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## Raising awareness on ocean and climate issues The Ocean and Climate Platform

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# The Ocean and Climate Platform

## What is the Ocean and Climate Platform?

- An international coalition of ocean stakeholders which brought together non-governmental organizations, scientific institutions (research, universities, aquariums, associations...), maritime actors, expeditions, French organizations and international agencies.
- Launched on 10 June 2014 during the World Oceans Day, with the support of IOC-UNESCO.

## Why?

- To promote scientific research on ocean, climate and biodiversity interactions
- To support the advocacy of ocean, climate and biodiversity issues
- To disseminate scientific knowledge to policy makers, civil society and the media



An international platform embodying 70 organizations

# « From science to policy » - 4 key areas of action

## SCIENCE

- Promoting scientific understanding of ocean, climate and biodiversity interactions.
- Disseminating knowledge through the publication of scientific notes.

## AWARENESS

- Increasing awareness on the importance of ocean and biodiversity in the climate system.
- Mobilizing the general public, civil society and youth within UN frameworks on climate and biodiversity (COPs for example).

## ADVOCACY

- Identifying priorities to include the ocean in the Global Climate Action Agenda.
- Participating to the major international conferences on climate change.

## YOUTH

- Supporting young scientists from varied disciplines
- Encouraging their participation in the construction and promotion of scientific knowledge



# Key numbers and achievements

3 COPs

21 scientific notes

14 Information sheets

9 policy recommendations

- Contributing to getting the ocean integrated within the framework of the Paris Agreement.
- States' mobilization within the scope of the « Because the Ocean » declaration, signed by 35 countries.
- The integration of the ocean within the [Global Climate Action Agenda](#), and the launch of a dedicated [oceans action day](#) during COP22 and COP23.
- The launch of the [Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance](#) in February 2017 and the publication of its first action-oriented report on measuring progress on ocean and climate initiatives.

# The central project of the Ocean and Climate Platform: the Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance (OCIA)

- Launched on 22 February 2017 by the Ocean and Climate Platform, with the support of IOC-UNESCO and France.
- OCIA intends to drive momentum for concrete ocean-based solutions in the implementation of mitigation and adaptation measures.

## Core objectives:

1. Identifying synergies between international initiatives and acting as a catalyst for progress.
2. Stimulating scientific awareness and reducing knowledge gaps on our understanding of ocean, climate and biodiversity interactions.
3. Ensuring that civil society's voice is heard in the international fora (UNFCCC, Global Climate Agenda, SDG14...).





# An international coalition of initiatives

- 20 initiatives
- 273 members including 90 countries
- Operations in 36 countries



# What's next?

The Ocean and Climate Platform and IOC-UNESCO organize a High Level Scientific Conference :

## From COP21 towards the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

10-11 September 2018, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

Special session – Sciences cooperation, policies interfaces and SDGs in South Atlantic Ocean

Session 1 – What does science tell us today about the ocean?

Session 2 – An intergovernmental organization perspective on ocean, climate and biodiversity knowledge

Session 3 – From science to action: how can the UN Decade of Ocean Science make a difference?

Session 4 – From science to action: which policies?

Special session – Academic research: which contributions to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science?

You can register online! <https://en.unesco.org/ocean-climate-conference>



# Thank you!

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