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Information Meeting for Permanent Delegations
Friday, 7 April 2017
10:30-12:30, Room XI (Fontenoy)



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UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 5-9 JUNE 2017

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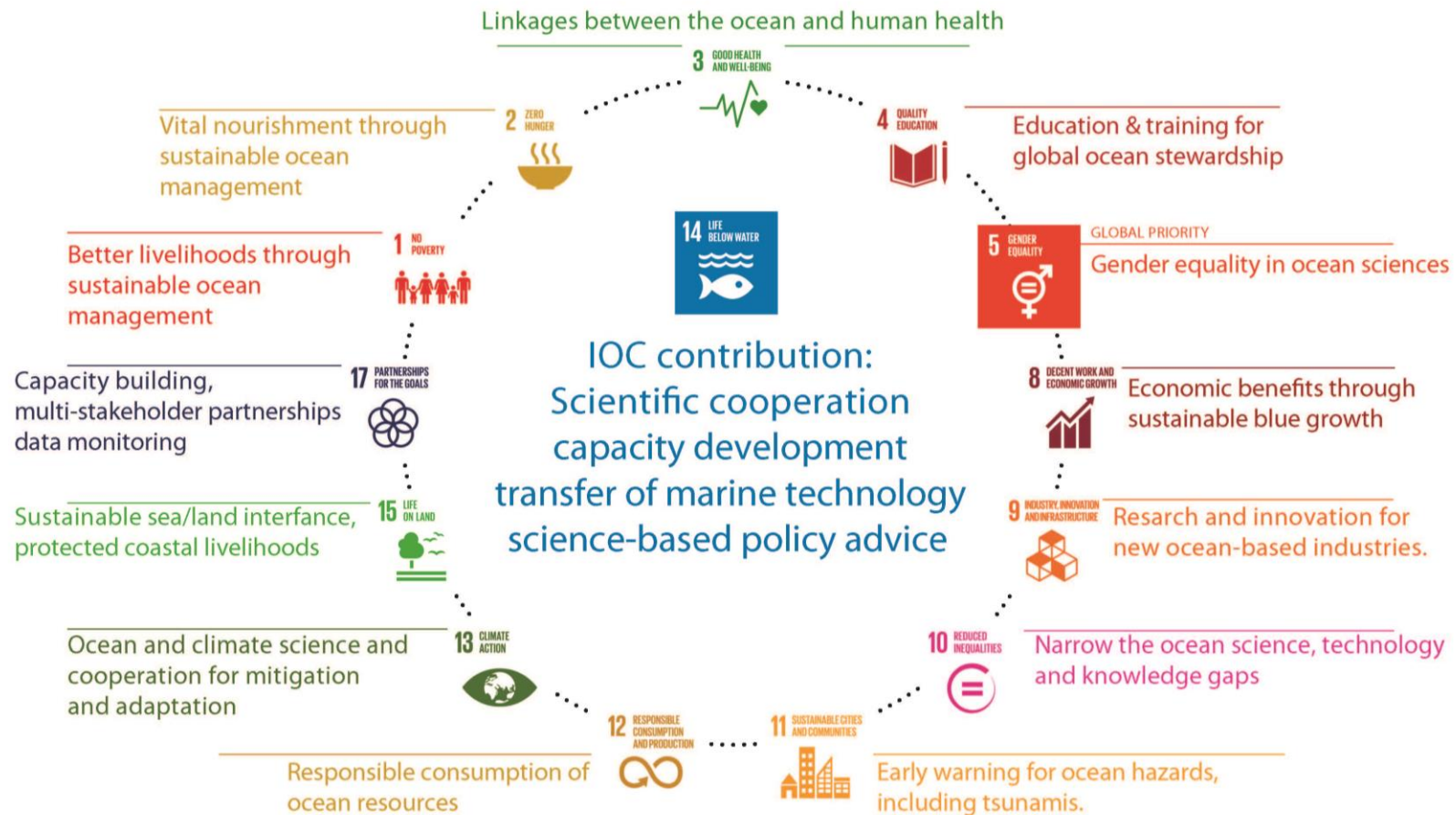
What role for the IOC of UNESCO?



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The work of IOC of UNESCO is relevant to **13 out of 17** Sustainable Development Goals

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Basics & Objectives



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- New York from **5 to 9 June 2017**
(World Oceans Day – 8 June 2017)
- Co-hosted by Fiji and Sweden
- Main goal : support **implementation of SDG 14**
- **Follow-up and review process** of 2030 Agenda



For all information about the UN Ocean Conference:

<http://oceanconference.un.org>

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Expected Outputs



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Call for Action



Voluntary Commitments



Co-Chairs' Report on Partnership Dialogues

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Structure



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- 8 **Plenary Meetings**
- Parallel **Side Events & Exhibits**
- Celebratory plenary:

World Oceans Day

8 June 2017
General Assembly Hall
(10:00-13:00)

Full UN Ocean Conference programme:
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- **Partnerships Dialogues (PD):**

1: Marine pollution

2: Marine and coastal ecosystems

3: Ocean acidification

4: Sustainable fisheries

5: Economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs and access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets

6: Scientific knowledge, research capacity and transfer of marine technology

7: Conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources via UN Convention on the Law of the Sea

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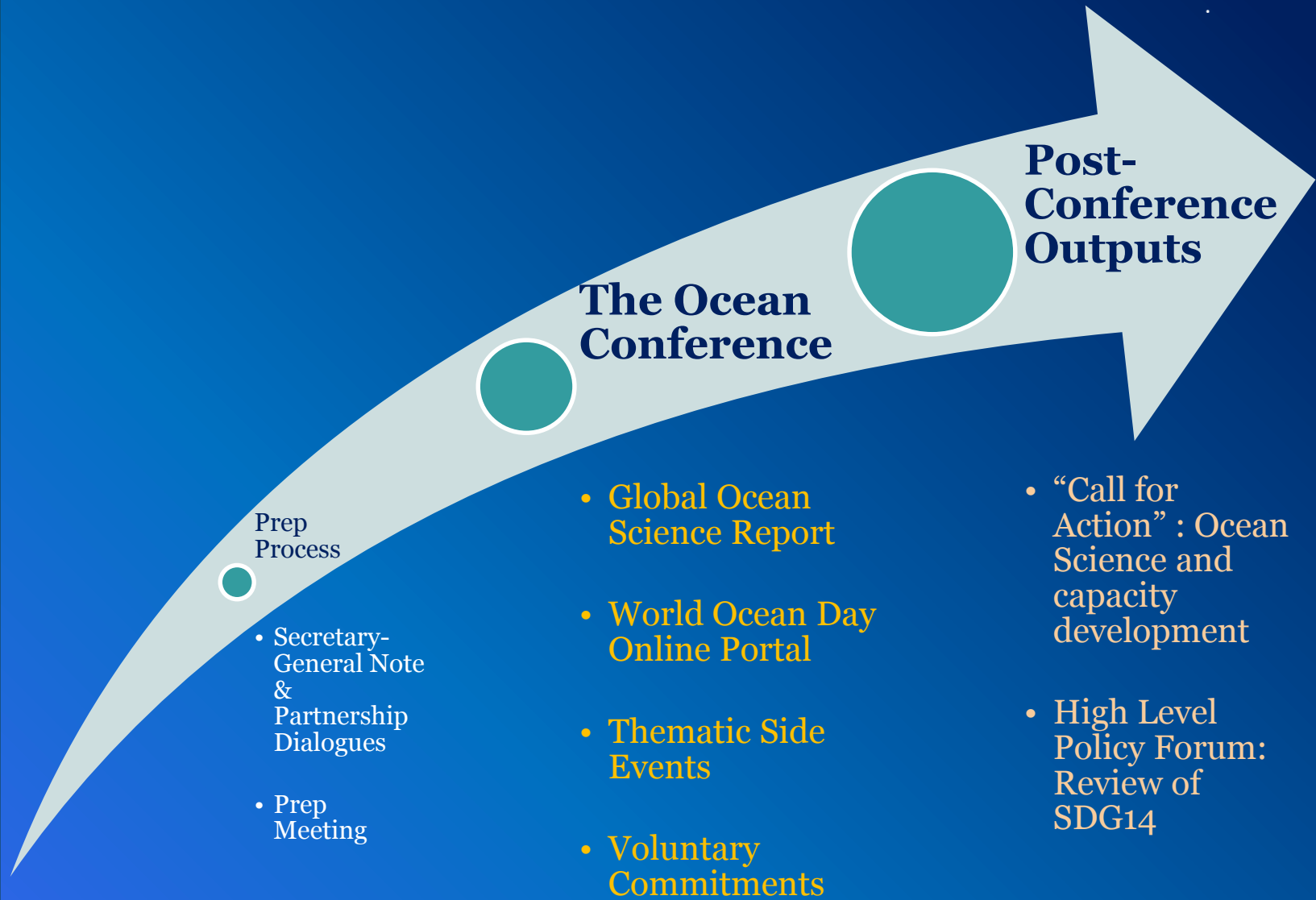
Timeline: IOC of UNESCO engagement



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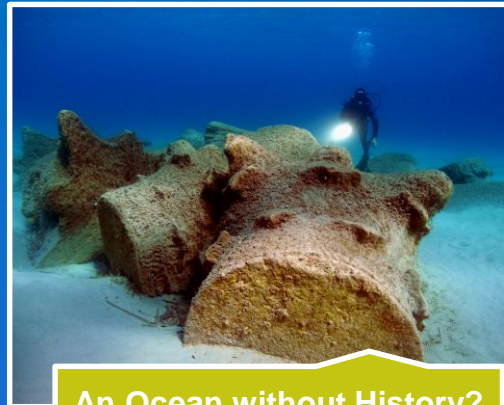
Some proposed side events



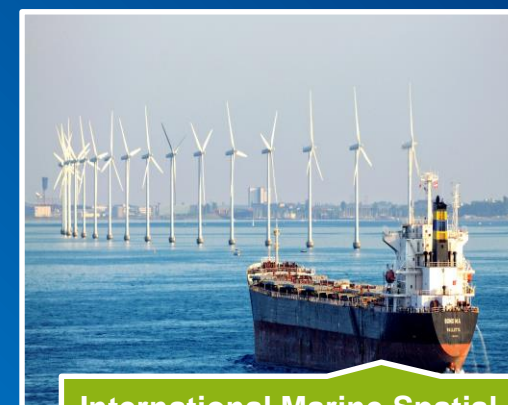
Ocean Literacy for all



Building Ocean Knowledge
for Sustainable
Development



An Ocean without History?
– Underwater Cultural
Heritage



International Marine Spatial
Planning for Effective Ocean
Management



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IOC Communications Plan



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- Corporate promotional videos
- BBC/Sky News coverage
- TV Panel Event & Gala Event



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UN World Oceans Day Portal

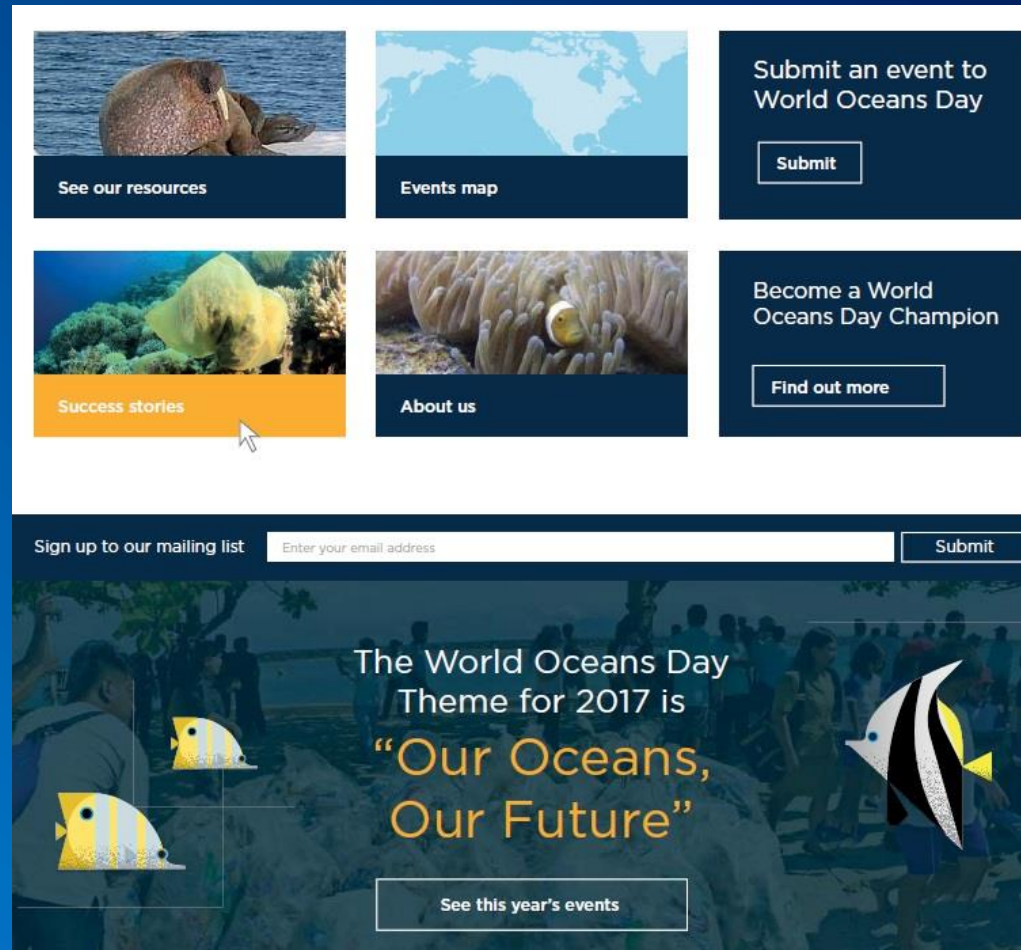


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- **Partnership:** IOC of UNESCO & UN-DOALOS
- **One-stop shop** for World Oceans Day activities
- A **data base** : resources & events on World Ocean Day
- **Universal & multilingual**



The screenshot displays the UN World Oceans Day Portal interface. It features a grid of six main content blocks: 'See our resources' (with a walrus image), 'Events map' (with a world map), 'Submit an event to World Oceans Day' (with a 'Submit' button), 'Success stories' (with a yellow fish image), 'About us' (with a clownfish image), and 'Become a World Oceans Day Champion' (with a 'Find out more' button). Below the grid is a mailing list sign-up form with the text 'Sign up to our mailing list', an input field for 'Enter your email address', and a 'Submit' button. At the bottom, a banner for the 2017 theme 'Our Oceans, Our Future' is displayed, featuring a crowd of people and two fish, with a 'See this year's events' button.



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The Ocean We Need for the Future We Want

Proposal for an International
Decade of Ocean Science for
Sustainable Development
(2021-2030)



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Sustainable
Development
Goals

One Planet, One Ocean

Agenda 2030 :

- **integrated, ecosystem-based approach**
- **basic scientific infrastructures, human skills & technology**
- **global intergovernmental cooperation**

Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

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Decade of Ocean Science: Why coordination by IOC of UNESCO?



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- UNESCO's comprehensive multidisciplinary **approach**
- **Broad mandate** around SDG14
- **“Custodian Agency”**: ocean acidification & transfer of marine technology
- Programmatic focus on **SIDS**
- Major SDG14 **monitoring tool** (Global Ocean Science Report)
- **UN lead** for:

Global ocean observations

Marine spatial planning

Oceanographic & biodiversity data (IODE / OBIS)

Tsunami early warning

A multi-stakeholder global venture

UN Agencies



Multiple stakeholders



Civil society



Governments



Science

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International Decade: Potential Outcomes



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SMART Cables



- Better data/info about the state of the ocean
- Greater scientific collaboration
- Improved ocean management
- Innovative tech for sustainable development

Marine Spatial Planning



- Observation-based Service delivery mechanisms
- Science/policy platforms
- More ocean science capacity in SIDS/LDCs
- Stronger and more sustainable ocean economy

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Launch of the Global Ocean Science Report

- **First global overview of existing ocean science capacities**
- **SDG14 monitoring tool: Target 14.a**

Infrastructure

Human
resources

Financial
investment

Scientific
productivity

Intl. Scientific
collaboration

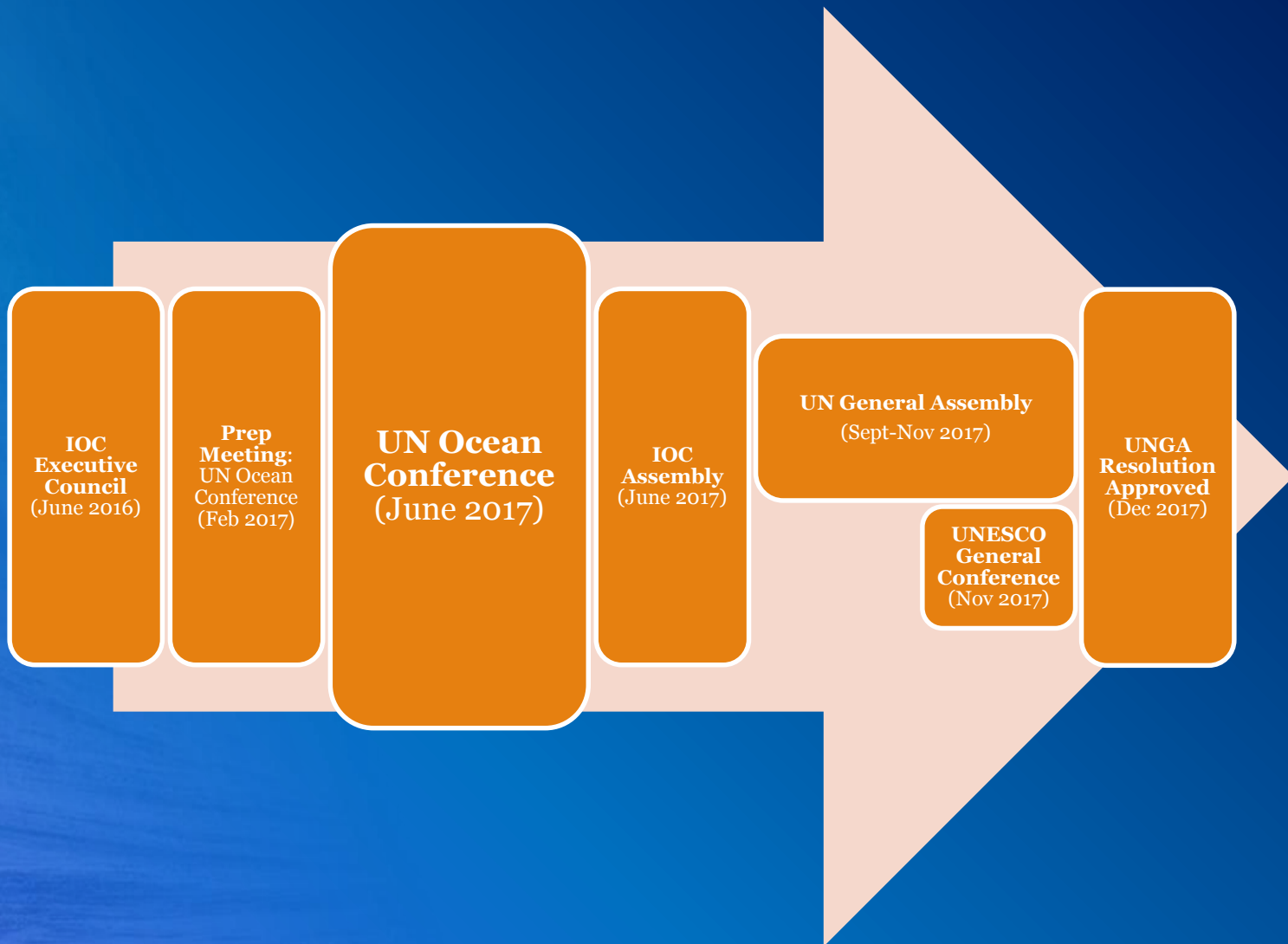
Towards a Decade of Ocean Science?



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Key points

- Formal SDG 14 **monitoring process** & **partnership promotion mechanism**
- **Call for Action, Partnership Dialogues** and **Voluntary Commitments**
- Key IOC of UNESCO **initiative**:

**International Decade of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development**

**‘The Ocean We Need for
the Future We Want’**

For more information about the proposed International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development:

<http://on.unesco.org/2kO0cTf>



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