

Blue Nationally Determined Contributions Challenge

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Recently, on the first day of the third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) Blue NDC Challenge initiative was launched to dramatically scale up ocean-focused climate action.

About Blue NDC Challenge

- It is a landmark international initiative launched by **France and Brazil**.
- It urges countries to incorporate **ocean-focused climate measures into their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** ahead of the 30th Conference of Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Belem, Brazil.
- Six other countries—**Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, and the Republic of Seychelles**—have joined this initiative.
- It is supported by **Ocean Conservancy**, the **Ocean and Climate Platform** and the **World Resources Institute** through the **Ocean Resilience and Climate Alliance (ORCA)** and has been endorsed by WWF-Brazil.

What are NDCs?

- NDCs are **national climate plans** that outline a country's efforts to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change under the **Paris Agreement** adopted by 195 Parties at **UNFCCC COP21** in Paris, France, on December 12, 2015,
- To hold "the increase in the **global average temperature to well below 2°C** above pre-industrial levels" and pursue efforts "to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels."

Blue Nationally Determined Contributions Challenge FAQs

Q1: What is the Blue Economy?

Ans: It is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of the ocean ecosystem."

Q2: What is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

Ans: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is a treaty that establishes the legal framework for international cooperation on climate change. The UNFCCC's goal is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

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