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4th UN Ocean Conference

Our Ocean, our future

Importance of the Ocean

75% of global oxygen comes from ocean



80% of living organisms lives at sea



Coastal areas are home to 3 billion people



5% of total global GDP, 3 trillion dollars on an annual basis



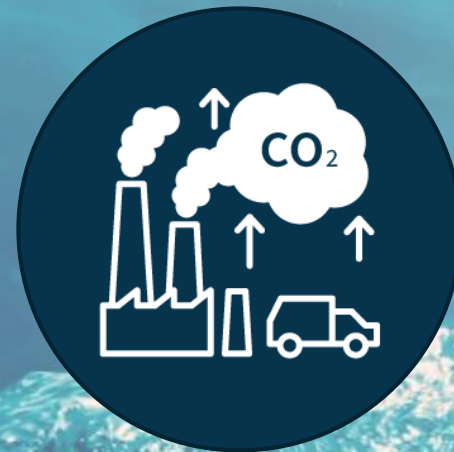
The Ocean in Crisis



Sea temperature rise
of **3.7°C**
by the end of 21st Century



1m increase
on the sea level
as of the end of 21st Century



50% increase
of CO₂ emission
since 1990



24% decrease
in fishing potential
by the end of 21st Century

The History & Role of UNOC

Established to accelerate the implementation of SDG 14 "Life Below Water"

The largest and highest-level global conference on ocean affairs

2017

First Convened

193

UN Member States

2,947

Voluntary
Commitments

15,000

UNOC3
Participants

1st



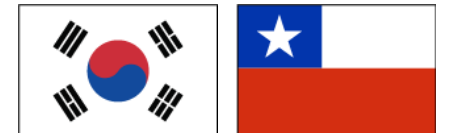
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Overview of UNOC

Linkages with the SDG14 Panel Discussions

UN SDGs	UNOC1	UNOC2	UNOC3
14.1 Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution	Addressing marine pollution	Addressing marine pollution	Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities
14.2 Sustainably managing and protecting marine and coastal ecosystems	Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems	Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems	Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems, including deep-sea ecosystems
14.5 Conserving coastal and marine areas			
14.3 Minimizing and addressing the impacts of ocean acidification	Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification	Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming	Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages
14.4 Restoring fish stocks			
14.b Providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets	Making fisheries sustainable	Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets	Fostering sustainable fisheries management, including supporting small-scale fishers
14.6 Prohibiting fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing			

Overview of UNOC

UN SDGs

14.7 Increasing the economic benefits to Small Island Developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources

14.a Increasing scientific knowledge, developing research capacity and transferring marine technology

14.c Implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS

UNOC1

Increasing economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine sources and market

Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology

Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS

UNOC2

Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for SIDS and LDCs

Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology

Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS

Leveraging interlinkages between SDG14 and other SDGs toward the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

UNOC3

Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience, leaving no one behind

Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity-building and marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health

Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS

Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security

Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional levels

Mobilizing finance for ocean

Overview of UNOC

1 Main Conference 5-Day Program



2 Special Events Pre-Conference Week



3 Side Events 450+ at UNOC3



UNOC4

Hosted by

Republic of Korea

**Co-Hosted
with Chile**

JUNE 2028



Korea as a Leading Maritime Nation

A Trusted Partner for the Ocean Agenda

- 2024.04 Korea and Chile agreed to co-host UNOC4
- 2025.06 Bid promotion at UNOC3 and related events
- 2025.09 Keynote address by the president at the UNGA
- 2025.12 UNGA resolution adopted to confirm hosting

Three Pillars of UNOC4

01

TRANSFORMATION

- Last UNOC before 2030 SDG deadline
- Shapes post-2030 ocean agenda
- Strengthens Ocean-Climate–Biodiversity Nexus

02

CONTINUITY

- Builds on UNOC1–3 achievements
- Science · Finance · Partnerships
- Advances science-policy interface

03

INCLUSIVENESS

- Leaves no one behind
- All countries, themes, generations
- Empowers global youth leadership

Transformation

Accelerating SDG 14 and Shaping the Post-2030 Agenda

TEMPORAL

The Last Mile to 2030

1.5 years before the 2030 SDG deadline

Post-2030 Agenda

SUBSTANTIVE

Ocean-Climate-Biodiversity Nexus



Continuity

Building on UNOC1 through UNOC3

01 Science



Strengthening the science-policy interface to ground ocean action in robust evidence and capacity.

02 Finance



Mobilizing ocean finance to overcome the implementation gap that has long held back ocean priorities.

03 Partnerships



Building multi-layered partnerships across governments, organizations, and civil society for collective action.

Inclusiveness

Leaving No One Behind

// Leave no one behind

UNOC4 will reinforce the political and moral foundations for collective ocean action, creating an inclusive platform that embraces diverse countries, themes, and generations.

01

Countries

Embracing 193 UN Member States across developed and developing nations

02

Themes

Spanning the full breadth of ocean issues — science, finance, climate, biodiversity, food, economy

03

Generations

Inspiring greater leadership among young people, and encouraging active global youth participation.

Preparations for UNOC4

DOMESTIC

Special Act on UNOC

- a. Whole-of-government approach to advancing UNOC4
- b. Foundation for public-private cooperation and institutional support

INTERNATIONAL

Modalities Resolution

- a. Target of adopting the resolution within the year
- b. Consultations with Chile and UN DESA and request for cooperation from Member States

Cooperation with YOU

Blue economy



Green port



Marine Renewable Energy



Sustainable fisheries



Blue Tourism



Technological innovation



Thank you for your partnership in shaping the future of our ocean

THANK YOU

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We look forward to your continued interest, support, and partnership as the Republic of Korea prepares to host UNOC4 in 2028.



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NICE, FRANCE 2025



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UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 5-9 JUNE 2017



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LISBON
27 JUNE -
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