

The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

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The United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 2021-2030 is a unique ten-year, global cooperative program to expand scientific partnerships to support effective science, ocean management, and sustainable development. The speakers and an open floor to the science community will explore how to collaborate with the UN, international bodies, governments, science community and private sector through the Decade. National and international experts will be invited to engage to share their science priorities and identify opportunities to become involved in the implementation planning process. Existing scientific networks can catalyze opportunities for new and expanded collaboration, and will be a foundation of planning for the Decade. The Decade will consist of top down and bottom up science initiatives to map the ocean floor and processes, bolster ocean observation systems in all basins, develop a data and information portal, establish an integrated multi-hazard warning system, advance ocean component in earth-system observation, research and production, and strengthen capacities, ocean literacy and technology cooperation. The Implementation Plan will seek to achieve additional specific results, driven by the mission needs of society and science, and produce lasting benefits.