

Joint Declaration: Pledge to advance Ocean Accounts by 2030

We recognise that the health of our ocean is the health of our people and our economies. Sustainable development of the ocean economy requires comprehensive information systems to guide sustainable management and informed decision-making.

We the signatories, pledge to advance ocean accounts for ocean sustainable development by 2030 and invite all nations to join us in this crucial endeavour, advancing ocean accounts in line with their own national priorities.

We recognise the importance of ocean accounts in addressing global challenges, acknowledging that the ocean provide key ecosystem services, support many livelihoods, and play a significant role in regulating our climate. Ocean accounts bring together data and information on environmental, economic and social factors to enhance ocean governance and it is an opportunity to achieve sustainable development and prosperity on the coasts.

We appreciate the work of the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (GOAP) in supporting international collaboration on ocean accounting. GOAP brings together stakeholders to support the development of ocean accounts worldwide and commits to work with all nations to achieve their 2030 goals.

We the signatories commit to:

- Advance ocean accounts by 2030 in alignment with national priorities
- Consider ocean accounts data in decision-making processes
- Support efforts that enhance capacity and share knowledge to improve global capabilities in ocean accounting.

We invite all nations to join in this effort to develop and implement ocean accounts by 2030, creating a foundation for informed decision-making and sustainable ocean management.

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