



Statement for the Ocean Action Panel 7
“Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages”
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Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

It is a great honour to address you today. I am Marine Lecerf, Head of International Policy, Ocean & Climate Platform – an **international network** of more than 110 organisations from civil society determined to accelerate ocean-based solutions to address the climate and biodiversity crises.

The year 2025 will be pivotal. It has been **ten years since the adoption of the Paris Agreement** – a decade marked by growing urgency. Indeed, the first Global Stocktake clearly showed that we are **not on track to meet the 1.5°C target**. With the Paris Rulebook finalised and the first full cycle of the Agreement complete, we must enter a **new, decisive phase of implementation and accountability**.

The **ocean is our best ally** in the fight against climate change. Ocean-based climate solutions can deliver up to **35% of the emissions reduction needed by 2050** – while also enhancing climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development.

With NDCs due by COP30, we have a critical window of opportunity to correct course. We therefore call on countries to take up the **“Blue NDC Challenge”**, launched Monday under Brazil’s leadership, by integrating ocean-based climate solutions into their upcoming national climate strategies.

To guide governments, the **Ocean Breakthroughs** can serve as a blueprint to fast-track action and investments in five key sectors of marine conservation, aquatic food, offshore renewable energy, shipping and coastal tourism. By identifying turning points to reach by 2030 in each sector, they act as a powerful catalyst to deliver greater ocean action for the benefits of nature, climate, and people.

Ocean-based climate solutions can serve as a **“blue thread”**, weaving together national climate and biodiversity strategies. When developed in an integrated and coherent manner, these solutions strengthen policy alignment and unlock greater impact on the ground.

Let 2025 be the year we not only reflect on our promises, but begin to truly fulfill them.

Thank you.