

Saudi Arabia's Statement during Interactive Dialogue 8: Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda - 7/1/2022

- Thank you very much Moderator for giving me the floor, your excellencies, distinguished delegates ladies and gentlemen
- We collectively recognize the need to protect our oceans and achieve our sustainable development goals and leverage the interlinkages, for that we need to reduce and manage all emissions from ALL sectors and sources by utilizing all options and technologies including nature-based solutions, in this regard adaptation centered action is critical in the context of blue economy.
- All our outcomes and discussions should be guided by and aligned with the Paris Agreement and its principles.
- We should undertake inclusiveness in our approaches, as oceans can and will act as natural sinks, that will remove and reduce our emissions.
- As part of the overarching climate action In the kingdom we believe it's very important to protect ocean areas especially in the area of removal,
- The Kingdom is Planting mangrove trees across its coastal lines, in addition to strengthening and enhancing coral reef restoration programs. Further, implementing coastal management strategies that are designed to reduce coastal erosion, increase the sinks for blue carbon, and maintain related ecosystems.
- and for that the kingdom is not holding back on any solution that may help in protecting the environment and conserving our valuable ecosystem the kingdom has joined the Global oceans alliance, joining the world towards our goal of protecting our oceans.
- And to truly leverage all action, we must have inclusivity at the heart of our work.
- Circularity plays an important role in protecting, preserving and restoring our oceans. Materials circularity will help us in protecting our biodiversity and reduce all types of waste; circularity of emissions will help us achieve our climate goals including ocean related action , by avoidance, abatement and removal of emissions.
- We also call for all to joins us in the aim to accelerate the development of innovative approaches and removal technologies, that will enhance ocean-based action.

- To conclude, we need inclusivity in our solutions and approaches to reduce and remove emissions. Thus, we need to promote collaboration and RD&D to leverage all possible solutions and action to achieve our ambitions