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# **Stakeholder Inputs to the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration**

**KEY TOPICS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## Background

The high-level 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development (the **2025 UN Ocean Conference**) will be held in Nice, France, from 9 – 13 June 2025, co-hosted by France and Costa Rica. The overarching theme of the Conference is *“Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean”*.

The Conference shall adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration, which along with a list of voluntary commitments, will be referred to as the “Nice Ocean Action Plan”. The Permanent Representatives of Cabo Verde, H.E. Ms. Tania Romualdo, and Australia, H.E. Mr. James Larsen have been appointed by President of the United Nations General Assembly (PGA) as co-facilitators to conduct the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration to be concluded by 1 May 2025.

## Stakeholder Inputs to the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration

From 18-29 November 2024, UNDESA, upon request from the Co-Facilitators invited stakeholders to contribute substantive inputs to the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration through an online form, asking stakeholders to address the following question:

*“Please list up to three key actions that focus on areas of accelerated and collective action to support the implementation of SDG 14 and that could be considered by Member States for inclusion in the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration.”*

The Secretariat has shared all inputs with the co-facilitators of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration. This document presents the outcomes of the call for inputs as well as key topics and recommendations from stakeholders to the Conference Declaration.

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STAKEHOLDERS

**921**

INPUTS

**27%**

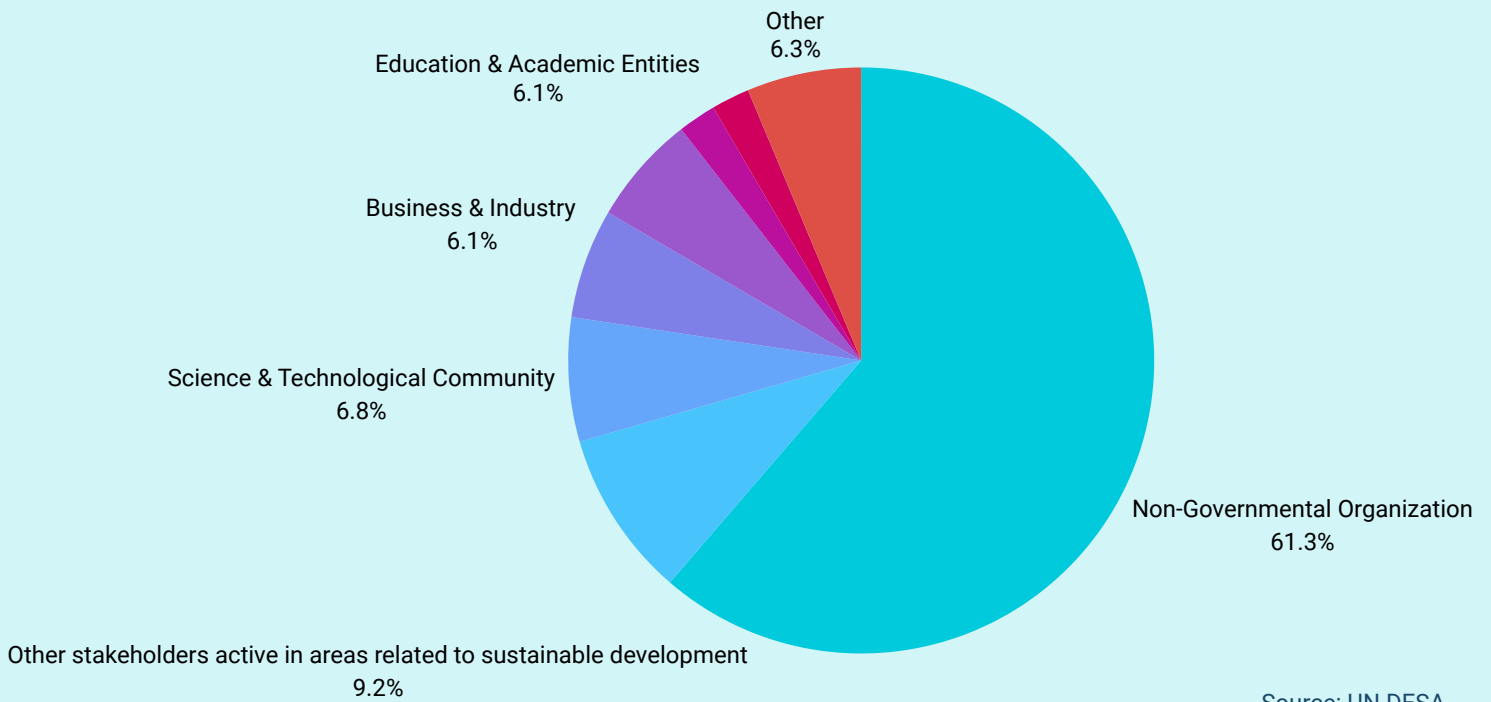
RESPONSES FROM  
YOUTH BELOW 35  
YEARS OLD





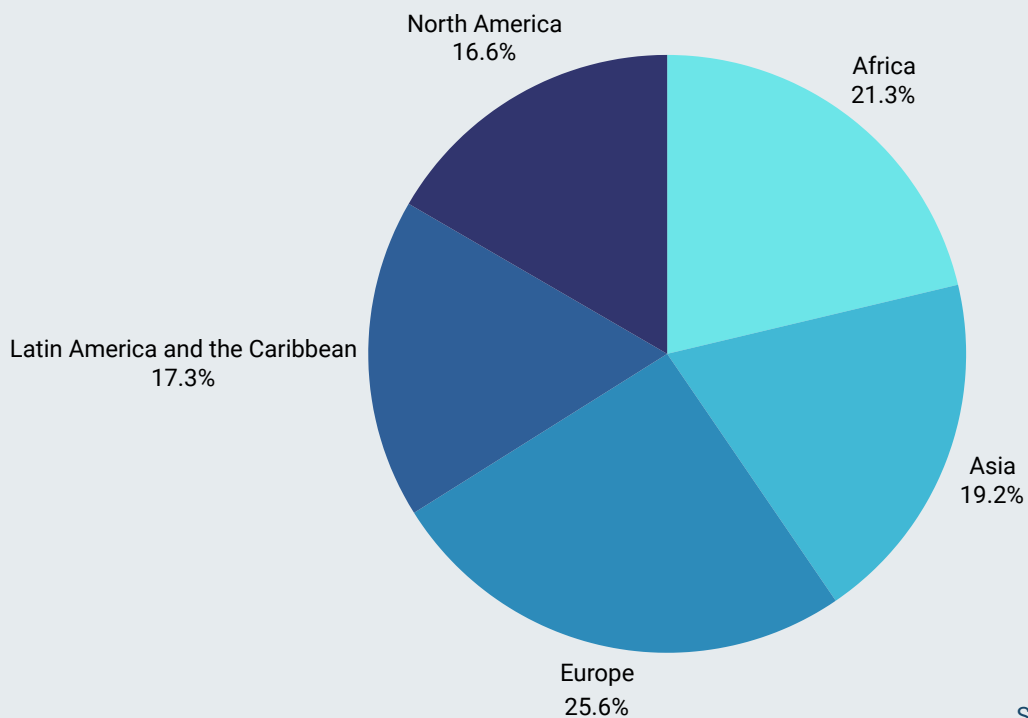
# Call for Stakeholder Inputs to the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration - Responses in Numbers

## Number of Responses by Sector\*



Source: UN DESA

## Distribution of Organizations by Operating Region



Source: UN DESA

\*Other stakeholders include: Volunteer groups, Farmers, Indigenous Peoples, Local and Regional Governments, Private Philanthropic Organizations, Persons with Disabilities, and Workers & Trade Unions.



## Key Takeaways



Common themes mentioned by stakeholders during the [online consultation](#).

Source: UN DESA\*

\*Word cloud on common themes for the Declaration, generated on WordClouds.Com

## Key Topics and Recommendations from Stakeholders for the 2025 UN Ocean Conference Declaration:

**Ocean and Marine Ecosystem Preservation:** Preserving and sustainably managing ocean and marine ecosystems.

**Biodiversity Conservation:** Protecting biodiversity through sustainable practices and targeted initiatives.

**Climate Change and Pollution:** Tackling climate change and reducing pollution, particularly plastic waste.

**Community & Stakeholder Engagement:** All stakeholder groups including youth, women and children, play a vital role in ocean sustainability leadership practices.

**Coastal & Local Communities:** Listening to communities that are directly involved with oceans with an emphasis on supporting livelihoods through sustainable fisheries and management practices.

**Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):** Expanding and effectively managing marine protected areas is essential for conserving ecosystems, with emphasis on the global 30x30 campaign.

**Data Sharing and Science-Driven Policies:** Leveraging data, fostering scientific cooperation, and promoting knowledge-sharing are critical for guiding decision-making and policy implementation for SDG14 implementation.

**Partnerships and Capacity Building:** Strengthening partnerships and enhancing capacity-building efforts are key to advancing sustainable development and protecting the Ocean.

**International Cooperation and the Blue Economy:** Promoting global partnerships and fostering blue economy initiatives support sustainable development.

**Resilience Building:** Enhancing the resilience of ecosystems and communities helps address environmental and economic challenges.

**Innovation and Restoration:** Encouraging innovative solutions, advancing restoration efforts, and supporting initiatives like blue carbon and tidal energy.

**Education:** Raising awareness about ocean sustainability and marine conservation through education.

**Financing and Governance Mechanisms:** Developing financing mechanisms and establishing robust governance frameworks, including adherence to international law such as UNCLOS.

**Equity and Inclusion:** Upholding principles like "leaving no one behind" ensures the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and youth in decision-making for the protection of the Ocean.

**Deep-Sea Issues:** Addressing deep-sea mining, offshore infrastructure, and the sustainable management of resources is necessary for balanced development.

**Legal & Policy Frameworks:** Utilizing global legal frameworks, including UNCLOS and BBNJ, as well as local laws and policies, to support marine conservation and ocean sustainability

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