



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**VERY URGENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO : **The Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity**
Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau
in concurrent capacity

The Assistant Secretary for Mining Concerns
OIC Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau
in concurrent capacity

The OIC Assistant Secretary for Environment
Director, Environmental Management Bureau
in concurrent capacity

The Directors
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service
Climate Change Service

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS RELATIVE TO THE FINAL TITLES
OF THE OCEAN ACTION PANELS FOR THE THIRD UNITED
NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE (UNOC3)**

DATE : **OCT 21 2024**

This refers to the letter dated October 17, 2024, from Assistant Secretary Marshall Louis M. Alferez of the Department of Foreign Affairs—Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office (DFA-MOAO), providing the Department with the list of the final titles of the Ocean Action Panels relative to the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which will be held in Nice, France, in June 2025.

Related to that, the same requests the department to provide the following:

1. Substantive inputs for the concept papers on the Ocean Action Panels; and
2. Distinguished experts who will serve as moderators and panelists for the said panels.

In view thereof, we kindly solicit your office for inputs, if there is any, on the above list, to be submitted **on or before 28 October 2024**. The same may be submitted and directly coordinated with the **Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS)** for their proper review, evaluation, and consolidation.

For your information and appropriate action.


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Cc **The Undersecretary, Organizational Transformation and Human Resources**

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MOAO/DIV2/MLA/2024/10/18-2 Letter to agencies re: comments on UNOC 3 Ocean Action Panels

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Good day!

Kindly acknowledge DFA-MOAO's letter on the above-mentioned subject.

Thank you and best regards,
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MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS OFFICE

17 October 2024

Dear Colleagues,

This refers to the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which will be held in Nice, France in June 2025. The President of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly announced the following list of the final titles of the Ocean Action Panels:

1. Fostering sustainable fisheries management including supporting small-scale fishers;
2. Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems including deep-sea ecosystems;
3. Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional level;
4. Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities;
5. Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages;
6. Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience leaving no one behind;
7. Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security;
8. Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health;
9. Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS; and
10. Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in the support of SDG14.

In relation to this, Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Secretary-General of the Conference, invites Member States to provide:

1. **Substantive inputs for the concept papers on the Ocean Action Panels**

The Secretariat will prepare concept papers on each of the themes of the Ocean Action panels, taking into account the relevant ocean-related processes of the General Assembly and other possible contributions, including from Member States. Given the restrictions on length of the concept papers, the full text of the Member State's contribution, with its approval, will be published on the Conference website at:

<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/ocean2025/documentation>.

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