

**DRAFT RESOLUTION A-32/DR.[4.12]**

Submitted by India, Brazil

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

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

1. **Recalling** IOC Resolutions EC-53/1, A-31/1 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/A-32/4.12.Doc(1) on the Status of the Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030),
3. **Takes note** of the establishment of new Decade coordinating mechanisms such as Decade Coordination Offices (DCOs), Decade Collaborative Centres (DCCs), Decade Implementing Partners (DIPs), and National Decade Committees (NDCs) as presented in document IOC/INF-1424;
4. **Further takes note with satisfaction** of the contribution of the Decade Advisory Board (DAB) to the implementation and strategic development of the Decade, and **acknowledges** the process for renewing its membership for the period 2024–2025 in accordance with its terms of reference;
5. **Welcomes** the development of the Ocean Decade Vision 2030 process aimed at enhancing the strategic delivery of the Decade under its 10 Decade Challenges;
6. **Invites** Member States and partners to:
  - (i) 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 to the Decade Coordination Unit (DCU);
  - (ii) offer to host and fund Decade Actions, DCOs, and DCCs as described in the Decade Implementation Plan;

- (iii) establish NDCs with a view to stimulating national activities and international cooperation; and
  - (iv) host regional or international Decade stakeholders events;
7. **Further invites** UN-Oceans members, UN Member States, international scientific and academic organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders to support the Decade in collaboration with IOC, and contribute to its implementation by proposing Decade Actions in accordance with the Decade Implementation Plan;
  8. **Thanks** the Governments of Canada, China, France, India, Japan, Belgium (Government of Flanders), Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, as well as REV-Ocean, Panerai, and FUGRO for their financial contributions to the Decade;
  9. **Further thanks** the Government of Spain for offering to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona, 10–12 April 2024 and **encourages** all Member States to actively take part;
  10. **Supports** the registration of new IOC-led Decade Actions, specifically:
    - (i) The Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme;
    - (ii) OBIS 2030 – The biodiversity data hub for the Ocean Decade Actions;
    - (iii) Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the Northeast Atlantic, Mediterranean Region to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards;
  11. **Also supports** the active role of the IOC Regional and Technical Subsidiary Bodies and Programmes in facilitating Decade regional and thematic coordination and engagement activities, and in particular of:
    - (i) IOC 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;
  12. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Ocean Decade African Task Force aimed at operationalising the Ocean Decade Africa Roadmap and its nine priority actions, and the

plans for the establishment of a Tropical Americas and Caribbean Regional Task Force with the support of the IOCARIBE Secretariat;

13. **Notes** the remaining gaps in the development of Decade Actions led by partners in Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, and **welcomes** the establishment of the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility supported by the Government of Belgium/Flanders;
14. **Takes note** of the resource needs identified by IOC-led DCOs and IOC Programmes to fulfil Decade coordination functions;
15. **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 act as catalysers of further actions within and beyond the Decade.