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## Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in support of SDG 14

*An extract of the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation:  
Inputs to Ocean Action Panels Concept Papers*

### About this Paper

This paper is an extract from the report of the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation: Inputs to Ocean Action Panels Concept Papers, which summarizes inputs received from stakeholders to a global online stakeholder consultation organized by UN DESA in connection with the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference which will be held from 9 June to 13 June in Nice, France.

The main Report can be found [here](#), including links to all responses and all inputs to the ten Ocean Action Panels, as well as detailed background information and a summary.

This paper presents summaries of key messages for Ocean Action Panel 2: Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology, and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health.



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Under this topic, 121 contributions were received, and more detailed inputs are available [here](#).

### Main Challenges

Many stakeholders emphasized the critical need for **more financial resources** to drive ocean conservation efforts. The challenge lies in securing **adequate, long-term funding to support initiatives**, particularly in coastal restoration, marine conservation, and sustainable development projects.

*“Practitioners, researchers, traditional owners, communities, industry and others should investigate innovative financial mechanisms for restoration which consider the advantages and disadvantages of a range of financing options, including blended funding models which offers a future path to engage the financial sector in restor-*

*ation to address risk and identifying and implementing learnings from successful international large-scale funding models.” (Africa Sustainable Climate and Environment Foundation)*

Several stakeholders pointed out the need for **increased awareness and knowledge dissemination**, particularly targeting younger generations and local communities. Without widespread understanding of sustainable practices and ocean conservation needs, it becomes difficult to foster long-term engagement and behavioral change.

According to stakeholders, **building strong and effective partnerships across countries and regions** is essential for driving comprehensive ocean conservation strategies. However, stakeholders noted that the pace of forming these collaborations has been too slow, which impedes



## Partnership Spotlight

The [AIS Forum on Adjustment of Blue Economy Development Index](#) supports the adjustment and enhancement of the Blue Economy Development Index (BEDI) under the AIS Forum, which currently includes 22 out of 51 member countries. The partnership aims to expand the BEDI framework from the macro level to the meso level, allowing individual countries to adopt and tailor the index to their national blue economy goals. Financially, this partnership focuses on leveraging both public and private funding sources to support the shift from macroeconomic measurements to more granular, country-specific economic indicators. By increasing investment transparency and adaptability, the partnership contributes to SDG 14 by enabling countries to better measure and track their sustainable marine economy. (Submitted by HACOSTA)

