



## Voluntary Commitments for the implementation of Goal 14

The high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development will be convened at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 9 June 2017. The Conference will devote special attention to the health of our oceans and seas and advance implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Outcomes of The Ocean Conference include:

- 1) "Call for Action" – An intergovernmentally agreed declaration to be adopted by consensus
- 2) Co-chairs' summaries of seven partnership dialogues
- 3) List of voluntary commitments for the implementation of Goal 14

Voluntary commitments for *The Ocean Conference* are initiatives voluntarily undertaken by Governments, the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, international and regional financial institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors – individually or in partnership – that aim to contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. Any voluntary commitments made within the framework of the 2030 Agenda targeting SDG 14 can be registered as voluntary commitments for *The Ocean Conference*.

Stakeholders above are encouraged to register voluntary commitments in *The Ocean Conference Registry of Commitments* (<https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments>) available on the Conference website that:

- Advance implementation of SDG 14 and associated targets, reflecting inter-linkages between SDG 14 and other Sustainable Development Goals;
- Respect principles of the United Nations and the legal framework in force for the oceans;
- Build on existing successful efforts (scaling it up, new phase, etc.) or introduce a new one;
- Include means of implementation – such as finance or capacity building – as an element to help ensure longevity and sustainability of the initiative;
- Provide access to additional information on the commitments (e.g. website, contacts);
- Follow SMART Criteria – a commitment that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resource based, with Time-based deliverables.

Registration of voluntary commitments can be done online **starting from 15 February 2017**. Submissions may include commitments that have been made since the adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (September 2015). Voluntary commitments may also be announced in the official meetings of the Conference.

A list of voluntary commitments will be produced at the end of the Conference for inclusion into the final report of the Conference. To be included in the list and the report, voluntary commitments should be registered online or announced at the Conference **by 9 June 2017**.

*The Ocean Conference Registry of Commitments* will remain open online after the Conference, with all the details of voluntary commitments publicly accessible.

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