



The UK National Decade Committee (NDC):

Progress Report

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*"Working together to develop the science we need for the ocean we want"
(UN Ocean Decade)*



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

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1 Foreword by Professor Matt Frost, UK NDC Chair

Since its launch in January 2021, the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) ('UN Ocean Decade' or 'Decade') has helped catalyse action across the globe involving thousands of institutions and tens of thousands of individuals. As we reach the halfway point in 2025 it is good to reflect on these achievements at a global scale and also how the UK has contributed to the aims of the UN Ocean Decade - I often say that 'international ambition is only realised through national (and regional and local) implementation'.

Under the UK Presidency, 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 Decade. In addition, 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 Ocean Decade.

A key mechanism identified to facilitate engagement with the UN Ocean Decade and support its goals through catalysing action at the national level was the establishment of National Decade Committees (NDCs). A UK NDC was therefore established with a virtual kick-off meeting on the 6th of July 2022. The Committee's first face-to-face meeting was hosted by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in London on the 28th and 29th of September 2022. The Committee was established using a whole-of-society approach to invite applications, resulting in members from across the ocean community including established researchers, several early career ocean professionals and other experts all coming together to champion the UN Ocean Decade. The Committee is supported by ex officio members including representatives from across UK Government and the Devolved Administrations and the UK delegation to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO). The UK NDC has therefore benefited highly from members sharing insights and lessons learned from their experiences of inspiring engagement with a range of stakeholders including the healthcare profession, marine governance and policy experts, the cultural heritage sector and many others.

It has been a privilege to be appointed as Chair of this Committee as it has developed plans for ways of working together to inspire and coordinate engagement with the UN Ocean Decade. The UK NDC has also been able to support coordination and collaboration between those engaging with the UN Ocean Decade from the UK's Ocean community including a highly successful workshop held at the Royal Society in March 2025. Finally, the UK NDC was able to play a significant role in bringing other NDCs from across the globe together at the 1st UN Ocean Decade Conference held in Barcelona in April 2024 and has held numerous bilateral discussions with other NDCs to share and learn best practice. Much still needs to be done however to deliver on the 10 challenges of the Decade and the UK NDC is grateful for the ongoing support shown by UK Government for the work of this committee on continuing to promote, facilitate and inspire engagement with the largest coordinated global ocean science initiative ever undertaken.



Professor Matt Frost, UK NDC Chair, May 2025.

2 About the Committee

The UK NDC is a non-statutory, independent expert group. Appointed Committee members include established researchers and other members of the marine community along with several early career ocean professionals from across the breadth of ocean science. Members serve in their personal capacity, supported by a Secretariat led by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas). The NDC also includes a few ex officio roles with government representatives from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Devolved Administrations (DAs), and representatives to the IOC. Interim Co-Chairs from Defra and FCDO were in place until an independent Chair was recruited in 2024.

2.1 Committee Structure

In 2023, the UK NDC (Figure 1) formally introduced a Sub-Committee structure to focus workplans based on the objectives described in the Committee [Terms of Reference](#). Members were assigned to each of the Sub-Committees based upon relevant skills, under four distinct themes:

- The **Communications and Engagement Sub-Committee** aims to communicate and inspire UK engagement, keeping the UK ocean community up to date and aware of opportunities within the UN Ocean Decade.
- The **International Engagement Sub-Committee** aims to promote the UK NDC and facilitate UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade through national and international events and connections.
- The **Policy Sub-Committee** aims to inform and support UK policy awareness of the UN Ocean Decade and respond to UK policy priorities for the UN Ocean Decade.
- The **Action Calls Sub-Committee** aims to encourage and support the submission of UK led Decade Actions to be endorsed by the IOC-UNESCO Decade Coordination Unit (DCU) as UN Ocean Decade Actions.

Alongside the Sub-Committees, the NDC forms time-limited Task and Finish Groups to support the planning and preparation for specific events, requiring cross-subcommittee contributions.

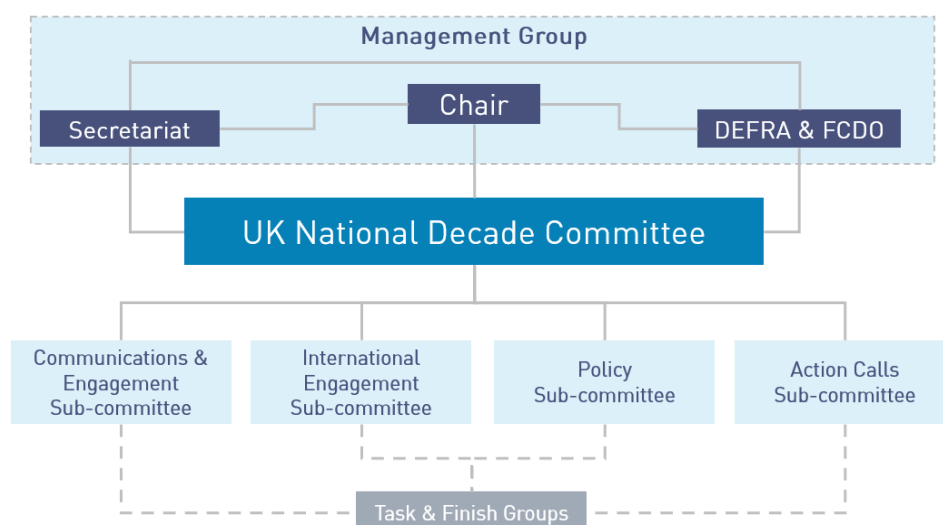


Figure 1. Structure of the UK NDC, highlighting key connections and ways of working.

2.2 Management Group

The NDC Management Group (including the Committee Chair, Secretariat and representatives of Defra and FCDO, Figure 1) provides oversight and sign-off of the Committee work and outputs, ensuring that alignment with the objectives set out in the Terms of Reference is maintained.

The Management Group is also responsible for the annual review of key documents such as the Terms of Reference which underwent significant changes in 2024, and the member recruitment process for 2024/2025 which led to the appointment of five new Committee members.

3 UK NDC Activities (June 2022 – March 2025)

3.1 Committee meetings

The UK NDC meets quarterly and has held 12 committee meetings during the reporting period, alternating virtual and in-person meetings. The meetings progress the business of the UK NDC and offer an opportunity to engage with invited guests on their contributions to the UN Ocean Decade. The guests include leaders of Decade actions, representatives of NDCs from other countries, representatives of stakeholder groups, and members of UN Ocean Decade Advisory structures. Full details of the meetings, including links to meeting reports are in Annex 1. This approach has increased understanding of how the UK NDC can support UK engagement with the Decade and led to reciprocal invitations, widening engagement.

3.2 Conferences, talks and webinars

A key role of the UK NDC members is to advocate for the UN Ocean Decade within their networks. Committee members regularly raise awareness of the Decade and the work of the UK NDC at invited talks and sector-specific and regional conferences, examples of which are shown in Annex 2. The Committee has so far reached a range of sectors, including health, heritage, conservation.

3.3 International engagement

The UK NDC seeks to amplify UK contributions to the UN Ocean Decade internationally. Committee members have had leading roles at the UN Ocean Decade Conference, regional Ocean Decade meetings and other events in the international ocean calendar, showcasing UK efforts, highlighting the role of NDCs, and facilitating knowledge sharing on NDC ways of working. Further details are included in Annex 3, and Box 1 highlights the role of the UK NDC at the UN Ocean Decade Conference in April 2024.

Seven members of the UK NDC attended the first in-person UN Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona.

The conference focused on celebrating the achievements of the actions taken within the UN Ocean Decade so far and setting future priorities building the roadmap to 2030. Over 1,500 in-person participants and thousands of virtual participants gathered for the conference, which was hosted by Spain, and co-organized by IOC/UNESCO in close collaboration with the Region of Catalonia and the Barcelona City Council.

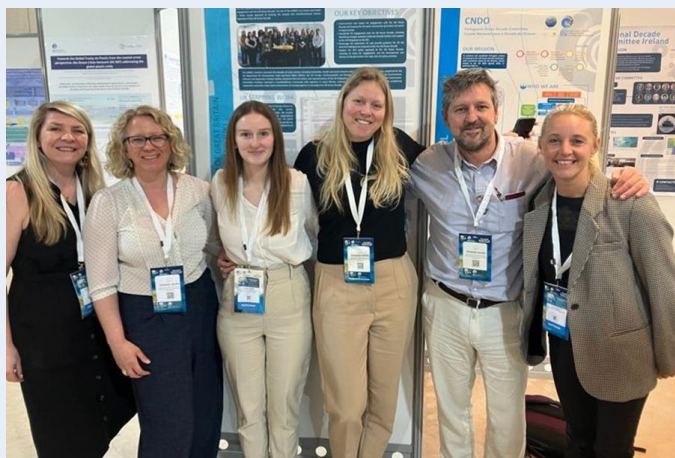


Image: UK NDC members at the UN Ocean Decade Conference. L-R: Emma McKinley, Caroline Culshaw, Victoria Chinery, Frances Bird, Matt Frost and Natalie Fox.

Gathering in Satellite events and plenaries across the week, the conference saw the collaboration and networking of the ocean community from global to local, leaving no one behind.

Members of the committee attended the National Decade Committee workshop on Monday where we saw presentations from other NDCs such as Brazil, India and New Zealand among others. There was a facilitated group discussion on challenges and opportunities faced by National Decade Committees. In addition, the UK NDC members attended and supported facilitation at the Satellite event run by the UK NDC Chair Matt Frost. The event focused on the collaboration and discussion on what National Decade Committees can do for ocean research communities across the globe.

3.4 UK policy engagement

Policy stakeholders are considered a key audience for the UK NDC, and with the change of UK Government in 2024, it was felt timely to convene a science-policy dialogue to explore future ocean science and policy challenges that could be addressed through the UN Ocean Decade. Box 2 summarises outcomes of the dialogue.

In March 2025, the UK NDC convened a science-policy dialogue at the Royal Society to celebrate the achievements and engagement the UK ocean community have had with the UN Ocean Decade, and to look ahead at the next five years and beyond.

The UK Minister for Floods and Water opened the meeting, restating UK Government support for the UN Ocean Decade, and a lively policy panel shared upcoming priorities and challenges in marine environment, fisheries, climate, energy and maritime transport across devolved, national and international policy areas. Three workshops showcased where UK initiatives actively contribute to the UN Ocean Decade and delved into what more the UK can do to support national implementation of the priorities identified through the Vision 2030 process on sustainable oceans, climate-resilient coastal communities and human-ocean connections. The event closed with a reception celebrating the power of storytelling, art and heritage to inspire all of society into action for the Ocean. A full report is available on the UK NDC [website](#).



Images: Participants at the UK Stakeholder event, including the UK NDC Chair (Matt Frost, top left), FCDO member (Lowri Griffiths, top right), committee and secretariat members (bottom right).

4 Communications

All members contribute to NDC communications via Sub-Committee work outputs. A dedicated Communications and Engagement Sub-Committee was established to ensure that all material produced is consistent, and to provide support to other Sub-Committees where required. The Sub-Committee have produced a detailed Strategic Communications Plan and a series of Events Strategies around key UK and international Decade activities that the NDC have engaged with.

The primary channels used for communications are the UK NDC website and dedicated LinkedIn page, both hosted via the Secretariat. The Secretariat has developed best practice manuals to ensure that created content adheres to impartiality, quality and security guidelines in line with the Committee terms of reference. Committee members are encouraged to share posts on social media and among their own networks and to promote the UK NDC at conferences alongside presentations they may deliver. Recent advertising for the recruitment of new committee members was promoted through all social media platforms and in the Ocean and Coastal Futures newsletter, maximising reach throughout the UK ocean community.

4.1 Strategic Communications Plan

The Strategic Communications Plan provides all Committee members with the tools to create meaningful content and deliver effective communications to a wide range of audiences and stakeholders. The document makes considerations for all audience types (e.g. scientific community, public, schools, policymakers) and commits to ensuring that Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is considered in every action and output of the Committee. The strategy highlights the key milestones and metrics monitored to measure the success of communication outputs, including website and social media analytics.

4.2 UK NDC Website and LinkedIn

The UK NDC Website is hosted by the Cefas Secretariat via the Umbraco platform at: <https://uk-ndc.org>. The website was launched to coincide with World Ocean Day on 8th June 2023 and has been the Committee's primary platform for delivering communications to the UK ocean community. Key features and pages on the UK NDC website include:

- Ocean Decade UK home page including the UK NDC vision and mission statements.
- News pages delivering updates on work of the committee and UN Ocean Decade-related activities in the UK.
- A 'members' page featuring biographies for appointed and ex-officio committee members.
- Background information on the structure and function of the UN Ocean Decade and links to the official Decade website.
- A platform to view UK-led and UK-partnered endorsed Decade actions, providing information and links to relevant partner pages.
- A frequently asked questions page aimed at prospective applicants for Decade endorsements.
- Featured blogs from Committee members focused on experiences at UN Ocean Decade events.
- An interactive ocean stakeholder map, highlighting the breadth of the UK ocean community.
- A reports page with open access to the committee terms of reference and meeting minutes.
- An upcoming events page dedicated to highlighting relevant UK and international events and activities relevant to the UN Ocean Decade.

Committee members also requested the use of a social media profile to encourage further engagement and promotion of the UK NDC, agreeing on LinkedIn as the preferred platform. The page was created in April 2024 under the name 'Ocean Decade UK' and is used to share updates on the work of the Committee and Ocean Decade activities across the UK. The page can be found

at the following link: <http://www.linkedin.com/company/uk-ndc>. The profile is designed to signpost users to the UK NDC website, sharing news posts in short-form and providing links to full updates and articles hosted on the website. The profile also provides opportunities to interact directly with stakeholders, through engaging with and amplifying relevant posts and UN Ocean Decade-related content.

4.3 UK NDC Reach and Impact Metrics

Website and social media analytics are monitored by the Secretariat to measure the impact of the NDC's communications. Understanding the reach and interests of the audience enables continual improvements to be made to NDC communications, as described in the strategic plan. Key metrics and analytics data are delivered to the Committee at each quarterly meeting, as summarised in Table 1.

Table 1. Visitor analytics data for UK NDC Website (period 8th June 2023 – 31st March 2025) and Ocean Decade UK LinkedIn (period 6th April 2024 to 31st March 2025).

Platform	Live Date	Visitors ⁽¹⁾	Engagement ⁽²⁾	Impressions ⁽³⁾	Followers
Website	08/06/23	1000	60%	NA	NA
LinkedIn	06/04/24	800	15%	26,000	655

⁽¹⁾ Total number of *unique visitors*, excluding re-visits; ⁽²⁾ Rate of *interactions* (click-throughs, likes, comments, follows etc); ⁽³⁾ Number of times content is viewed on *news feeds*.

4.4 Social Media Campaigns

The UK NDC have led a series of social media campaigns on the LinkedIn platform to: elevate the profile of the Committee, raise awareness of the UN Ocean Decade, promote Decade activities and engage with interested parties. A summary of campaign activity is provided in Table 2.

Table 2. UK NDC Social Media campaigns from April 2024 to March 2025.

Campaign	Date	Description
UN Ocean Decade Conference	Apr 24	This campaign included the sharing of plenary live feeds, daily profile 'takeovers' led by members at the event to share updates throughout the day, and a final reflections blog post following the event.
Call for Decade Action no.7	Apr 24 – Aug 24	This campaign included fortnightly posts to showcase endorsed UK actions, with partners providing tips on how to put together a successful application.
Stakeholder Event, London	Dec 24 – Mar 25	This campaign included the event announcement, process for registration, live updates throughout the day and a reflections blog post following the event.

Campaign	Date	Description
Vision 2030 White Papers	In progress	This campaign aims to provide simple text summaries of the Vision 2030 white papers, to be rolled out via weekly/monthly posts through 2025.
Call for Decade Action no.9	In progress	This campaign will see a monthly release of posts about topics and themes relevant to CfDA no.9, expected in April 2025.

5 UK Decade Actions

UN Ocean Decade Actions can be proposed and carried out by a wide range of proponents including research institutes, governments, UN entities, intergovernmental organisations, other international/regional organisations, business and industry, philanthropic and corporate foundations, NGOs, educators, community groups or individuals. Different levels of Ocean Decade Actions can be implemented:

- **Decade Programmes** are typically global or regional in scale and will contribute to the achievement of one or more of the UN Ocean Decade challenges. They are long-term (multi-year), interdisciplinary and consist of component projects and potentially enabling activities.
- **Decade Projects** are a discrete and focused undertaking. They may be regional, national or sub-national and typically contribute to an identified UN Ocean Decade programme.
- **Decade Activities** are one-off standalone initiatives (such as an awareness-raising event, scientific workshop or training opportunity) which enable a programme or project to directly contribute to an UN Ocean Decade Challenge.
- **Decade Contributions** are in-kind or financial contributions to the coordination functions of the Decade or to Decade Actions. This includes Decade Collaborative Centres or Decade Implementing Partners.

Decade actions are endorsed in alignment with at least one of the ten Decade Challenges identified by the UN Ocean Decade (Figure 2).



Figure 2. The 10 Ocean Decade Challenges.

The UK has contributed to a significant number of UN endorsed Ocean Decade actions. As of 31st March 2025, there are 10 UK-led programmes, 52 UK-led projects and 14 UK-led contributions. All ten UN Ocean Decade challenges are represented across the endorsed actions. UK Decade actors also contribute to 17 programmes, 27 projects and 3 contributions led by international partner institutions.

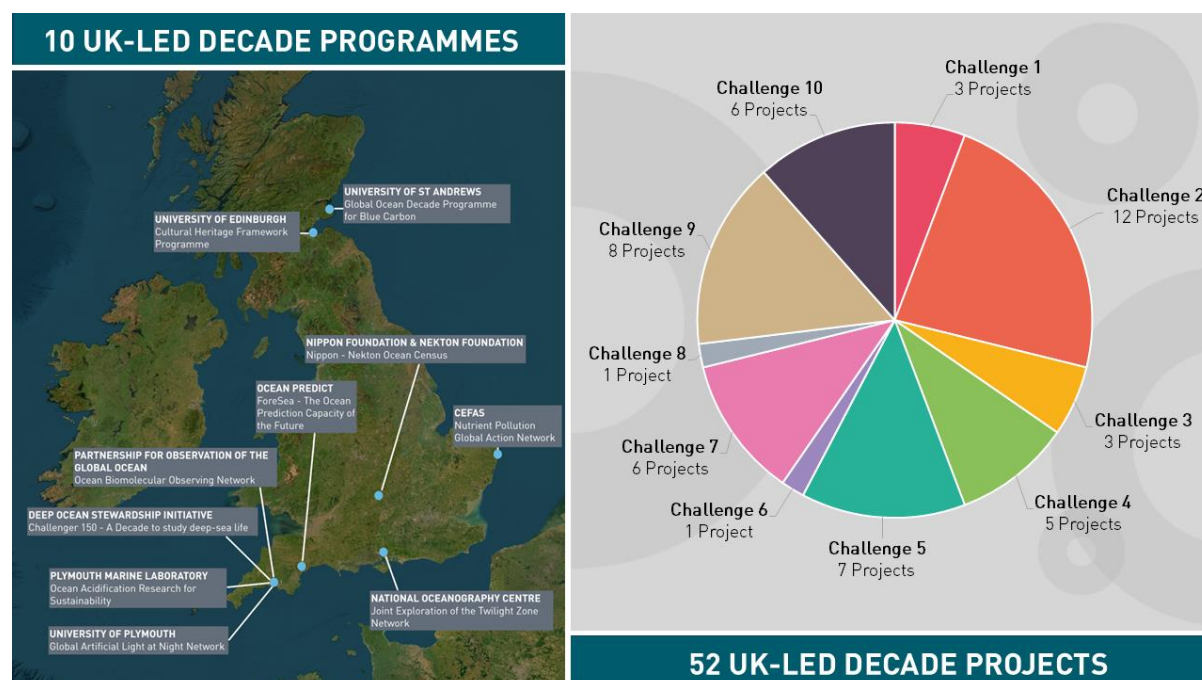


Figure 3. (a) Lead institutions of the UK's 10 endorsed UN Ocean Decade Programmes, (b) the distribution of UK endorsed Decade Projects across the 10 Decade Challenges.

The Committee has engaged directly with many UK stakeholders leading Decade actions through invitations to present at in-person meetings, coordination of social media campaigns, responding to queries around endorsement and at events such as the 2024 UN Ocean Decade Conference and the 2025 UK Stakeholder Event.

6 Future Plans (2025 – 2026)

The UK NDC refreshed its terms of reference in 2025 to focus its effort on three key areas where the Committee felt it could have most impact: inspire UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade; act as the national focal point for UK engagement with the UN Ocean Decade; and communicate research and policy priorities outlined by the UN Ocean Decade. It also welcomed five new members in 2025, replacing those reaching the ends of their terms. The UK NDC is looking forward to the year ahead, where anticipated key milestones and activities include:

- Championing the UN Ocean Decade and raising the profile of the role of NDCs within it at the UN Ocean Conference in June 2025, the biggest event in the ocean calendar and the halfway point of the UN Ocean Decade.
- Delivering LinkedIn campaigns in support of the Calls for Action, to communicate the benefits of UN Ocean Decade endorsement and encourage further participation.
- Developing a series of policy briefs, building on the outcomes of the science-policy dialogue, to raise awareness of the tools and opportunities of the UN Ocean Decade with UK policy makers.
- Continuing to engage with Decade programmes, projects and other activities through committee meetings.
- Continuing to champion knowledge-sharing and best practice in national implementation of the Decade with other NDCs.
- Continuing an active programme of outreach and engagement through the committee member networks and exploring opportunities to engage with major national and international conferences, such as Coastal Futures and the Ocean Sciences Conference in early 2026.

7 Memberships

7.1 Appointed Committee Members

Committee Chair:

Professor Matt Frost - Plymouth Marine Laboratory (Jan 2022-)

Current Members:

Aline da Silva Cerqueira - Sussex Bay (Jan 2022 - present)

Amy Bray - Another Way (Jan 2022 - present)

Antony Firth - Historic England (Jan 2022- present)

Conor Savage - Sustainable Finance (Jan 2025 -)

David Tudor - Ocean and Coastal Futures; Pelagos (Jan 2025 - present)

Elvira Poloczanska - Plymouth Marine Laboratory (Jan 2025 - present)

Emma McKinley - Cardiff University (Jan 2022 - present)

Gareth Cunningham - Marine Conservation Society (Jan 2025 - present)

Gina Reinhardt - University of Essex (Jan 2022 - present)

Hayley Roberts - Bangor University (Jan 2022 - present)

Katrina Ryan - Mindfully Wired (Jan 2025 - present)

Michelle Frost - Edinburgh Napier University (Jan 2022 - present)

Lydia Bach - University of Glasgow (Jan 2022 - present)

Natalie Fox - Early Career Ocean Professionals Programme (Jan 2022 - present)

Richard Hixson - Co Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; Healthcare Ocean (Jan 2022 - present)

Sien van der Plank - University of Exeter (Jan 2022 - present)

Victoria Chinery – UKHO/Civil Service (Jan 2022 - present)

Former Members:

Donal Griffin - Fair Seas (Jan 2022 - Dec 2024)

Francesca Ginley - Marine Conservation Society (Jan 2022 - Dec 2024)

Natasha Simmonds - University of Aberdeen (Jan 2022 - Dec 2024)

7.2 Ex-Officio Members

UK Representatives to the IOC-UNESCO:

Alan Evans - National Oceanography Centre, NOC (Jan 2022- present)

John Siddorn - National Oceanography Centre, NOC (2024- present)

Ed Hill - National Oceanography Centre, NOC (Jan 2022 - 2024)

Current Ex-Officio Members:

Colin Armstrong - DAERA (Jan 2022 - present)

Edward Atcherley-Symes - FCDO (Jan 2023 - present)

Barbara Berx - Scottish Government (Jan 2022 - present)

Frances Bird - Defra (Sep 2023 - present)

Dave Carlin - Defra (Jan 2023 - present)

Bekah Cioffi - Welsh Government (Jan 2022 - present)
Caroline Culshaw - Defra (Jun 2023 - present)
Lowri Griffiths - FCDO (Jan 2022 - present)

Former Ex-Officio Members:

Chris Green - Defra (Jan 2022 - 2022)
Stephanie Ockenden - Defra (Jan 2022 - 2023)

Secretariat :

Anamul Islam - Cefas (Dec 2023 - present)
David Hughes - Cefas (Sep 2022 - present)
Suzanne Painting - Cefas (Jan 2022 - present)
Frances Mynott Cefas (Jan 2022- June 2023)

8 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
EDI: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
G7: Group of Seven (G7; Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA)
GSF: Global Stakeholder Forum
IOC: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
MBA: Marine Biological Association
NDC: National Decade Committee
NOC: National Oceanography Centre
OCCPIE: Ocean and Climate Change Policy & International Evidence (Defra)
PML: Plymouth Marine Laboratory
ToR: Terms of Reference
UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

9 Annex 1 – Committee Meetings

Table A1. Summary of UK NDC meetings, June 2022-March 2025.

MEETINGS: Formal meetings of the UK National Decade Committee			
Attendees	Activity Details	Outputs	Outcomes
12 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 11-12 March 2025, London			Further optimised Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership.
Committee 5 invited speakers	Featured presentations and Q&A with: US NDC (Susan Roberts, Tony MacDonald, Madeline Jensen), IMarEST’s UN Ocean Decade Ambassador (Niru Dorrian) and endorsed Ocean Decade programme ‘Global Ocean Artificial Light at Night Network (GO-ALANN)’ (Tom Davies, University of Plymouth).	Meeting 12 Report	
11 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 11 December 2024, Online			
Committee	Online meeting to focus workplans and priorities.	Meeting 11 Report	Raised profile and awareness of the UN Ocean Decade nationally and internationally.
10 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 18-19 September 2024, York			
Committee 3 invited speakers	Featured presentations and Q&A with: French NDC (Marie-Alexandrine Sicre), endorsed Ocean Decade programme ‘Cultural Heritage Framework Programme’ (Annie Edwards, University of Edinburgh), and NOC representative Adrian Martin on the ‘UK funding landscape for supporting Ocean Decade Actions’.	Meeting 10 Report	
9 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 19 June 2024, Online			
Committee	Online meeting to focus workplans and priorities.	Meeting 9 Report	

MEETINGS: Formal meetings of the UK National Decade Committee			
Attendees	Activity Details	Outputs	Outcomes
8 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 5-6 March 2024, Edinburgh			Facilitated linkages between UK Ocean Decade activities through mapping national engagement with the UN Ocean Decade.
Committee 8 invited speakers	Featured presentations and Q&A with: Indian NDC (Uday Bhaskar & Nimit Kumar), the Scottish Fisherman's Federation (Elspeth MacDonald 'Engagement with the Ocean Decade'), endorsed Ocean Decade programme 'Global Ocean -Blue Carbon (GO-BC)' (Bill Austin, George Biddulph), and endorsed Ocean Decade partners (Kerry Howell, Challenger 150; Philie Mbatha & Milica Prokic, One Ocean Hub).	Meeting 8 Report	
7 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 14 December 2023, Online			Raised awareness of projects and programmes on communication platforms.
Committee	Online meeting to focus workplans and priorities. Output:	Meeting 7 Report	
6 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 13-14 September 2023, Plymouth			Provided a platform with strong early career professional representation that broadens
Committee 7 invited speakers	Featured presentations and Q&A with Ocean Decade Initiatives including the Decade Advisory Board (Gideon Henderson), the Decade Working Group (Alessandro Tagliabue), the Vision 2030 Working Group (Carol Robinson), the Decade Heritage Network (Jon Henderson) and the ECOP programme (Anthony Ndah). Presentations also given on endorsed programme OARS (Steve Widdecombe, PML) and endorsed project CO-LAB (Greg Cowie, University of Edinburgh).	Meeting 6 Report	
5 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 29 June 2023, Online			
Committee	Online meeting to focus workplans and priorities.	Meeting 5 Report	
4 th Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 15 March 2023, Southampton			
Committee 2 invited speakers	Featured presentations and Q&A with UK-led Ocean Decade endorsed programmes 'Ocean Intelligence' (Richard Hill, Ocean Generation) and 'Connecting communities to Atlantic Ocean observing' (Christine Sams, NOC).	Meeting 4 Report	

MEETINGS: Formal meetings of the UK National Decade Committee			
Attendees	Activity Details	Outputs	Outcomes
3 rd Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 5 December 2022, Online			the traditional marine scientific focus to include ocean literacy, healthcare and cultural heritage.
Committee	Online meeting to focus workplans and priorities.	Meeting 3 Report	
2 nd Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 28-29 September 2022, London			
Committee 2 invited speakers	Workshop style meeting to set committee workplans and priorities. Featured presentations and Q&A with IOC-UNESCO representatives Julian Barbière, (NDCs and the transformational role they can play within the Ocean Decade), and Alison Clausen (The how and why of engaging in the Ocean Decade).	Meeting 2 Workshop Report	
1 st Meeting of the UK National Decade Committee: 6 July 2022, Online			
Committee	Introductory meeting of the UK NDC.	Meeting 1 Report	

10 Annex 2 – Conferences, talks and webinars

Table A2. Summary of UK NDC presentations, June 2022-March 2025.

PRESENTATIONS: Conferences, talks and webinars attended by members where the UN Ocean Decade/NDC was promoted				
Date	Location	Attendees	Activity Details & Outputs	Outcomes
Global NDC Focal Points Meetings (Monthly)				
March 2022 - Present	Online	Matt Frost (Chair), Secretariat; 40+ NDC focal points	Participation and presentations to international NDCs and the DCU.	Further optimizing Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership.
B Braun (Healthcare) Mass Balance Meeting				
9 April 2025	Sheffield, UK	Richard Hixson (NDC); 15 attendees	Presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.
UK-Portugal marine science roundtable onboard the RSS Discovery				
12 February 2025	Lisbon, Portugal	Matt Frost; 10+ attendees	Chaired session and presentation: 'UK & Portugal marine science collaboration in the context of the UN Ocean Decade'	Raising international awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Further optimizing Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership.
University of Exeter European Centre for Environmental and Human Health				
6 February 2025	Exeter, UK	Richard Hixson (NDC); 20 attendees	Presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.
OBON Project Annual Meeting				



PRESENTATIONS: Conferences, talks and webinars attended by members where the UN Ocean Decade/NDC was promoted				
Date	Location	Attendees	Activity Details & Outputs	Outcomes
6 November 2024	Online	Matt Frost (Chair); 10+ attendees	Workshop/plenary: Decade-focused policy session	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Further optimizing Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership. Building close science-policy connections.
Meeting of the US National Decade Committee				
24 October 2024	Online	Matt Frost (Chair)	Presentation: 'Role of NDCs in the Ocean Decade: Perspectives from the IOC and the Barcelona Ocean Decade Conference'.	Further optimizing Ocean Decade coordination for collective impact and ownership.
UK Sustainability Partnerships Webinar				
10 October 2024	Online	Richard Hixson (NDC); 80 attendees	Online seminar presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.
Philips Healthcare Sustainability Session: Healthcare in Action – Global Livestream				
2 October 2024	Amsterdam, Netherlands; Online	Richard Hixson (NDC); 1K views	Seminar presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.
Siemens (Healthcare) Internal Meeting				
25 September 2024	Manchester, UK	Richard Hixson (NDC); 30 attendees	Presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.

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Date	Location	Attendees	Activity Details & Outputs	Outcomes
B Braun (Healthcare) Internal Meeting				
12 September 2024	Sheffield, UK	Richard Hixson (NDC); 100 attendees	Presentation (in professional capacity) including information on the UN Ocean Decade.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Increasing engagement with the health sector and forming connections between ocean health and human health.
Early Career Ocean Professionals UK Node webinar				
10 July 2024	Online	Matt Frost (Chair), ECOPs	Presentation: 'Supporting Ocean Action at a global level - the UN Decade of Ocean Science and the UK National Decade Committee'.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade. Enhancing diversity, inclusivity and equity in the Ocean Decade and systematically identifying and removing barriers to generational, geographic, and gender diversity.
Executive Council side meeting of NDCs				
27 June 2024		Matt Frost (Chair), IOC Exec Council	Presentation: NDC Report from Barcelona.	Raising national & international awareness of the UN Ocean Decade.
Coastal Futures Conference				
January 2024	London, UK	Matt Frost (Chair); 100+ attendees	Presentation: 'Supporting Ocean Action at a global level - the UN Decade of Ocean Science and the UK National Decade Committee'.	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade.
Marine Alliance for Science & Technology Scotland (MASTS) Annual Conference				
3-5 December 2023	Glasgow, UK	NDC Chair, 2 members	Conference presentation 'The United Nations Ocean Decade, 2021-2030'. Output: Abstract .	Raising national awareness of the UN Ocean Decade.

11 Annex 3 – National and International Engagement

Table A3. Summary of UK NDC activities, June 2022-March 2025.

ACTIVITIES: Major national and international events with a focus on the UN Ocean Decade				
Date	Location	Attendees	Activity Details & Outputs	Outcomes
The next five years: UK science-policy dialogue for the UN Ocean Decade, March 2025				
10 March 2025	Royal Society, London	NDC Chair, All Committee Members; 80 UK stakeholders	A series of workshop sessions, presentations, plenary discussions and an exhibition focused on UK policy priorities for the Ocean Decade. See Section 3.2. Output: Dialogue Report (available via Secretariat).	Building close science-policy connections and dialogue between government (including devolved administrations) and the national ocean science community.
UN Ocean Decade Conference				

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10-12 April 2024	Barcelona, Spain	NDC Chair, 6 Members	<p>NDC poster presentation, leading/co-leading NDC satellite events ‘The Ocean Decade from a national perspective: What does success look like?’ and ‘What can National Decade Committees do for you? Linking global and national priorities through stakeholder engagement’, social media campaign.</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <div>  Barcelona Statement.pdf  Priority outcomes from NDC events.pdf </div>	Leadership in bringing together other NDCs (including those in development) to facilitate sharing of best practice and to promote the establishment of NDCs globally in support of the Ocean Decade. Raising awareness of UK engagement with the Ocean Decade.
Indian Ocean Regional Decade Conference: Bridging Billions to Barcelona				
01-03 February 2024	Hyderabad, India	UK NDC Chair	Co-leading the presentation of the NDC Special Session ‘Harmonizing NDCs of the IOR and beyond’ with Indian NDC.	Leadership in bringing together regional NDCs (including those in development) in support of the Ocean Decade.