

Intervention by the United Republic of Tanzania at the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 3) on the Ocean Action Panel 7 entitled “Leveraging Ocean, Climate and Biodiversity Interlinkages”

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**Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Co-Chairs,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me commend the Governments of Belgium and Indonesia for co-chairing this crucial dialogue. The theme is timely, as it speaks to the need for integrated solutions to sustain our planet’s life-support systems. For Tanzania, the ocean is not just geography—it is vital to our economy, food security, and climate resilience. But this resource faces growing pressure from climate change, pollution, overuse, and habitat loss. These are interconnected challenges needing urgent, integrated responses.

To address them, Tanzania is implementing a Blue Economy Policy in Zanzibar and a National Blue Economy Strategy on the mainland. These frameworks support sustainable and inclusive growth in sectors such as fisheries, marine transport, biotechnology, aquaculture, and tourism—while ensuring ecosystem protection and empowering coastal communities.

We are also advancing nature-based solutions like mangrove restoration, coral reef rehabilitation, and expanding Marine Protected Areas—key for carbon storage, coastal protection, and livelihoods. Traditional knowledge and community stewardship are central to our approach.

Globally, we reaffirm commitment to the Paris Agreement, and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Yet, ambition must be matched with action. We therefore call for scaled-up and predictable financing, technology transfer, and capacity-building, particularly for developing countries and Small Island Developing States, which remain disproportionately vulnerable to ocean and climate-related shocks.

Lastly, we must center people in this transition—especially women, youth, indigenous groups, and coastal communities, who are not just beneficiaries, but vital stewards of marine ecosystems.

Tanzania stands ready to collaborate for a unified, science-driven, and inclusive path to ocean health, climate stability, and biodiversity conservation.

Thank you.