



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

High Level Meeting of the Ocean Decade Alliance

15h – 16.15h, 27 June 2022, Committee Room

Organized by: UNESCO, Portugal, Kenya

Background on the event (one paragraph)

To stimulate the ambitious global ocean science agenda of the Ocean Decade, the Ocean Decade Alliance ('the Alliance') has been established to leverage and multiply financial and in-kind resource commitments towards the Decade. The Alliance aims to create a network of eminent partners of the Ocean Decade that can lead by example to catalyse support for the Decade through targeted resource mobilization, networking, and influence. The Alliance is a global platform that will occupy a high profile and unique niche. The Alliance focuses on action and the shared development of solutions. Its mandate is unparalleled and aims to support resource mobilisation for ocean science in all its manifestations to achieve the vision of the Ocean Decade and thus contribute to the 2030 Agenda.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

On 27 June, Patrons and members of the [Ocean Decade Alliance](#) took part in their first in-person meeting, convened by Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya, and H.E. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal – both Presidents being founding Patrons of the Alliance.

The President of Palau, H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr., as well as high-level representatives from governmental members of the Alliance, UN agencies, philanthropic institutions and the private sector took the stage to announce new commitments to the Ocean Decade including new financial contributions, commitments to ocean data and new initiatives with philanthropy and private sector partners. The UN Special Envoy for the Ocean Peter Thomson closing the meeting.

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

Members of the Ocean Decade Alliance launched a [joint Call to Action](#) for investment in ocean science. The Call to Action can be found here: <https://www.oceandecade.org/news/ocean-decade-alliance-calls-for-unlocking-investment-in-ocean-science-for-sustainable-development/>