

# Arctic Ocean Decade Workshop: Policy-Business-Science-Dialogue

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29 January 2020, Tromsø, Norway

*The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030* presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver scientific knowledge and ensure that ocean science can fully support countries' actions to sustainably manage the ocean and to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As part of a global consultation process in preparation of the UN Decade, two Arctic workshops will provide opportunities to further discuss, prioritize and formulate proposals for Arctic initiatives to be framed under the UN Decade:

### Arctic Ocean Decade Workshops: *Preparing for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)*

- **Arctic Ocean Decade Policy-Business-Science-Dialogue**

29 January 2020

Tromsø, Norway, organized by the Research Council of Norway and Arctic Frontiers

- **Regional Arctic Ocean Decade Planning Workshop**

29 April-1 May 2020

Copenhagen, Denmark, organized by the Danish Centre for Marine Research

Combined the two workshops will provide output aligned with the five regional planning workshops defined as part of the consultation phase of the Ocean Decade. The workshops will address the six societal objectives of the Decade:

- A clean ocean
- A healthy and resilient ocean
- A predicted ocean
- A safe ocean
- A sustainably harvested and productive ocean
- A transparent and accessible ocean

Arctic temperatures are rising and effects like reduced sea ice thickness and coverage are already apparent. The Arctic Ocean could be largely free of summer ice in the 2030s. Marine species are moving northwards, with consequences for subsistence hunting and commercial fisheries. In addition, the Arctic Ocean opens for increased commercial activities. The Arctic Ocean transition may be affecting global weather systems and the global economy. Combined this call for a special regional focus as part of the Decade.

The **Arctic Ocean Decade Policy-Business-Science-Dialogue** will provide a forum to gather Arctic leaders and key stakeholders such as scientists, industry, NGOs, policy-makers and foundations. The aim is to identify key ocean policy and sustainable development actions.

The Arctic Ocean Decade Policy-Business-Science-Dialogue offers a crucial opportunity to inform the co-design mission-oriented research strategies in line with the 2030 Agenda focusing on needs and priorities in terms of transforming knowledge systems; accelerating transfer of technology; enabling training and education; and fostering science-policy dialogues special for the Arctic region.

It is vital to identify how business, policy and science can work together on Arctic issues, focusing on:

- Identifying knowledge gaps and Arctic ocean science priorities for the 2030 Agenda;
- Defining possible common regional ocean policy priorities;
- Leveraging existing Arctic partnerships/networks/initiatives and identifying those lacking;
- Involving local and indigenous communities and knowledge, and contributing to further development of regional ocean literacy;
- Selecting priority themes and topics to be addressed by the Decade from a sustainable development perspective.

Outcomes of the dialogue in Tromsø will inform the second workshop and feed into the Decade planning process.



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