

The UNFCCC welcomes the commitments and statements made during this *dialogue*.

Ladies and Gentlemen, 193 Parties have ratified the Paris Agreement. It has near-universal membership and is the legally binding guide to strengthen the global response to climate change to protect the climate system and respond to climate change impacts.

- The UNFCCC defines the "Climate system" as "the totality of the atmosphere, **hydrosphere**, biosphere and geosphere and their interactions."
- **So the ocean is in the Convention and is also** an integral part of ALL the goals of the **the Paris Agreement** - mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology transfer and capacity building.

At COP 26, governments recognized the integral nature and importance of the ocean in the work of the UNFCCC and permanently anchored the inclusion of strengthened ocean-based action in the Glasgow Pact – specifically establishing an annual ocean and climate change dialogue to strengthen ocean-based climate action.

International efforts to combat climate change and keep 1.5 alive are critical as we look to COP27 and implementation of the Paris Agreement at the national level and protect our ocean while also making links to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and national SDG implementation. .

COP 27 is the first COP where nations must show how they will, through legislation, policies and programs, and throughout all jurisdictions and sectors, begin putting the Paris Agreement to work in their home countries. **It is also about** supporting *all* segments of society, to drive significantly more climate action

- The ocean needs to be at the heart of national climate change policies
- The solutions are there
- We must base decision making on the best available science – whilst strengthening observation and research and its integration into decision making
- Ocean action is climate action
- Ocean finance is climate finance
- Ocean policy is climate policy
- Our message to this conference is - **IT'S TIME TO BLUE THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

As our Executive Secretary, Patricia Espinoza, said at the 1st ocean and climate change dialogue on 15th June, I would like to invite all of you to do your utmost to strengthen ocean-climate action and its finance and include commitments in NDCs and NAPs national action as part of Paris Agreement commitments.