

## TO GOVERNMENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE 2025 (UNOC3)

The upcoming high-level 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (UNOC3) will take place in June 2025 in Nice, France. UNOC3 must become a turning point for ocean protection. This important moment cannot be wasted. Earth's oceans, seas, and marine wildlife are under increasing threat from human activities, jeopardising their vital functions on which all life depends. Earth's largest carbon sink, the ocean, has already absorbed 90 percent of the excess heat from carbon emissions, leading to rising seas, melting ice, intensifying marine heatwaves, and increasing acidification with severe consequences for marine life.

Fossil fuels are responsible for over 75 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and nearly 90 percent of all CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The UN Emissions Gap Report 2023 highlights that if current policies persist, global emissions will reach 56 gigatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents by 2035—55 percent higher than the level required to stay below 1.5°C. Achieving the Paris Agreement's targets demand an immediate halt to the search for new hydrocarbon deposits. Yet, billions of dollars continue to be poured into seabed exploration for oil and gas, even within marine protected areas.

The era of fossil fuels must come to an end.

UNOC3 has an opportunity to spearhead the transformative change needed to tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss; to set a bold new benchmark that propels the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and other frameworks to go further. This is the moment for UNOC3 to lead, not follow.

With the Zero Draft of the UNOC-3 Declaration, *Our ocean, our future: accelerating action*, now in circulation, we, the undersigned, call on you to honour the agreed objective in the First Global Stocktake at Climate COP28: “transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science”.

**We urge you to use the opportunity presented by the Zero Draft to secure UNOC3's adoption of a State-level prohibition on all fossil fuel exploration activities throughout national territories, including the territorial sea, Exclusive Economic Zone, and continental shelf, and phase out existing fossil fuel extraction.**

Yours sincerely,

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OceanCare

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1. AbibiNsroma Foundation
  2. Action Pour le Developpement des Jeunes au Congo (ADJC)
  3. Adarsha Samajik Progoti Sangstha
  4. African Confederation of Professionnal Organizations of Artisanal Fisheries -CAOPA-
  5. All Bangla Fishermen's Association (ABFMA)

6. AllRise
7. Animal Welfare Institute
8. ARAYARA.org/ ARAYARA International Institute
9. Archipelagos - ambiente e sviluppo, Italia
10. ARTSail Residency and Research Initiative
11. Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE)
12. Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA)
13. ASSOCIACIÓ CATALANA DE DONES DE LA MAR
14. Associació Cetàcea
15. Associació Som Mar
16. Association for Farmers Rights Defense, AFRD
17. Australian Marine Conservation Society
18. Azul
19. Benin Environment and Education Society
20. Biofuelwatch
21. BLOOM
22. Blue Green Generation
23. Blue Marine Foundation
24. British Divers Marine Life Rescue
25. Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland e.V. (BUND)
26. Cambridge Climate Society
27. Care About Climate
28. Carolina Ocean Alliance
29. CATCA Environmental and Wildlife Society
30. CEE Bankwatch Network
31. Center for Biological Diversity
32. Center for International Environmental Law
33. Center for Protection and Research of Birds
34. Centre d'éducation et de recherche de Sept-Îles
35. Centre for Climate Safety
36. Centre For Community Initiatives Against Human Trafficking (CIAHT)
37. Centro de Conservacion Cetacea
38. Cet Law
39. Cetacean Society International
40. Cetaceans.org
41. Circle of Voices
42. ClimaTalk
43. Climate Action Merribek (Australia)
44. Climate Action Network (CAN) International
45. Climate Rights International
46. CliMates Austria
47. Club Alpbach France
48. Coal Action Network
49. Coalition Clean Baltic - CCB
50. Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA)
51. Conexiones Climáticas
52. Congregation of the Mission
53. Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.
54. Dolphin Biology and Conservation
55. Dolphin Connection
56. Earth Ethics, Inc.
57. Earth Neighborhood Productios

58. EarthLanka Youth Network
59. ECCEA (Eastern Caribbean Coalition for Environmental Awareness)
60. Ecologistas en Acción
61. EKOenergy ecolabel
62. EmpoderaClima
63. End Fossil Occupy Uganda
64. Environmental Investigation Agency
65. EnviroVision2050
66. European Environmental Bureau
67. Extinction Rebellion Belgium
68. Faith for the Climate
69. Fondation Ensemble
70. Force of Nature
71. Forum for Development and Environment - Norway
72. Fossil Free Wider Caribbean Network
73. Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
74. Fridays for Future Austria
75. Fridays for Future Berlin
76. Friends of the Earth International
77. Friends of the Earth Malta
78. Fundación Cethus
79. Fundación Renovab
80. Futureswell
81. Gallifrey Foundation
82. Global 2000
83. Global Justice Now
84. Global Shapers Vienna
85. Global Witness
86. Global Youth Coalition
87. Green Balkans NGO
88. Greenpeace International
89. H2Oceanos
90. Here's The Plan Podcast
91. Iceland Nature Conservation Association
92. Ilhas do Rio Project
93. INITIATIVE2030 - live the goals
94. Inland Ocean Coalition
95. Innovation pour le Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement
96. Institute of Fisheries Management
97. Instituto Brasileiro de Conservação da Natureza - IBRACON
98. Instituto de Conservacion de Ballenas
99. International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute
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101. Island Innovation
102. Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement
103. Klimabündnis Österreich
104. Klimakultur (NO)
105. legaseas.org
106. Linha Vermelha // Red Line
107. Love The Oceans
108. M.E.E.R.
109. Marilles Foundation

110. Marine Connection
111. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
112. Morigenos - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society
113. Mothers Rise Up
114. Movilizadorio
115. Nado Por Las Ballenas A.C. (Swim For the Whales)
116. Natur og Ungdom
117. Natural Justice
118. Naturskyddsföreningen - Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
119. NGO Eco-team
120. NOAH - for animal rights
121. Nordic Center for Sustainable Finance
122. Nuestro Futuro AC
123. Objectif Zéro Plastique
124. Ocean & Climate Platform
125. Ocean Community Challenge Associação
126. Ocean Eye
127. Ocean. Now!
128. Oceana
129. OceanCare
130. Oceania Pride
131. Oceanic Global Foundation
132. Oceanography Malta Research Group (OMRG), Department of Geosciences,  
University of Malta, Malta
133. OIKOS - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento
134. Olive Ridley Project
135. ORCA
136. Origami Whales Project
137. Oxford Climate Society
138. Ozeanverantwortung Schweiz
139. Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change
140. Pan African Vision for the Environment (PAVE)
141. Parents For Future Austria
142. Parents for Future UK
143. Parks- Dinarides- network of protected areas of Dinarides
144. Peace Boat US
145. People and the Sea
146. Planet Wild
147. Plastic Pollution Coalition
148. Positive Ripple Consulting
149. Pro Wildlife
150. Pro-Environnement Benin
151. Protect Blue
152. Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania
153. Quantum Leap Foundation
154. Rapid Transition Alliance
155. Re-Earth Initiative
156. Reclaim Finance
157. Resilient40
158. Rise for Climate Belgium
159. RISE UP
160. Save the Med

161. Sciaena
162. Seal Research Trust
163. SeaLegacy
164. Searious Business
165. Seas At Risk
166. Sharklab ADRIA
167. Sharkproject International
168. SHE Changes Climate
169. Siwatibau and Sloan
170. SOS Somos OceanoS
171. Stand.earth
172. StopFinningEU
173. Surfrider Foundation
174. Surfrider Foundation Europe
175. Sustainable Ocean Alliance
176. The Argonauts Collective
177. The ChariTree Foundation
178. The ClimAct Initiative
179. The Climate Reality Project Europe
180. The Green Fix
181. The Joanna Toole Foundation
182. The Last Plastic Straw
183. The Ocean Foundation
184. The Ocean Project
185. Tools For Solidarity
186. TRAFFED-RDC, Asbl/Greenfaith Africa in DR.Congo
187. Tuesdays for Trash
188. UK Youth Climate Coalition (UKYCC)
189. Último Recurso
190. Umoja Empowerment Recourses
191. Under The Pole
192. United for Ocean (UFO)
193. Universal Peace and Violence Amelioration Centre (UPVAC)
194. Uplift
195. Urgewald
196. Waterspirit
197. We, The World Botswana
198. Weald Action Group
199. Wedonthavetime.org
200. Whale and Dolphin Conservation
201. World Ocean Day
202. World's Youth for Climate Justice
203. Young Researchers of Serbia
204. YOUNGO Ocean's Voice working group
205. Youth and Environment Europe (YEE)
206. Youth Climate Collaborative
207. Youth Love Egypt Foundation
208. ZERO - Association for the Sustainability of the Earth System



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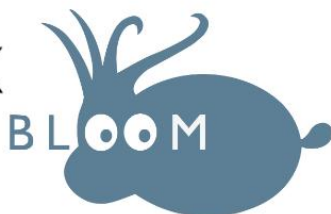
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