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Creating a Place for the Ocean in the UNFCCC
Meeting in Preparation for the UNFCCC Ocean-Climate Dialogue

Friends of the Ocean & Climate

Concept Note

During COP25 (the “Blue COP”), the Parties adopted a first-of-its-kind COP decision that acknowledged the links between the ocean and climate change and mandated a dialogue “on the ocean and climate change to consider how to strengthen mitigation and adaptation action in this context.”

In the time since COP25, Parties and non-Party stakeholders have made submissions to inform the dialogue. Among other issues, these submissions discuss the importance of raising awareness of the relationship between the ocean and climate change; the importance of elevating ocean issues across the processes of the UNFCCC and across the national climate goals and plans of the Parties; the importance of creating coherence across international ocean and climate regimes; and the importance of creating a way to continue addressing ocean-climate issues in the UNFCCC after the dialogue.

The dialogue is now scheduled for 02 and 03 December 2020. **Please join the Friends of the Ocean and Climate for a preparatory meeting in advance of the UNFCCC ocean-climate dialogue.** This meeting will serve as a forum to discuss goals for the dialogue and to help ensure that it is maximally successful. It is a critical moment to ensure that the UNFCCC takes account of the ocean-climate nexus going forward.

This meeting is hosted by the Friends of the Ocean and Climate, an inclusive group that offers a safe space for Parties to discuss ocean-climate issues and the way forward in advancing these issues in the UNFCCC.

Details

- **Date/time**
29 October 2020: 14:00 San José | 17:00 Santiago | 20:00 London | 21:00 Stockholm & Oslo
30 October 2020: 03:00 Jakarta | 08:00 Suva
- **Register**
Please send your name, title, and Party you represent to Gwynne Taraska, Director of the Climate Program at Ocean Conservancy, at gtaraska@oceanconservancy.org to register and receive the link.

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