

BLUE ECONOMY ROUND TABLE

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CONTEXT

THE CHALLENGES OF

MULTILATERALISM AND THEIR IMPACT

ON OCEAN AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE

OCEAN DECADE AND UNOC 3

The Ocean Decade (2021-2030) was established to promote ocean science and sustainable ocean management, aiming to achieve "The Ocean We Want": clean, healthy, resilient, and productive.

The challenges of fragmented multilateralism threaten the success of this initiative, affecting the implementation of key commitments that will be discussed at the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 3, 2025, Nice, France).



WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHALLENGES OF OCEANIC MULTILATERALISM?

- Lack of integration between key regulatory frameworks: UNFCCC, CBD, BBNJ, and the Ocean Decade
- Lack of financing for marine conservation
- Weak governance mechanisms for marine pollution
- Lack of coordination with the private sector and the Blue Economy
- Lack of Philanthropic Investment in the Environment
- Need for an Integrated Multilateral Approach at UNOC 3

ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PHILANTHROPY IN INTEGRATING MULTILATERAL ACTIONS FOR OCEAN PROTECTION

A

Promote the unification of the UNFCCC, CBD, and BBNJ commitments into a common agenda for marine protection

B

Promote the development of financing mechanisms for marine conservation

C

Establishing binding regulations on plastic pollution and maritime transport

D

Integrating sustainable Blue Economy practices within ocean governance



Environmental philanthropy plays a crucial role in integrating multilateral commitments for ocean protection by facilitating dialogue among international organizations, unlocking financing, driving stricter regulations, and promoting a sustainable blue economy. However, environmental philanthropy continues to represent only about 2% of total philanthropic investments, highlighting the need to advance toward ocean literacy.

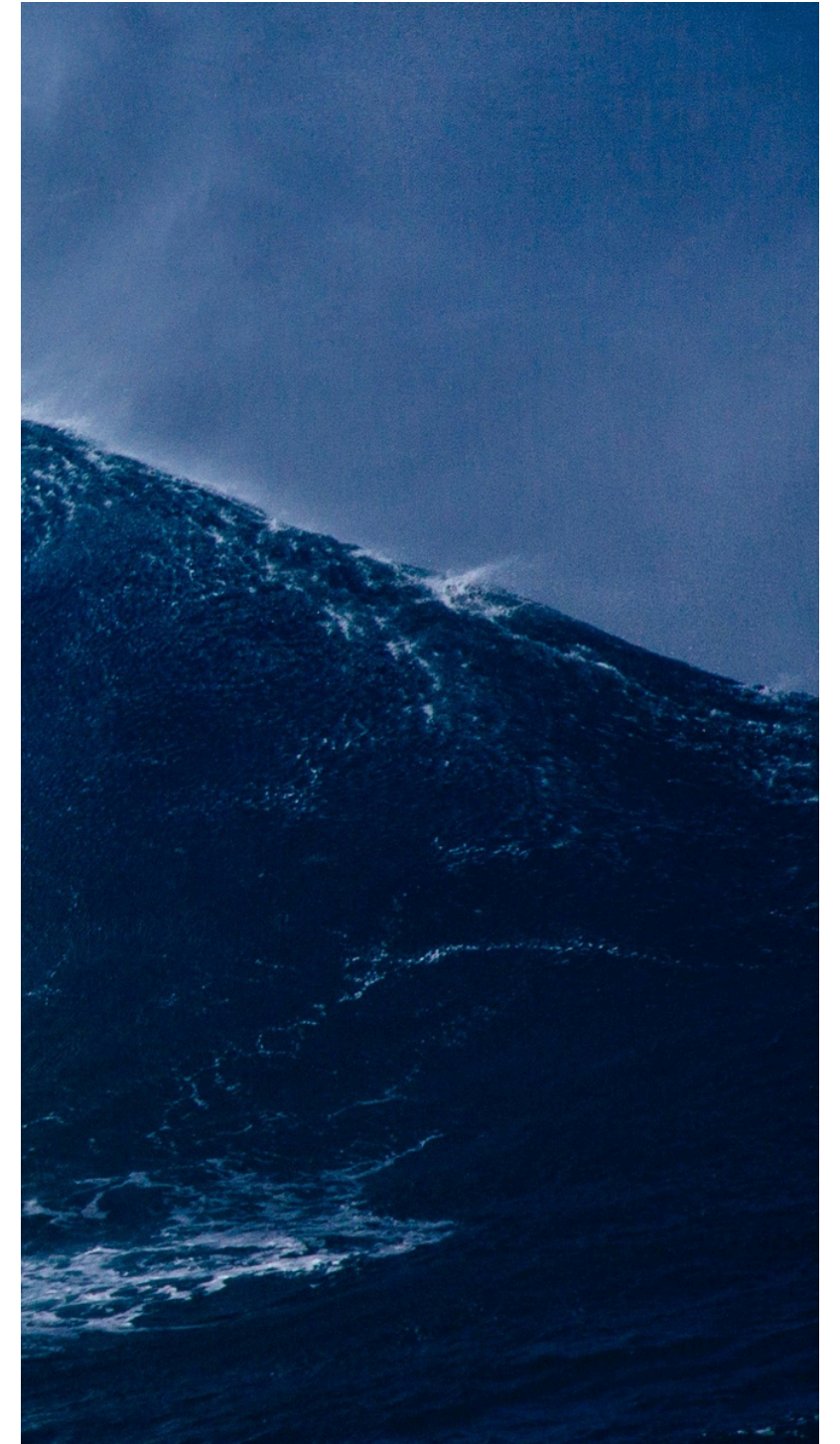
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This meeting aims to develop an intersectoral reflection on the role of philanthropy in ocean conservation (in achieving the goals associated with the Triple Crisis) through the development of a Leadership Literacy agenda, seeking to promote strategic alliances among public and private institutions and civil society for ocean conservation.

KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- A holistic and in-depth understanding of the ocean. Special emphasis will be placed on its regulatory framework. The discussion will explore the pivotal role of philanthropy in advancing these objectives, recognizing philanthropists not only as benefactors but also as leaders within their respective industries, capable of driving meaningful change.
- Strategic communication about the ocean shaping a compelling new narrative in an era of multilateral tensions and skepticism.



METHODOLOGY

A question-and-answer methodology will be employed, focusing on two key areas considered essential for advancing philanthropic leadership that accelerates the achievement of the 30x30 targets in ocean conservation.



At the conclusion of the session, a draft framework will be developed, which will continue to be refined in the following months, with the ultimate goal of presenting it at the third United Nations Conference on Oceans (UNOC 3) and COP 30.



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