

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 CO₂ emissions. The UN Emissions Gap Report 2023 highlights that if current policies persist, global emissions will reach 56 gigatonnes of CO₂ 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 Progotti 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. Extinction Rebellion Belgium
67. Faith for the Climate
68. Fondation Ensemble
69. Force of Nature
70. Forum for Development and Environment - Norway
71. Fossil Free Wider Caribbean Network
72. Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
73. Fridays for Future Austria
74. Fridays for Future Berlin
75. Friends of the Earth International
76. Friends of the Earth Malta
77. Fundación Cethus
78. Fundación Renovab
79. Futureswell
80. Gallifrey Foundation
81. Global 2000
82. Global Justice Now
83. Global Shapers Vienna
84. Global Witness
85. Global Youth Coalition
86. Green Balkans NGO
87. Greenpeace International
88. H2Oceanos
89. Here's The Plan Podcast
90. Iceland Nature Conservation Association
91. Ilhas do Rio Project
92. INITIATIVE2030 - live the goals
93. Inland Ocean Coalition
94. Innovation pour le Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement
95. Institute of Fisheries Management
96. Instituto Brasileiro de Conservação da Natureza - IBRACON
97. Instituto de Conservacion de Ballenas
98. International Marine Mammal Project of Earth Island Institute
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100. Island Innovation
101. Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement
102. Klimabiündnis Österreich
103. Klimakultur (NO)
104. legaseas.org
105. Linha Vermelha // Red Line
106. Love The Oceans
107. M.E.E.R.
108. Marilles Foundation
109. Marine Connection

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

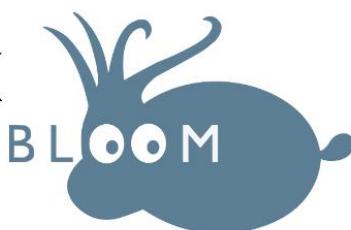
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169. SOS Somos OceanoS
170. Stand.earth
171. StopFinningEU
172. Surfrider Foundation
173. Surfrider Foundation Europe
174. Sustainable Ocean Alliance
175. The Argonauts Collective
176. The ChariTree Foundation
177. The ClimAct Initiative
178. The Climate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



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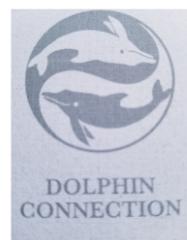


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