

The UK National Decade Committee: Workshop Report

“Working together to develop the science we need for the ocean we want”

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1. Introduction

The G7 adopted an Ocean Decade Navigation Plan in May 2021 to collaborate and advance our collective work on ocean science, ocean observing and ocean action throughout the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) ('Ocean Decade'). The UK's 2021 G7 Presidency identified opportunities to advance collective work on the UN Ocean Decade to support societal outcomes. The Command Paper *Global Britain in a competitive age The Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy*, March 2021 ([the Integrated Review](#)) highlighted the UK's commitment to contributing to the UN Decade for Ocean Science.

A UK National Decade Committee (NDC) was appointed to facilitate engagement with the UN Ocean Decade. A virtual kick-off meeting of the UK NDC was held on the 6th of July 2022. The Committee held its first face-to-face workshop in London on the 28th and 29th of September 2022. With government representatives and members from across the breadth of ocean science, the Committee includes established researchers and several early career ocean professions all coming together to champion the UN Ocean Decade. The Committee developed plans for ways of working together and discussed how to inspire and coordinate engagement with the UN Ocean Decade by the UK's Ocean Science and Sustainability communities, as well as how to facilitate future UN Ocean Decade Actions. Discussions were supported by members sharing their own insights and lessons learned from experiences of inspiring engagement by the healthcare profession, in marine governance research and cultural heritage, as well as inspiring local communities to engage with environmental issues. Additional insights from speakers from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) were also appreciated to help inform our approaches. Virtual speakers and Committee members were able to participate through MS Teams.



Image: Participants at the UK National Decade Committee Workshop, 28-29th September 2022.

Workshop content was varied, including presentations, breakout sessions and plenary discussions structured around six key themes: ways of working, joining the movement, inspiring UK engagement

with the UN Ocean Decade, coordinating UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade, facilitating UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade, and responding to calls for Decade Actions.

The Workshop was Co-Chaired by Stephanie Ockenden (Defra) and Lowri Mai Griffiths (FCDO), acting as interim Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs set out the aims for the Workshop and the objectives for the UK NDC, including agreement of its Terms of Reference (ToR) based on IOC guidance for NDCs as well as guidelines for Defra science committees.

Workshop Aims

The overall aim of the Workshop was to lay the foundations for the UK NDC's activities to March 2023. Specific objectives were to develop cohesion between Committee members; agree the Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) based on IOC guidance for NDCs and guidelines for Defra science committees; develop ways of working (WoW) with each other and the wider ocean science and sustainability community, including other science networks; identify a series of activities, activity leads and task teams to kickstart Committee work; and to consider how the Committee can support the UK's Ocean Science community in responding to the upcoming Call for Decade Actions in October 2022.

2. The UN Decade of Ocean Science - International and UK policy context

The introductory sessions of the Workshop provided international and UK context on the UN Ocean Decade and the transformational role National Decade Committees can play within the UN Ocean Decade. These included short presentations by Julian Barbière (IOC-UNESCO, Coordinator Ocean Decade and Head of Section Marine Policy and Regional Coordination), Christopher Green (International Marine Team, Defra) and Prof. Ed Hill CBE (Chief Executive of the National Oceanography Centre, NOC; Head UK delegation to IOC-UNESCO) followed by time for Questions and Answers (Q&A).

Presentation 1: Julian Barbière (IOC-UNESCO) gave an introductory presentation on '*National Decade Committees and the transformational role they can play within the Ocean Decade*'.

This presentation highlighted that the UN Ocean Decade is a global movement, linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with details of the approach given in the Decade Action Framework. National Decade Committees (NDCs) play a vital role in coordinating action. The transformative role of NDCs can be achieved through facilitating multi-stakeholder conversations, strengthening the science-policy interface level, supporting national science priorities and alignment of resource allocation decisions, collaboration with other states' NDCs, and communication and outreach. The IOC will be providing increased support and resources to NDCs, such as best practice guidance for NDCs. The Decade Coordination Unit (DCU) is happy to provide support to NDCs.

This was followed by two presentations giving an overview of UK policy drivers for the Decade and the formal linkages to the IOC via the UK Delegation and our National Decade Committee focal points.

Presentation 2: Chris Green (DEFRA) provided an overview of '*The UK Policy context for the UN Ocean Decade*'.

This presentation highlighted how the UK has championed the Decade internationally (e.g. through the G7 Navigation Plan and the Integrated Review) and that the Decade provides a valuable framework for supporting UK Government marine policy goals (e.g. the 30x30 target that the UK government is championing under the Convention on Biological Diversity [CBD]; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC]; the negotiation and implementation of a new Implementing Agreement under UNCLOS on the Conservation and Sustainable use of the Marine

Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction [BBNJ]) and promoting UK scientific capabilities. Also, that the expectation is that the UK NDC will adopt an all-society approach. The diverse range of disciplines and the number of Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPS) represented on the Committee was designed to facilitate this approach. UN Ocean Decade governance and coordination includes formal routes to the IOC through focal points (the UK NDC Secretariat), IOC representatives (Julian Barbière, Alison Clausen, Olivier Dufourneaud) and the UK delegation to the IOC.

Presentation 3: Ed Hill (UK delegate to IOC, NOC) provided an *‘Overview from the UK delegation to the IOC-UNESCO, including its role and updates from the last IOC meeting’*.

This overview highlighted that the IOC is functionally autonomous from UNESCO, with its own governing body and constituted by member states. Formed in 1960 to coordinate ocean science, promote international cooperation and capacity building for ocean science, the IOC is a coordinating and enabling body rather than a funding body, with most of its budget contributed by donors. Its current remit runs from 2022-2029. The idea of the UN Ocean Decade was initially proposed by the IOC and put to the UN General Assembly where it was approved. The IOC was then tasked with developing an implementation plan and reporting back annually to the UN Secretary General on progress. An important point highlighted was that the Decade is a pan-UN programme, not a wholly IOC contribution. The role of the UK Delegation to the IOC is to provide UK representation at IOC Governance meetings, interact with government departments (mainly Defra and FCDO) and the Met Office, and provide feedback on UK activities to IOC, and vice versa.

3. Ways of Working

A large part of Day 1 of the Workshop was dedicated to identification of ways of working for the UKNDC, focussing on how the Committee members will work with each other and with the ocean science and sustainability community, including other UK science networks. A key aspect was identifying how the committee will communicate to ensure that they are up to date with and aware of opportunities arising from the UN Ocean Decade.

Three short presentations were given by Committee members on their experiences of ways of working to aid these conversations

Presentation 4: Natalie Fox (NDC member) gave a presentation on *‘Ocean Literacy: with and for all – from an ECOP perspective’*.

In her role as communications coordinator for the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) programme, Natalie highlighted that the ECOP programme is a Decade-endorsed programme aimed at strengthening, elevating and connecting ECOP voices. Using a Defra ocean literacy survey, an ocean literacy axis was put together to identify who they are working with, look at how much people know and how can they see themselves getting involved with the ocean. The Programme has looked at why minority groups are underrepresented in oceans science space, ways to engage youth voices, where people are most disconnected from the ocean, how people receive information and who is delivering it. The Programme also aims to create a “culture of care” using surfing as a lens to encourage citizen science leading to more ocean data and more ocean literate surfers.

Presentation 5: Gina Reinhardt (NDC member) gave a presentation on *‘Building trust and communication through marine governance research – lessons from marine spatial planning addressing climate effects (MSPACE)’*.

The MSPACE project is about marine spatial planning, looking at the values that people place on marine spatial planning and working with stakeholders to identify the trade-offs associated with conserving ocean resources. The project works with a wide range of stakeholder groups, including people who rely on the ocean for livelihoods (fishing, aquaculture, transportation), statutory

authorities, regulators and managers, academics and marine and coastal users (leisure, tourism, travel). The presentation highlighted 5 key lessons learned for stakeholder engagement: maintaining a two-way exchange of information over time; maintaining communication (e.g. through social media and emails) tailored to the audience; building trust; strengthening partnerships; and increasing engagement. Examples were given for different stakeholder groups.

Presentation 6: Matt Frost (NDC member) gave a presentation on '*Ways of working – lessons learnt with the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP)*'.

As the Chair of MCCIP, Matt outlined that the partnership was established in 2006 and has produced a significant amount of scientific research as well as working in the policy/governmental space. Lessons learned have included: ensuring that everyone knows what the goal is and why they are there; prioritising 'core' vs 'bonus' outputs; delegating/engaging, for example through working groups or subgroups); never assuming people know the detail; encouraging diversity of thought; maintaining integrity and independence; reviewing and evolving; looking outwards by consulting and communicating externally.

Breakout Session 1: Ways of Working

Following the presentations, Committee members went into Breakout Session 1 on Ways of Working, which consisted of 2 separate breakout sessions to build upon discussions. Four breakout groups were asked to: (1) identify ways of working with each other, and (2) identify key stakeholders and the links between them; and ways of working with each stakeholder group identified. Draft maps of UK stakeholders were provided by the Secretariat as a foundation for stakeholder mapping by the Committee during and after the Workshop.

Facilitators reported back in plenary on Ways of Working (WoW). Key points were summarised as follows:

Working with each other

- Getting the infrastructure right
- To hold in-person meetings at different location
- Communication tools need to be readily accessible to all
- To identify: goals/driving force, priorities, resourcing

Working with stakeholders

- Finding the right approach may depend on either the stakeholder or the activity
- How to communicate the message widely
- Standardised materials across the board to provide all members with a toolkit to draw from

Final Thoughts

- Narratives to be tailored to the audience
- Understand core message and role of Committee and then engage from beyond that role
- Ensure that Committee tasks are in-keeping within Decade structure

4. Joining the movement – understanding how to engage with the UN Ocean Decade

The first session on Day 2 of the Workshop was focussed on improved understanding of how to engage with the UN Ocean Decade. Alison Clausen (IOC-UNESCO, Deputy Coordinator Ocean Decade, Programme Specialist Marine Policy and Regional Coordination) provided an overview from the IOC of the variety of ways to engage with the UN Ocean Decade, including some focus on the endorsement process to upskill committee members and time for Q&A. Short presentations were

given by two Committee members with experience of going through the endorsement process and engaging in broader activities.

Presentation 7: Alison Clausen (IOC-UNESCO) gave a presentation on *'The why and how of engaging in the Ocean Decade'*.

In terms of 'Why', the presentation highlighted that the Decade is an open movement that works outside the compounds of the UN and engagement provides contribution to and being part of a global effort, connections to new and diverse partners in the co-design and co-delivery of ocean science, visibility and access to new opportunities and resources. Although the Decade is not a funding mechanism, it does have a matchmaking function. The presentation highlighted that 'How' is through Calls for Decade Action, Informal Working Groups, the Experts Roster, and contributing to Strategic Ambition Setting, Joint Events and the Global Stakeholder Forum (soon to be renamed). The scope (or examples) of each of these was outlined, including for the Call for Decade Actions No. 4/2022. The strategic ambition of the UN Ocean Decade Challenge is to be set by 2024, with a call for collaboration. For engaging with the Decade through the endorsement process, the importance of getting in touch with the IOC early in the process was highlighted, especially for submitting Programmes and Projects. The IOC aims to make the process simple. Sometimes an Action might benefit from being endorsed as a contribution instead of a Programme. Projects need to sit within the framework of an already endorsed Programme and have aligned objectives. For Activities there's an online form and a generic Decade email address that is monitored for any questions while filling out the form. Protocols for Decade actions (updated recently) are focused on the endorsement criteria.

Presentation 8: Matt Frost (NDC member) gave a presentation on *'Actions and Beyond: creative engagement with the UN Decade'*.

This presentation emphasised the point by the previous speaker that endorsements need not only be for Programmes and Projects. The first example provided detail on the process for a submission by the Marine Biological Association for the 'World Congress of Marine Stations' (held 17-19 November 2021) to be endorsed as a Decade Activity. The submission was successful and a keynote address was provided by Vladimir Ryabinin (Executive Secretary, IOC). Benefits include improved visibility (with UN logo) that attracts a wider audience, and end-reporting provides a documented overview of representation (for example, by SIDS or early career professionals). A second example highlighted that applications can be submitted for Decade Implementing Partners. These can include regional or international networks that can facilitate the work of the decade (e.g. the European Marine Board). A world association bid/application will be submitted soon on behalf of the UK. A key message was to be pro-active.

Presentation 9: Antony Firth (NDC member) gave a presentation on *'Achieving endorsement of the Cultural Heritage Framework Programme as a Decade Action'*.

Antony reflected that it would be helpful if the Decade included all topic areas of interest to the ocean science and sustainability communities. None of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include Cultural Heritage, potentially limiting the scope of the Decade. This became an incentive to mobilise and develop a way forward, by adopting a global approach and permeating all SDGs. In response to the first call for Decade Actions (No 01/2020, October 2020) a Cultural Heritage Framework Programme was submitted for endorsement. Examples were given of the content in the submission. The Programme was successfully endorsed in 2021 and subsequently received a number of grants from stakeholders. Based on the experience, advice given was to be immersed in the Ocean Decade, listen actively, establish credibility, stick with your convictions, be diligent, and have a clear focus on delivery.

5. Inspiring UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade

In this session the aim was to identify how the committee will inspire the UK's Ocean Science and Sustainability Community to engage with the Decade based on an all-society, transformational approach. Presentations were given by two committee members on their experiences before breakout groups discussed the topic area and identified actions to take.

Presentation 10: Antony Firth (NDC member) gave a presentation on '*Inspiring Cultural Heritage*'.

This presentation highlighted that the UK has a fantastic marine history heritage covering over 2000 years of human history on seabed, and is good at investigating heritage and engaging across all sectors. Heritage has the potential to contribute to six Decade outcomes, particularly to 'an inspiring & engaging ocean'. Coastal communities face severe structural issues with significant consequences, and anthropogenic issues require anthropogenic solutions. The next 10 years could be transformational. Culture and Heritage has support from UKRI and other stakeholders (e.g. Lloyds) and huge potential to play an important part in levelling up agendas, not just tourism, and make big contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion. Marine heritage has increased capacity to engage the public over recent years, helping to identify where changes can still be made.

Presentation 11: Amy Bray (NDC member) presentation on '*Inspiring people to Find Another Way*'.

As founder of the charity, Another Way, Amy provided an inspiring perspective of building and organising from the ground up, engaging her community in Cumbria and beyond from a young age. The charity, formed in 2014, aims to deliver scientific concepts to schools and communities in a fun and interactive way. Also using art and media to engage and educate the public in order to promote sustainability and science.

Breakout Session 2: Inspiring engagement with the UN Ocean Decade

Following the presentations, members went into Breakout Session 2 on Inspiring Engagement with the UN Ocean Decade, to identify how the Committee will communicate with communities (identified in Breakout Session 1) to inspire them to engage with the UN Ocean Decade. The four breakout groups were asked to (1) develop a plan for how the Committee can inspire engagement and what actions can be taken, and (2) consider what skillsets and experiences the Committee has to support this and what else might be needed to deliver.

Key discussion points highlighted the importance of:

1. Delivery of the UN Ocean Decade message. How to be inclusive?
2. Generational divide. Different approaches may be needed to reach younger vs older generations.
3. Building connections. To allow people to identify their own impacts on the ocean.
4. Encouraging care. Tailoring messages to raise awareness, e.g. amongst people who can't/don't care about environmental issues, through indirect impacts (finance, health).
5. Engagement within science. Promote engagement by scientific communities, such as undergraduate participation.
6. Non-coastal communities. Engaging those who live inland with ocean-inspired events.
7. Existing networks. Utilise existing networks and opportunities to engage with organisations and host outreach events for local communities to freely attend.
8. Event locations. 'Roaming' events and activities delivered by committee to offer opportunities and engagement with a wider audience, both coastally and inland.
9. Barriers to the ocean. Identify the major social barriers restricting access to the oceans such as finances, health, physical access, and consider how these can be overcome.

10. New technologies. Utilise technology to deliver key ideas and actions in an interactive way, considering access for all and useability for those who may not have regular access to devices.

6. Coordinating UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade

This session was to discuss how the Committee can support coordination of engagement with the UN Ocean Decade in the UK, including making links between groups, communicating key priorities and supporting collaboration. A virtual talk was given by Emma McKinley and a presentation was given by Richard Hixson.

Talk: Emma McKinley (NDC member) gave a talk on '*Ocean Literacy*'.

This talk outlined development of Ocean Literacy around education and knowledge sharing in the early 2000s and recent work done to investigate how well existing models work, explore parallel concepts and identify how aspects of Ocean Literacy have been measured in the past.

A survey in 2021 with 8,400 respondents, highlighted that Ocean Literacy work needs to consider emotional connections, trust and transparency, access and experience. At the Decade level, ocean literacy is important for the Committee to consider, especially in terms of improving communication with wider audiences.

Presentation 12: Richard Hixson (NDC member) gave a presentation on '*Lessons learned/ examples from human healthcare and the Ocean*'.

This highly informative presentation provided insights into the linkages between human healthcare and ocean health, highlighting work by Healthcare Ocean ([healthcareocean](#)) to raise awareness of environmental impacts through supply chains and pharmaceutical waste, and the challenges and successes of coordinating engagement by stakeholders. Actions needed were identified to include education of the medical community about industry contributions to marine pollution, improving ocean literacy within supply chains, highlighting the issues related to all aspects of human healthcare (e.g. underwater noise, emissions, products, waste). Inspiring and coordinating engagement requires joining the dots (healthcare providers, suppliers, carriers, science), creating a solution-focussed network, communicating and educating, making it personal (health and/or economics), always thinking of system-level potential, and social value guidance. One example given was that Healthcare Ocean are in the process of creating an ocean literacy module that medical suppliers must take during training.

Breakout Session 3: Coordinating Engagement with the UN Ocean Decade

The presentation was followed by Breakout Session 3 in which breakout groups were asked to develop a plan for coordinating engagement by the ocean science and sustainability community, by generating ideas for (1) creating links between Ocean Decade actors and groups, and (2) encouraging and supporting collaborative Decade Actions.

Main topics of discussion were highlighted using a round robin approach in plenary:

Creating links.

1. Important to first map out stakeholders.
2. Identify existing resources within the committee and mobilise based upon them.
3. Define the role of the committee and its main objectives/outcomes before seeking to coordinate engagement with stakeholders.
4. Develop a clear policy framework for all committee members to refer to when engaging with stakeholders to drive investment in the UN Ocean Decade.

Supporting actions.

1. The committee can use its existing network to map projects and activities to be endorsed by the UN Ocean Decade.
2. Considerations for multi-partner and multi-decade activities, including communication and collaboration with other decade committees internationally.
3. Development of a platform which will be available for people/organisations to come together and gather information and ideas.

7. Facilitating UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade; Call for Decade Actions No. 04/2022

The final breakout session considered how the Committee could facilitate the co-design and co-delivery of UN Ocean Decade Actions in the UK as part of our national contribution to the UN Ocean Decade, promoting and enabling delivery of transformational ocean science to meet its societal outcomes. The Committee was asked to also consider how to support the UK's ocean science and sustainability community in responding to the upcoming Call for Decade Actions No. 04/2022 through communication, coordination and facilitation based on the discussions during the Workshop. The call (launched on 15th October 2022) is for Decade programmes contributing to Challenge No. 6 - Coastal Resilience, with a focus on green and grey resilience and multi-hazard early warning systems, and Challenge 8 - Digital Representation of the Ocean, with a focus on critical datasets, interoperable digital infrastructure, capacity development and applications, tools and services to meet the UN Ocean Decade Challenges. 12 endorsed Decade Programmes will also solicit projects. The Committee will look to identify and agree some key actions they can take with action owners assigned.

Plenary discussions identified five key points:

1. The main concern across the board was how to identify actions without knowing the remit of the committee group.
2. Taking the UN Ocean Decade back to members' own organisations to raise profile of the committee. Through own organisations developing a learning-by-doing model for decade actions, feeding back to committee.
3. For facilitation, co-design, co-delivery, it will be important to ensure synchronicity, e.g. through designing an FAQ/Q&A for potential stakeholders and partners for decade actions and committee members.
4. Designing a survey for the community to gain a better idea of objectives within the committee, time to engage with themes before next meeting.
5. As a committee, it will be important to know what is going on in the UK, understand existing actions and use it as a metric to monitor how the NDC has contributed/facilitated further actions by end of 2023.

The Committee agreed to consider responding to calls for Decade Actions by applying principles for WoW discussed during the Workshop, and to:

- Build upon existing skills and networks, being pragmatic in identifying priorities.
- Consider the ways of adding to and complementing Decade actions (facilitate existing ideas).
- Ensure an all-of-society approach for a successful, diverse, and inclusive Ocean Decade.
- Take time to focus on the formative work and develop the infrastructure to move forward.

8. Summary and Next Steps

During two days of discussion, several key principles and priorities were established. It was agreed that the work done by the Committee needs to be transformational, based on testing and learning through doing things differently in an all-society approach. Key to this is the identification of priorities, ways of working linked to clear outcomes and a flexible working model which allows volunteers to swap in and out as required.

The Committee will aim to support Decade engagement and work through communicating, inspiring, coordinating and facilitating, with no requirement for submissions to the IOC to go through the Committee. In the first instance, through making best use of links to existing networks and engaging with their own organisations as well as with wider stakeholder groups. Agreed approaches included mapping Committee skills to stakeholder networks, using tools already available for working with each other and the ocean science and sustainability community, and a portfolio of standardised communications products.

Task teams were established to take away suggestions that came up over the two days. These task teams were envisaged as temporary working groups to focus on key areas discussed at the workshop which will make up elements of a future work plan, as part of an iterative process. These initial Task Teams will discuss and agree specific tasks over the next two months (see Annex 5) and immediate actions (see below), supported by the Secretariat, and bring ideas and actions back to the next meeting for consideration. Other task team areas were suggested for later in the year: on strategic communications and media, the Decade landscape, and a Committee work plan.

Initial Task Teams (see Annex 5):

1. Vision
2. Initial and immediate communications
3. Internal (within the Committee) infrastructure
4. Stakeholder Engagement
5. Facilitating UK engagement with the next Decade Call for Action

Date of next meeting:

A virtual meeting of the UK NDC will be held 5th December 2022.

ANNEX 1: Acknowledgements

The contributions and participation by the FCDO, Defra, all participants and the Secretariat are gratefully acknowledged.

ANNEX 2: Acronyms

Cefas: Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

DCC: Decade Coordination Centre

DCU: Decade Coordination Unit

Defra: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

ECOPS: Early Career Ocean Professionals

G7: Group of Seven (G7; Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA)

GSF: Global Stakeholder Forum

IOC: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

MBA: Marine Biological Association

MCCIP: Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership

MSPACE: Marine Spatial Planning Addressing Climate Effects

NDC: National Decade Committee

NOC: National Oceanographic Centre

OCCPIE: Ocean and Climate Change Policy & International Evidence (Defra)

ToR: Terms of Reference

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

WoW: Ways of Working

ANNEX 3: Workshop Agenda**Day 1: Wednesday 28 September 2022**

Item No.	Start Time	Agenda Item
10:30 Registration, refreshments and networking		
1	11:00	Welcome, Introductions & Objectives for NDCs and the UK NDC
2	12:00	<p>The UN Decade of Ocean Science – the UK Policy Context and updates Overview of UK policy drivers for the Decade and the formal linkages to the IOC via the UK Delegation and our National Decade Committee focal points <u>Presentations (5-7 minutes plus Q&A)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chris Green, DEFRA: The UK Policy context for the UN Ocean Decade</i> • <i>Ed Hill, NOC: Overview from the UK delegation to the IOC-UNESCO, including its role and updates from the last IOC meeting</i> • <i>Secretariat: Overview of NDC Focal points, roles and engagement with the UN Ocean Decade</i>
13:00 Lunch		
3	14:00	<p>Ways of Working We will consider ways of working with each other and the ocean science and sustainability community, including other UK science networks.</p> <p><u>Lightning Presentations (3-4 minutes plus Q&A)</u> - committee members experiences of ways of working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Natalie Fox: Ocean literacy: with and for all – from an ECOP perspective</i> • <i>Gina Reinhardt: Building Trust and Communication through Marine Governance Research – lessons from Marine Spatial Planning Addressing Climate Effects (MSPACE)</i> • <i>Matt Frost: Ways of Working – lessons learnt with the Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership (MCCIP)</i> <p>Breakout Session 1 – Ways of Working Ways of Working will include 2 separate breakout sessions to identify ways of working with each and to identify other key stakeholders, the links between them, and ways of working with each stakeholder group identified.</p>
15:45 Afternoon Refreshments		
4	16:15	<p>Ways of Working Plenary Plenary discussion to summarise the topics discussed in Breakout Session 1, refine ideas for ways of working, identify activities that the National Decade Committee can engage with and assign roles to members</p>
5	17:00	<p>Summary of Day 1 Co-Chairs' summary of discussions and recap of agreed actions.</p>
17:15 Close (Day 1)		
17:15-18:15 Reception refreshments (Durbar Court Conference Room)		
19:30 Dinner – Restaurant - La Cucina Di Mamma, 3J-3K Belvedere Rd, Lambeth, SE1 7GP		

Item No.	Start Time	Agenda Item
09:00 Refreshments and networking		
6	09:30	Welcome and Introduction to Day 2
7	09:40	<p>Joining the Movement for the Ocean We Want – understanding how to engage with the Ocean Decade An overview of Decade engagement and the Decade Action Endorsement process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alison Clausen IOC-UNESCO: The how and why of engaging in the Ocean Decade</i> <p><u>Lightning Presentations</u> (3-4 minutes plus Q&A) - committee members experiences of endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Matt Frost: Actions and beyond: creative engagement with the UN Decade</i> • <i>Antony Firth: Achieving endorsement of the Cultural Heritage Framework</i> <p>Plenary discussion and Q&A</p>
8	10:40	<p>Offers and Needs Market A team building exercise for committee members to share soft skills and experience.</p>
11:00 Refreshments		
9	11:30	<p>Inspiring UK Engagement with the Ocean Decade To identify how the committee will communicate with communities to inspire them to engage with the Ocean Decade.</p> <p><u>Lightning Presentations</u> (3-4 minutes plus Q&A) - committee members experiences of inspiring engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Antony Firth: Inspiring Cultural Heritage engagement in the Ocean Decade</i> • <i>Amy Bray: Inspiring people to find Another Way</i> <p>Breakout Session 2: Communicating and Inspiring UK Engagement with the Ocean Decade. Breakout groups to develop a plan for communicating and inspiring the ocean science and sustainability community to engage with the Decade.</p>
12.30 Lunch		
10	13:30	<p>Coordinating UK Engagement with the Ocean Decade A focus on how the committee can support coordination of engagement with the Ocean Decade in the UK, including making links between groups, communicating key priorities and supporting collaboration.</p> <p><u>Lightning Presentation</u> (3-4 minutes plus Q&A):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Richard Hixson: Lessons learned/examples from human healthcare and the Ocean</i> <p>Breakout Session 3: Coordinating UK Engagement with the Ocean Decade Breakout groups to develop a plan for coordinating engagement by the ocean science and sustainability community.</p>
11	14:30	<p>Facilitating UK Engagement with the Ocean Decade The final breakout session will consider how to achieve the development of Decade Actions within the UK. We will examine these ideas further in Agenda Item 12.</p> <p>Breakout Session 4: Facilitating the development of Decade Actions Breakout groups to consider how the Committee can facilitate the co-design and co-delivery of Ocean Decade Actions in the UK as part of our national contribution to the UN Ocean Decade.</p>

Item No.	Start Time	Agenda Item
15:15 Refreshments		
12	15:45	Call for Decade Actions in October 2022 – how to respond. Plenary discussion on how to support the UK's ocean science and sustainability community in responding to the upcoming Call for Decade Actions in October 2022 based on the discussions of the last two days
13	16:15	Next steps and workshop close Summary of progress and an overview of next steps.
16:30 Workshop Close		

ANNEX 4: Workshop Participants

Co-Chairs

1. Lowri Griffiths (FCDO)
2. Stephanie Ockenden (Defra)

Committee Members

3. Aline da Silva Cerqueira (virtual) (Kings College London & ZSL Institute of Zoology).
4. Amy Bray (Environmental Education Charity, Another Way).
5. Antony Firth (Historic England).
6. Donal Griffin (virtual) (Fair Seas).
7. Emma McKinley (virtual) (Cardiff University).
8. Francesca Bevan (Marine Conservation Society).
9. Gina Reinhardt (partly virtual) (University of Essex).
10. Hayley Roberts (virtual) (Bangor University).
11. Lydia Bach (virtual) (Glasgow University).
12. Matt Frost (Marine Biological Association).
13. Michelle Frost (Edinburgh Napier University).
14. Natalie Fox (Groundswell England).
15. Richard Hixson (County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust).
16. Sien van der Plank (University of Essex).
17. Victoria Chinery (UK Hydrographic Office).

Devolved Administrations

18. Barbara Berx (Scottish Government)

UK IOC Representatives

19. Alan Evans (National Oceanographic Centre).
20. Ed Hill (National Oceanographic Centre)

Secretariat

21. Chris Green (Defra)
22. Frances Mynott (Cefas)
23. Suzanne Painting (Cefas)

Support

24. David Hughes (Cefas)
25. Kaya Baskurt (FCDO)
26. Max White (Defra)
27. Oana Dragomir (Defra)
28. Michael Basford (Defra)
29. Zain Razvi (Defra)
30. Catriona Moss (Cefas Comms; virtual)

Apologies

31. Bekah Cioffi (Welsh Government)
32. Colin Armstrong (Northern Ireland)
33. Natasha Simmonds

Invited Participants/Officials

N/A

ANNEX 5: Initial Task Teams

Table 1. Initial Task Teams

Initial Task Team		Tasks	Volunteers	Leads/ Champions
1	Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mission statement/offer statement •Role/objectives of the Committee (building on ToR) 	Donal, Lydia, Matt, Aline, Alan, Antony, Steph, Amy, Victoria, Emma	
2	Initial and immediate communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Standardised Presentations and Infographics •Initial Comms •Branding •Website •Event calendar 	Amy, Francesca, Victoria, Natalie, +Secretariat/Cefas Communications Team (for website)	
3	Internal infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ways of working with each other and the IOC and its architecture for Decade •Committee skills audit •Meetings •Monthly virtual coffee meets •Links with IOC framework •Tools •Framework for working (iterative) 	Gina, Hayley, +Secretariat and Zain	
4	Stakeholder engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mapping •Alignment of Committee member networks •Engagement plan •IOC expert roster 	Richard, Sien, Michelle, Matt, Aline, Antony, Gina, Emma, Natasha	
5	Facilitating UK engagement with the next Decade call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic comms of Decade Call •FAQs •Webpage •Basic mapping of who to immediately engage with, including own networks •Take a learning approach for the next call 	Amy, Natalie, Bee, Alan, Richard, Lowri	