

African ocean-impact catalyst

Object: Stakeholder Statement UNOC 2023, Lisbon

On behalf of OceanHub Africa

OceanHub Africa is an ocean-impact startup incubator based in South Africa but operating pan-Africa working on two streams:

- Accelerating the development and adoption of new sustainable and equitable ocean solutions, through hi-tech higrowth business incubation support
- Building capacity at grassroots level, empowering coastal communities in both business and sustainable ocean resource management to build Blue Economy from the ground-up

Funding for sustainable blue economy is on the rise faster than the pipeline of new solutions can provide, there needs to be more interests and support to pipeline builders, more support for testing and taking baby steps to ensure we keep moving and leverage existing momentum, especially for us in the Global South.

I thank you

Alexis Grosskopf CEO of OceanHub Africa