NEW CALL FOR DECADE ACTIONS NO. 07/2024 TO FILL GAPS IN RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE PATH TO SUSTAINABLE OCEAN MANAGEMENT

Building on the success of the tailored and inclusive approach of its Call for Decade Actions No. 06/2023, the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 ('Ocean Decade') is tackling resource mobilization and capacity development for Decade Actions in its Call No. 07/2024.

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Launched on the heels of the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference, Call for Decade Actions No. 07/2024 aims to fill gaps in funding and resources, as well as to incentivize new initiatives in capacity development as part of the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility to support Decade Actions. It falls during the finalization of the Vision 2030 process outcomes and focuses on galvanizing new contributions and new projects to support and strengthen the existing Decade Actions, thereby ensuring the high impact of the Ocean Decade in the coming years.

In March 2024, the Ocean Decade reached an important milestone of over 500 endorsed Decade Actions. To assure the continued growth and effectiveness of this global ecosystem, notable gaps in both in-kind and financial resource needs for current Decade Actions must be addressed. If the ambitions of the Ocean Decade are to be realized, funding for ocean science from existing and new partners will need to increase significantly.

Capacity development is also a key component of the Call to guarantee the everlasting impact of Decade Actions. Recognizing tangible disparities across geographies, generations and genders in ocean science, the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility supports individuals and institutions in developing their skills to deliver sustainable, science-based ocean solutions worldwide.

Structure of Call for Decade Actions No. 07/2024

Part I – Expression of Interest for Decade Programmes

The first part of the Call is dedicated to Expressions of Interest (EOI) for potential Decade Programme proposals aimed at addressing any of the 10 Decade Challenges, in line with the initial priorities identified in the Vision 2030 process.

Part II – Ocean Decade Projects

At the Project level of the Call, 26 endorsed Decade Programmes – over two-thirds of all existing endorsed Programmes – are inviting Decade Project submissions. Please see below and in Annex I of the Guidance Note for Applicants for the full list.

Part III – Ocean Decade Contributions

Decade Contributions of in-kind or financial resources are encouraged to support: (i) priority needs of any of the 23 Decade Programmes that are soliciting Decade Contributions; (ii) priority needs of Decade Collaborative Centres and Coordination Offices and support for the establishment of new structures; and/or (iii) capacity development initiatives to contribute to the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility.

Please see Annexes in the Guidance Note for more information.

How to take part in Call for Decade Actions No. 07/2024

Interested parties should complete and submit the relevant online "Request for Endorsement" available on the Ocean Decade Network. Please note that there are several different online forms and different deadlines depending on the type of Action you are submitting.

During the preparation of submissions, we strongly encourage interested parties to consult and, where possible, collaborate with other institutions and partners working on common issues. The Ocean Decade Network provides a platform to identify potential partners and collaboration opportunities. Further information on mechanisms to create partnerships is provided in the FAQ document accompanying this Call. (Read more)