



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

“The Ocean, Uniting Global Youth”

“Our contribution to the UN Ocean Conference 2022 and to the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development”

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- Sustainable Ocean Alliance;
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- The Climate Reality Project Philippines;
- Youth Empowerment in Climate Action Platform;
- Movers Programme;
- TEAL Climate;
- YOUNGO - the Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC;
- UNEP
- UNMGCY

Background on the event (one paragraph)

Youth from around the world will come together to represent different organizations and networks. Together, we will create a guide for decision makers, civil society, academia and the private sector.

This event will consist of a webinar delivered in partnership with representatives of different organizations that were part of the creation of an "*Ocean Youth Statement*":

“We, as a collective and GLOBAL YOUTH MOVEMENT, want to launch and share our Statement in order to declare the state of emergency of our Ocean's Health and to engage Youth from different parts of the world to raise their voices with us and to invite all society to change behavior towards our Ocean”.

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

We discussed

I. Why the youth stands for our Ocean, and

II. What the youth wants for our ocean:

In which was established five work points:

- Ecosystem Services
- Governance on Ocean
- Blue Economy
- Youth Involvement and participation
- Research, Technology and innovations for Ocean Health

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Include young people in your delegations and create a youth delegation itself.
- Follow the Policy Demands from the Global Ocean Youth Declaration “My Marina”

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Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)

We have created this declaration in order to be an official document for decision makers, civil society, private sector and academy. This declaration shows the importance of our understanding that we are *One Planet, One Ocean, and One Voice*. Youth and civil society today recognize that the Earth has one big ocean with many features and that the ocean plays a crucial role in ensuring the survival of our species and a habitable planet. Our ocean regulates our climate and provides food, oxygen, and ecosystem services essential to our well-being. The ocean is connected by upstream and downstream water bodies, joining us with all lives on Earth. To solve problems of ocean ecosystems, we must understand and view them through an interconnected and cyclical lens. Therefore, it is everyone's responsibility to participate and advance in a stakeholder-driven, democratic, and multilateral form, following the UN Framework Principles on Human Rights, UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, the Decade for Ecosystem Restoration, the seven crucial Ocean Literacy Principles, and the Environment by contributing and be participant in initiatives for the recovery and conservation of our Ocean, in order, to support urgent action to address the ocean health crisis, biodiversity loss, climate injustice, the rise of temperature and climate crisis that threatens the global, life, equity, and justice, and reaching towards the Global Goals and the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Together as we journey in the Decade of Action, the youth around the world are one in our firm demand for a healthy, restored, and protected ocean in all aspects.