential to play a key role in the Decade because of its focus on an overlooked part of the ocean and the lack of understanding of threats, solutions and links to the Sustainable Development Agenda (i.e. food security, climate, ecosystem services etc.) as well as different sectors including fisheries, cosmetics etc. Further, the fact that it is already operational with projects underway - and potential sources of funding for new projects - was noted as a positive.

- Further information is requested on the co-design process that this programme has used and how it plans to adopt co-design approaches in the future, including links to stakeholders who will use the outcomes for sustainable development solutions.
- Further clarification is requested on how the programme will incorporate capacity development for LDCs and SIDS. Engagement with the Ocean Decade communications advisory group could also help increase the outreach and engagement of this programme.

RECOMMENDATION: Additional development. IOC Secretariat to request additional information from proponent on adoption of co-design approaches and stakeholder engagement plans and provide this information for discussion at the next meeting of the Interim Decade Advisory Board.

Submission No. 137. Digital Twins of the Ocean – DITTO

Lead partner: GEOMAR Helmholtz Center for Ocean Research Kiel and Kiel University

- Overall, the Board expressed broad support for the program, but expressed concerns about the feasibility of achieving the goals in the period stated. Challenges include legal processes, data access, coastal development and social data collection, infrastructure locations, and broadening stakeholder engagement. They may be better positioned to elicit a case study of a smaller system with which to build from, as indicated by their pilot program. The Baltic Sea digital twin project provides an excellent example of collaboration.
- The Board considered that other data initiatives – including IOC data programmes and initiatives - need to be integrated into the discussion and co-design of this programme from the outset.
- The Board also considered that communities using the data, such as policy makers and regional agencies need to be integrated into the program as soon as possible as the science and technology is there, but the end users are not.

RECOMMENDATION: Additional development. IOC Secretariat to request additional information from proponent on issues raised above and provide this information for discussion at the next meeting of the Interim Decade Advisory Board.

Submission No. 144. CoastPredict

Lead partner: Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna

- There is strong support from the Board for this programme. Further clarification is required on how the programme will engage with innovative technologies to achieve the programme outcomes. Further clarification is needed from the proponents on how they define 'coast' and the extent of their intervention including whether case studies are being used and if so, where? The Board requested further information from the

proponents on how they have or will integrate local communities / sub-national governments from the outset of the programme implementation.

- There was support for this programme to collaborate and work actively with the other coastal resilience programme submissions, in addition to collaborating with observations and predictions focused programmes.

RECOMMENDATION: Minor revision. IOC Secretariat to request clarification on stakeholder engagement and collaboration with the coastal resilience programmes before taking a final decision on endorsement.

The following UN-led programmes were presented to the meeting for information and discussion. The proponents of these programmes were present in the discussion and provided additional information where relevant.

Submission No. UN1 - Ocean Observing Co-Design - Evolving ocean observing for a sustainable future & UN2 Observing Together: Meeting Stakeholder Needs and Making Every Observation Count

Lead Partner: The Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) through lead sponsor IOC/UNESCO

- There is a suggestion that UN proposals such as UN1 and UN2 could provide coordination support among relevant Communities of Practice related to observations and predictions.
- The proponents clarified the differences between UN1 and UN2: the first is about the observational infrastructure while the second focuses more on the use of data collected via the infrastructure

Submission No. UN4 - Digital Innovation Hand-in-Hand with fisheries and ecosystems scientific monitoring

Lead partner: FAO of the UN, FI Division

- There are concerns that small-scale data sharing will not be implemented effectively enough to support essential collaboration. The Board raised questions about including more countries and expanding the initiative to the ocean basin scale. FAO have confirmed that the programme will be open to all stakeholders and that it will evolve over the life of the Decade in terms of scope.
- The Board noted that this initiative is also a great opportunity to include artisanal fisheries data and information

Submission No. UN5 - Ocean Practices for the Decade

Lead partner: International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) & GOOS

- This proposal should include co-design in the future and needs to go beyond the scope of technical observations.
- The lead partner indicated that this is already the case and that throughout the Decade further expansion of the scope of the programme would take place.

Submission No. UN6 - The EAF-Nansen Programme - Supporting the Application of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) management, considering climate and pollution impacts

Lead partner: Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

- The Board expressed strong support for this proposal, but indicated a desire to see EAF Nansen's data sharing improve as not all countries cooperate in the fisheries transparency initiative
- FAO noted that it is aware of and working on issues around data sharing and indicated that that while the programme already aligns with the Decade, it would continue to evolve to support the Decade.

Following the consideration of the individual programme submissions the following issues were raised by participants in the meeting:

- If the UN proposals are registering rather than applying for endorsement what is the process of communicating comments to the proponents and are there any constraints to consider?
 - The Secretariat responded that the review of UN-led programmes will help inform how to proceed with submissions in general and the best ways to incorporate more co-design into future Calls for Actions. As UN bodies have their own governance structures they are not subject to the same decision making process, but will still benefit from the identification of synergies and how they can better fit into the Decade processes, outcomes, and challenges. UN partners will be informed systematically of the discussions held in the Board, including possible recommendations for synergies.
- The Board raised questions about how many proposals were submitted from least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS) as these geographic areas need to be encouraged to be part of the Decade. The Decade needs to encourage and facilitate further collaboration between developed and developing countries.
 - The Secretariat responded that there is a need to increase engagement in these areas, but having a quota for programmes or projects from different areas becomes challenging for a number of reasons. Given that there will be future Calls for Action there will be further opportunity to refine a process for this

engagement and target interventions that support LDCs and SIDS, including through targeted capacity development initiatives.

Endorsement Ready Clusters

The IOC Secretariat presented the concept of a 'cluster' of programmes to the Board and explained that this was a fluid and informal way of organising programmes that were focusing on similar themes or geographies so that they could collaborate and achieve collective impact. The Secretariat explained that such clusters would be self-organised and would develop coordination modalities best suited to their needs that could ensure horizontal and vertical coordination across programmes and projects, as well as contributing to scoping of Calls for Decade Actions, resource mobilisation and communications. The Secretariat recognised the additional resource implications that this would create for programmes. The following clusters of programmes were presented to the Board:

Ocean Observations Cluster

- UN bodies – including IOC - could potentially play a role in coordinating this cluster.

Multiple Ocean Stressors Cluster

- ∅ No specific comments were made on this cluster.

Deep Sea Research and Management Cluster

- ISA noted that it sees a lot of opportunity to work with programmes in this cluster.

Coastal Urban and Ecosystem Resilience Cluster

- The word urban may invoke the wrong connotations in the title. CoastPredict (Submission No. 144) should be included here.

In addition to the specific comments on each cluster, the Board raised a number of questions and comments in relation to the concept of clustering including questions about why programmes are clustered, and how are they clustered? There was concern raised over the practicalities and efficacy of clustering. These include risking a class system where clustered programs feel second class; duplicating the work of networks; drifting away from the outcomes and challenges in the Implementation Plan; requiring an engagement plan not already developed; communicating the new terminology and processes effectively; being too prescriptive and top-down; resourcing the coordination of the new structures; funding will be delivered at cluster level leaving some programmes out; and reducing multidisciplinary across sectors where diversity may be preferred over similarities.

The Secretariat reflected in this feedback and provided the following clarifications and suggested revisions to the process:

- Programmes will always be endorsed in their own right but that some mechanism for facilitating collaboration and synergies is essential to achieve the collective impact of the Decade;
- The terminology of a 'cluster' will be changed to Community of Practice which is already used in the Implementation plan;
- Moving forward, the proposed structure of Communities of Practice will be developed in a parallel process to the programme analysis based on the Ocean Decade Challenges and ocean basins. Once endorsed programmes will be invited to voluntarily join one or more relevant Communities of Practice;
- Responsibility for coordination within Communities of Practice will still lie with programme proponents so their questions and concerns about resource implications are likely to remain;
- Communities of Practice will remain flexible to accommodate new programmes throughout the Decade and to reflect the evolving broader Decade structures and goals. They will still help shape future Calls for Decade Actions;
- Communication about the structure will be transparent and well thought out, while communications about endorsed programmes will ensure that this structure is clear indicating no 'second class citizen' programmes exist.

The Secretariat will develop a short note on the concept of Communities of Practice to be used to communicate with partners.

2.3 Presentation and discussion of Pipeline Programmes (standalone and clustered programmes)

A series of pipeline programmes and pipeline clusters of programmes was presented to the Board. A question was raised about whether the programmes in this category are considered pipeline because of IOC time and resources, or because they need to reconsider and revise some aspects of their proposals.

- The Secretariat replied that more time is needed to discuss the issues identified in the analysis with the proponents but that this will be a priority in advance of the next Board meeting.

2.4 Presentation and discussion of Contributions & Remaining Submissions (networks, projects, activities)

The Board emphasised the need for timely communication with these proponents to explain why they have been re-categorised and/or explain next steps in the process.

The Board questioned the differences in some of the definitions used for the categories. The IOC Secretariat provided the following clarification:

- Networks facilitate interaction amongst stakeholders and may be focused within a challenge/ outcome, or across a set of challenges/outcomes;

- Programmes deliver outputs, knowledge, skills, capacity;
- Contributions are in-kind or financial resources put forward by Member States, or other supporters (e.g. philanthropy, industry) primarily that support Decade Actions or coordination costs.

2.5 Presentation and validation of draft compte rendu of discussion of programme submissions

The compte rendu of the discussions and recommendations on the endorsement ready programmes was validated by the Board (refer Section 2.2. above).

2.6 Next steps in process

The IOC Secretariat provided an overview of next steps for each of the submission types as summarised below:

Type of Submission	Overview of Next Steps
Endorsement ready programmes	<p><u>For non-UN led submissions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up discussions with proponents to present key issues raised during discussions at Board meeting and resolve any questions or suggestions raised during Board meeting • Presentation of final analysis to IOC Executive Secretary for decision on endorsement • Notification of proponents of decisions with explanation and any recommendations • For endorsed programmes – signature of charter for proponents leading to communications, initial scoping of Calls for Decade Actions at project level, resource needs assessment • For non-endorsed programmes – discussion and dialogue on improvements or changes needed prior to eventual re-submission <p><u>For UN led submissions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up discussions with proponents to present key issues raised during discussions at Board meeting and discuss any questions or suggestions raised during Board meeting
Pipeline programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up discussions with individual programmes present discussions in Board meeting, to complete analysis and fill information gaps • For those individual programmes that are considered to be endorsement ready, inclusion in package to be presented next Board meeting
Contributions	<p><u>For collaborative centres:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with proponents to share operational guideline to determine if proposal is more closely aligned as a Decade Collaborative Centre or a Decade

	<p>Implementing Partner and formally request detailed proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of detailed proposal and where relevant for Collaborative Centres, launch Feasibility Study • Review results of Feasibility Study and presentation of analysis to IOC Executive Secretary for decision to proceed • If decision is positive, proceed to development of partnership agreement with proponent to operationalize Collaborative Centre <p><u>For other contributions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with proponents where necessary to provide any relevant outcomes from discussions during Board meeting, to seek additional information and to make links to clusters or programmes
Stakeholder Engagement Networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual discussions to explain rationale for categorization and explain options available for networks e.g. Collaborative Centre, Decade Implementing Partner or stakeholder engagement network. • Discuss next steps on a case-by-case basis.
Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication by email with each project outlining the results of the analysis and the next steps for projects i.e. wait for decisions on endorsement at the project level and encouragement to work together to create programme level submissions
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication by email to inform proponents of results of analysis and next steps in process i.e. assessment of their submission as a Decade Activity in coming months.

The Secretariat also provided its initial reflections on the next Call for Decade Actions namely that a Next Call for Decade Actions for programmes and projects could be opened before June / July 2021 in order to present results to Decade Advisory Board soon after establishment in the second part of 2021. It indicated that the next Call for Decade Actions will be based on an analysis of gaps and needs that will necessitate the following steps:

- Continue programme analysis (and clustering of existing projects to programmes) to fully understand gaps - some already clear e.g. pollution, coral reefs, ocean-climate nexus, fisheries and seafood;
- Identify champions / thought leaders amongst programme submissions or other groups that can help shape Future Calls for Decade Actions for programmes – some parties have already stepped forward;
- Work with endorsed programmes to streamline process to review and make endorsement decisions on "already submitted" projects and then work with selected programmes to shape future Calls for Decade Actions for projects where gaps remain.

The Secretariat also reminded the meeting that calls for contributions, activities and networks will remain open permanently.

In response the Board raised the following points, many of which were more general in nature:

- The Board emphasised the need to move pipeline programmes rapidly into the endorsement ready category;
- Further deliberation is needed on the role of the Decade Advisory Board and Decade Coordination Unit as guiding and catalysing the actions of the programme proponents with regards to COPs;
- ⊘ The UN-Oceans meeting provides an excellent opportunity to remind UN bodies about how they can support the IOC in mobilising resources for the Decade;
- ⊘ There are concerns about how the implementation structure of the Decade will scale if the DCU is not yet funded;
- ⊘ It is important to identify resource needs for all of the programmes being endorsed and this cannot be left entirely up to the proponents. and the DCU should also assist in resource mobilisation. As such seeking private sector support is important and there could be strong arguments made for engaging sectors such as renewable energy;
- ⊘ There is a need to mobilise IOC Delegations and Member States as supporters of Decade Programme and engage and share resources;
- ⊘ The question of the degree to which submissions are successfully addressing co-design was raised and this should be stressed in future calls for action;
- ⊘ The question of developing country involvement and facilitating their ability to submit quality proposals is still outstanding.

The Secretariat made the following replies:

- Having a next set of endorsement ready programmes is a priority in advance of the next Board meeting in mid-May 2021.
- The IOC is aware that there are different scales of structures needed to automate the call for Decade action processes in the future. This will need additional resource mobilisation. There is also already a clear budget required for the DCU, but the resourcing of that is still being built up. In parallel to this a resource mobilisation strategy is being developed to support programmes and this will require buy-in from many partners including Member States of the IOC e.g. via regional/thematic Decade Collaborative Centres.
- The Secretariat requires additional support to analyse submissions in advance of the Board meetings but does not see that as the role of the members of the Board who have a review and advice role. Different options to obtain additional support are being explored.
- The Secretariat stressed the importance of getting participation from developing countries, not only as recipients of capacity development, but also as proponents of transformative Decade Actions. There is scope for having tailored calls in geographic areas, and the Secretariat has already allocated funds to stimulate collaborative efforts in Africa, the Caribbean and South Pacific.

- In terms of improving the degree of co-design, the IOC proposes to ask proponent to provide evidence of how they will integrate co-design into their programmes and through what mechanisms to ensure that the concept of co-design is not lost. The concept of co-design will be reemphasized in future Calls for Decade Actions but we need to understand that this is a process which will grow over-time and we need to continue to communicate on importance, cultivate understanding of the need, build capacity to do it and share good practices.

3.0 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

3.1 Presentation of Conceptual Framework for Monitoring and Evaluation

The IOC Secretariat briefly presented the concept note for monitoring and evaluation that was prepared by the Informal Working Group on Monitoring and Evaluation as a pre-cursor to a detailed Discussion Paper.

- ⊘ This is an ambitious task, and it is important to remember that it is nations and entities that will be contributing to these indicators not 'the Decade' - need to be clear on how the contribution of the Decade as a whole will be measured.
- ⊘ The role of Decade Collaborative Centres and national committees needs to be identified in the conceptual framework.
- ⊘ There are concerns about bureaucracy and the need to avoid adding too much red tape, rather the aim should be at a framework which supports and guides the development of the decade
- ⊘ The IOC needs to communicate with other UN bodies to ensure that the other policy framework indicators (i.e. SDGs) are not duplicated.

Further comment on the concept note will be solicited from the Board via email.

4.0 Close

The IOC Executive Secretary and IOC Chair thanked all participants for the productive and lively discussions and closed the meeting.

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Proclaimed in 2017 by the United Nations General Assembly, the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), provides a convening framework to develop the scientific knowledge and partnerships needed to catalyse transformative ocean science solutions for sustainable development, connecting people and our ocean. The Ocean Decade is coordinated by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

Established during the Preparatory Phase and to continue throughout implementation until 2030, the IOC's Ocean Decade Series will provide key documentation about this global initiative and aims to serve as a primary resource for stakeholders seeking to consult, monitor and assess progress towards the vision and mission of the Ocean Decade.



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