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Ocean and Climate Platform

What next steps for Our Ocean?
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What is the Ocean and Climate Platform ?

An international coalition which brought together non-governmental organizations, scientific institutions (research, universities, aquariums...), maritime actors including local officials, clusters or foundations, & international organizations.

When was it created?

The OCP was launched on 10 June 2014 during the World Oceans day, with the support of IOC-UNESCO.

Why ?

- to promote scientific knowledge on ocean and climate interactions
- to support the advocacy of ocean and climate issues
- to disseminate ocean-climate understanding for the general public

in collaboration with the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands – and the 35 signatories States of the « Because the Ocean » declaration



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An international platform embodying 71 organizations

NGOs (35%)



Science (34%)





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Private sector (8%)



Aquariums (9%)



Expeditions (7%)



French institutions (6%)



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International organizations (4%)



Ocean Acidification International Coordination Centre
OA-ICC





« From science to policy » : 4 key areas of action

Science

- scientific understanding of ocean- climate interactions
- Disseminating knowledge through the publication of scientific notes.

Awareness

- Increasing public awareness on the importance of ocean in the climate system
- Mobilisation of the general public, civil society and youth within UNFCCC COPs

Advocacy

- identifying priorities to include the ocean in the global climate action agenda
- by 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

3 COPs

21 scientific notes

14 Information sheets

9 policy recommendations

Achievements

- The IOC-UNESCO and the OCP contributed to [getting the ocean integrated within the framework of the Paris Agreement](#), and the publication of [an IPCC special report on climate, ocean and cryosphere in 2019](#).
- 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 a dedicated [oceans action day](#) during COP22 and COP23.
- The launch of the [Ocean and Climate Initiatives Alliance](#) and publication of its first action-oriented report on measuring progress on ocean and climate initiatives

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



- Supported by the Ocean and Climate Platform, IOC- UNESCO and France.
- Integrated into the Global Climate Action Agenda, Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.

3 core objectives

1. Identifying **synergies** between international initiatives and acting as a catalyst for progress.
2. **Reducing the knowledge gap** on ocean and climate and stimulating scientific awareness.
3. Ensuring that **civil society's voice** is heard in the international fora.



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1st OCIA Report UNFCCC COP23 Bonn, Germany

MEASURING PROGRESS ON OCEAN AND CLIMATE INITIATIVES: AN ACTION-ORIENTED REPORT

13 initiatives ,
7 themes of action



"A united ocean action for a global climate agenda"

Ocean-based solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation measures

Conclusions

- 1) Shaping a universal ocean language;
- 2) Complementarity between science and policy;
- 3) Raising awareness on specific ocean-related issues



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What's next in 2018 ?

The Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans (ECCWO) June 2018 - Washington DC

From COP21 towards an International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

OCP High Level Scientific meeting

co-organized with IOC-Unesco, on September 10-11 - Paris, UNESCO HQ

“from science to action » 4 sessions

- advances in science + IPCC special reports.
- actions from the civil society, private sector + national and international policies.

Context: UNFCCC, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), BBNJ, the Ocean Pathway Partnership and the United Nations' International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development