



# International Platform for Ocean Sustainability

**Info day – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Status update on the initiative

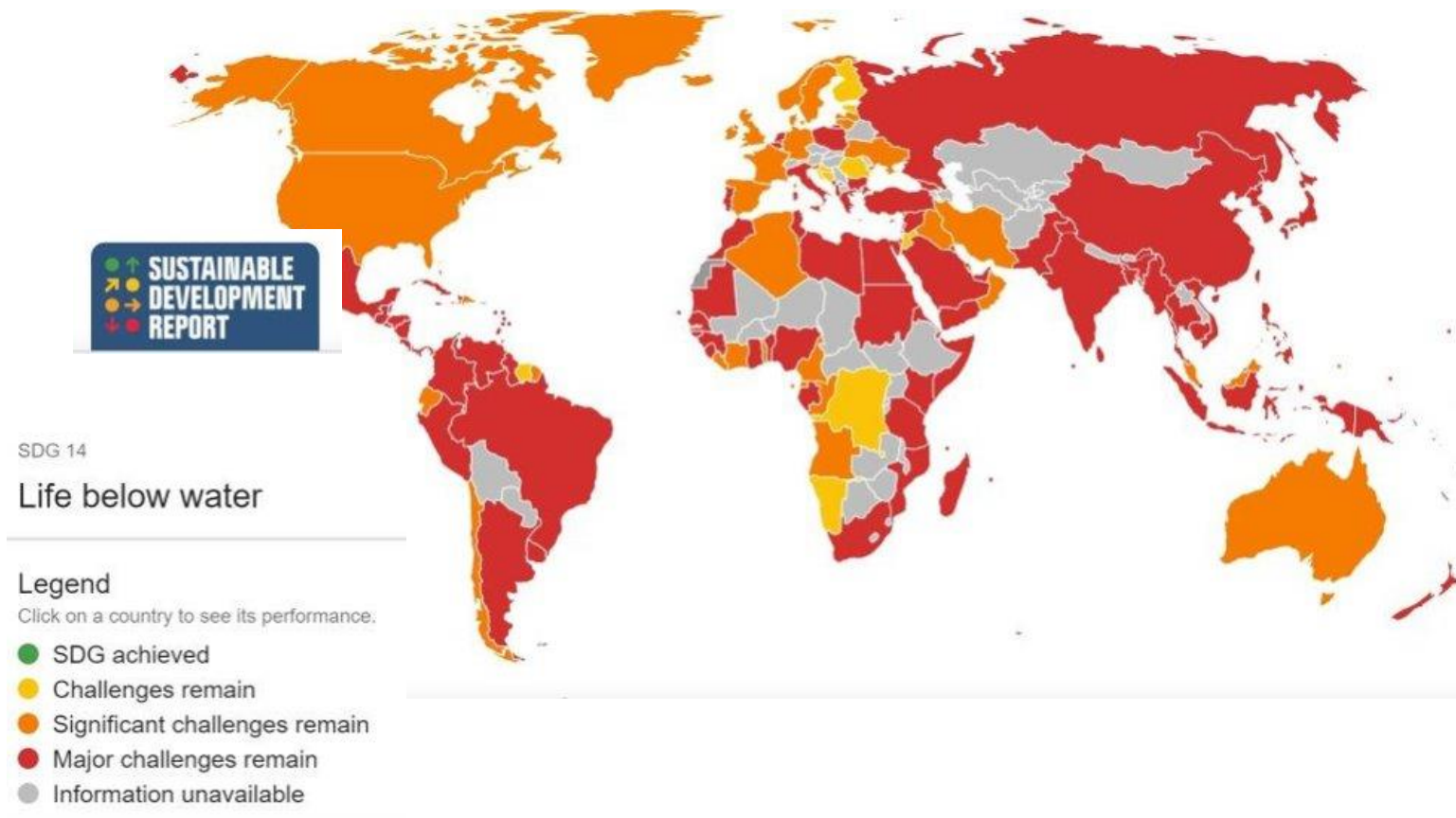


# Agenda

- **Why (a quick reminder)**
- **Consultation debrief**
- **Updated strategic overview**
- **Support and next steps**
- **Q&A**



# Why. Accelerated action to address ocean crisis could be enabled by better functioning knowledge-policy interface



The state of the ocean is deteriorating. We are far from achieving the targets agreed under SDG 14 or GBF<sup>1</sup>. The international community is mobilizing around the blue agenda: a source of hope, but more needs to be done.

**One of the enablers identified would be a better functioning knowledge-policy interface.**

# The IPOS co-constructed evolution



Consortium coordinating the initiative:



# Consultation. Key figures

121

Respondents to online **survey**, **carefully selected** from multiple backgrounds and geographies. Includes several institutional responses.

700

Quotes **extracted** from consultation process synthesized into 56 descriptors of do's & don'ts

15

**Workshops** with organizations and States

2

**IPOS committees** involving 27 experts preparing structured comments and inputs: *Interim Advisory Board* and *Knowledge Committee Development Team*



# Consultation. Key feedback and integration

## Key feedback

- IPOS positioning and services **add value** to the knowledge policy interface and can contribute to accelerating ocean action => 81% "agree or strongly agree"
- These services does not correspond to a "Panel" and the **name should be changed**
- **2-way dialogue** to really operate at the interface between knowledge and policy
- Governance need to be more **decentralised** to allow for more local empowerment and better contextualisation of IPOS outputs
- Need to clarify positioning and **collaboration** model with existing initiatives / organisations
- Ideally, position the IPOS as **new service** to reinforce exiting efforts, rather than a new organisation to be built from scratch

## Integration

This feedback has been integrated into an **updated strategic positioning** of the IPOS:

- **High level strategy:** updated services, new governance, improved approach and way of working
- **Blueprint:** operational details of how an IPOS could be working in practice

A new name.

International

Platform

for Ocean

Sustainability

A new branding.



# **Mission.** Bridging Ocean knowledge and action

The **Ocean crisis** requires knowledge-based, rapid, additive, efficient, equitable and measurably impactful action to achieve global targets.



The International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) will

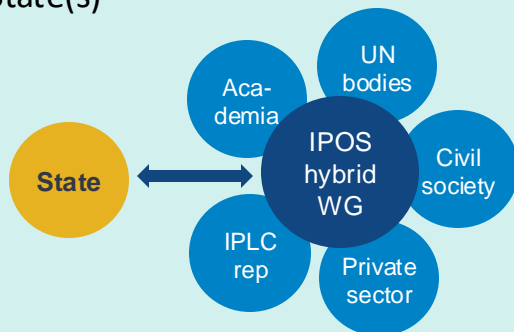
- 1 **support States** and groups of States to **accelerate** concrete action on international Ocean **commitments** ;
- 2 be the first global instrument offering **demand-driven** Ocean knowledge and **solutions options** at **national and regional scales** ;
- 3 and will an enabling mechanism to help close the gap between **knowledge and policy**, building on existing efforts.,

# What. Services leveraging and weaving existing knowledge and expertise into action-oriented and context-specific solution options

## Action Request

- 12 months -

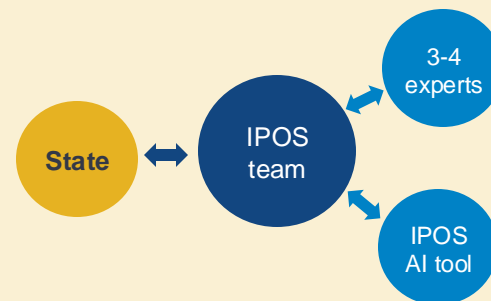
- Countries or groups of countries submit requests for policy-relevant Ocean knowledge, aimed at meeting specific global sustainability goals
- Ad-hoc, hybrid working groups<sup>1</sup> of global and local experts
- Co-develop peer-reviewed outputs tailored to the context of the requesting State(s)



## Rapid Response

- Few weeks -

- Provides urgent responses – in a matter of weeks - to States requiring time-sensitive access to Ocean knowledge
- Synthesizing curated information into concise, accessible formats
- Compile responses and policy options
- Leveraging bespoke AI capabilities
- Reviewed by experts



## Forum/Pulse/Catalyst

- Bottom-up approach -

- Provide a mechanism for foresight, outreach, reporting and engagement that catalyses action towards global targets
- Propel action by gathering input and priority issues from diverse stakeholders
- Detailed form and process for this service is still under development

**Note: (1) IPOS hybrid working** groups will bring together diverse stakeholders to address OAR, and may include experts or staff from existing environmental assessment organizations (e.g. IPCC, IPBES, DOALOS, GESAMP, FAO, IMO), thereby ensuring coherence of knowledge and advice developed and synthesized by the numerous different efforts.

# How. Innovative approach to accelerate impact

## Demand-driven

The IPOS will synthesize existing Ocean-relevant knowledge across scales to respond to specific demands formulated by decision-makers.

## Inclusive

The IPOS will weave different knowledge sources by equitably empowering representative experts and knowledge holders from diversified backgrounds and disciplines relevant to each request.

## Contextually relevant

The IPOS outputs will be tailored to regional and local contexts, recognizing their environmental, social, economic and cultural specificities.

## Timely

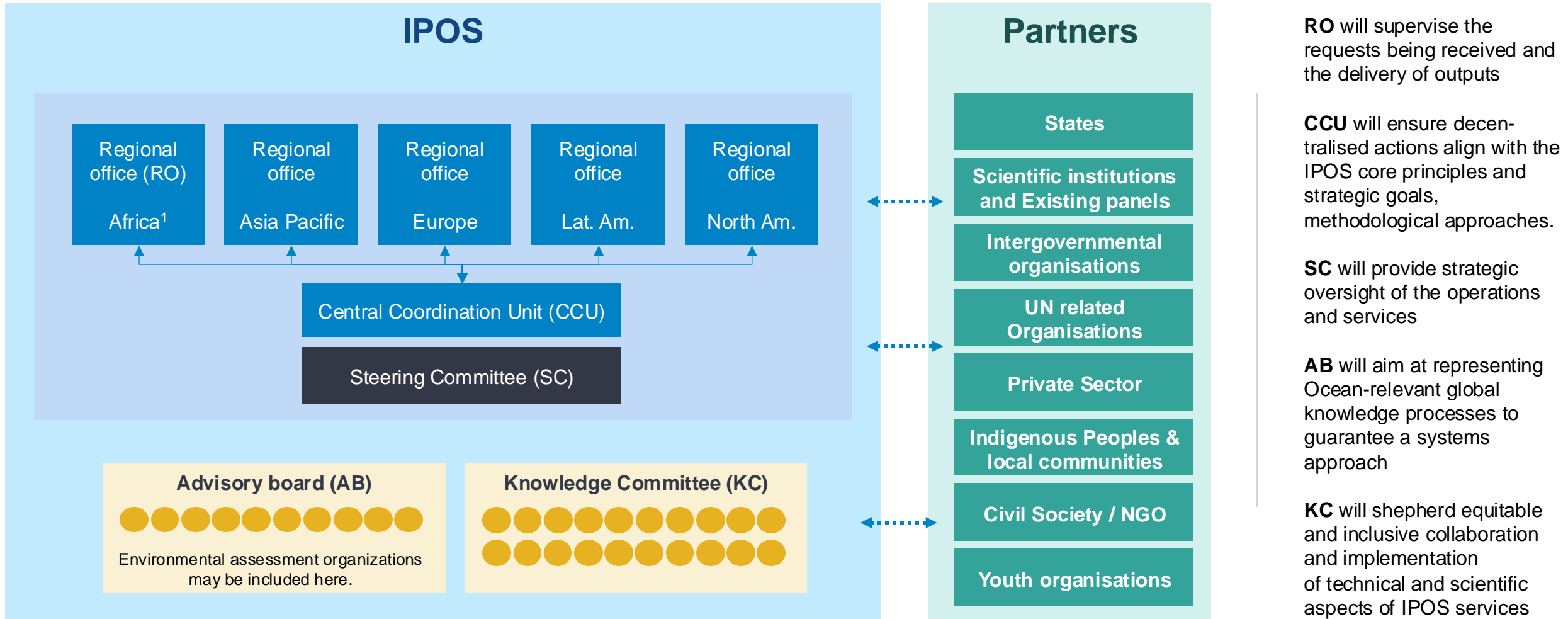
The IPOS will make knowledge available to decision makers within accelerated timescales.

## Transparent

The IPOS structure and processes will be fully transparent: including openly accessible protocols, open access data, and communication etc.

# Decentralised governance

A collaborative governance model will combine regional expertise with global coordination, engaging stakeholders at all levels for effective implementation.



**Note:** (1) Regional split has yet to be decided. (2) RO: Regional Office, CCU: Central Coordination Unit, SC: Steering Committee, AB: Advisory board, KC: Knowledge Committee

# Support and next steps



# Growing global support. Knowledge-to-Policy

**The Coalition of Scientific Institutions**  
29 institutions from 5 continents



**Scientific consensus** underpins  
IPOS

## 2 key missions

- Participate in the co-design of IPOS **Strategic overview.**
- Contribute in **IPOS pilot projects.**





























## Expansion process

- **Internationalisation** of the CSI.
- **LOI and/or MOUs** with interested organizations

and more to come

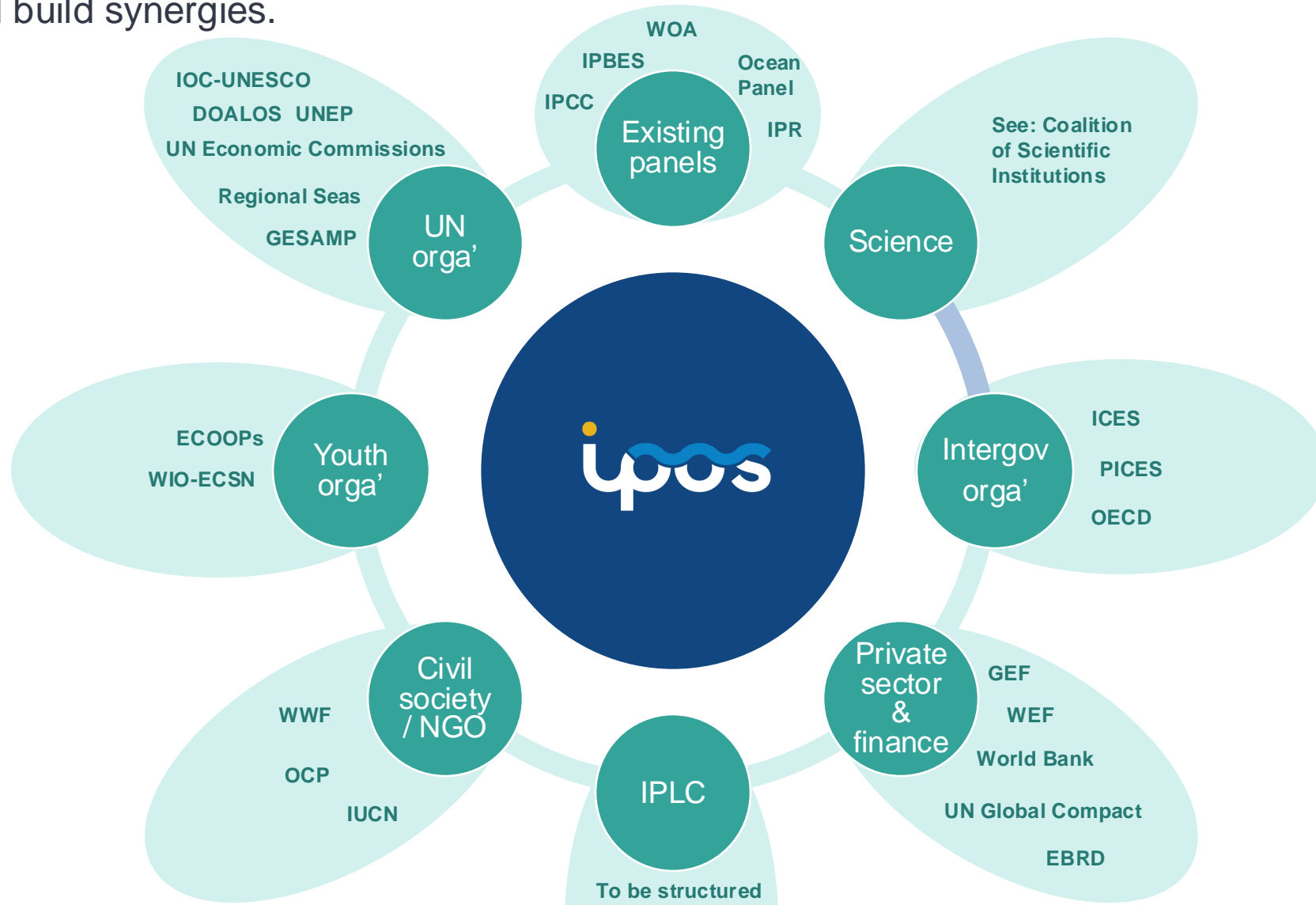
# Growing global support. Knowledge-to-Policy

Political support is growing within the international community

	Europe	Africa	Asia/Pacific	Americas
<b>Official support</b> Head of State statements at events or joint political statements	  France  Monaco		 China	 Chile
<b>Interest expressed</b> Bilaterals and events	 Spain,  Bulgaria  Czech Republic  Croatia	 Morocco	 Palau  Fiji	 Canada  Costa Rica
<b>Ongoing discussions</b> First meetings held or engagements at events	 Belgium  Netherlands  Finland  Denmark  Germany	 South Africa  Kenya  Seychelles  African Union  Sierra Leone  Guinea	 Japan	 USA  Brazil  Colombia
<b>To be engaged</b> First meetings requested or to be requested	 Portugal,  Norway  Malta  Cyprus  United Kingdom	 Egypt,  Cabo Verde,  Namibia,  Ghana,  Ivory Coast,  Senegal,  Mauritius	 India,  Saudi Arabia,  Australia,  Indonesia,  Philippines,  South Korea,  UAE	 Mexico  Jamaica

# Building bridges for a systemic approach

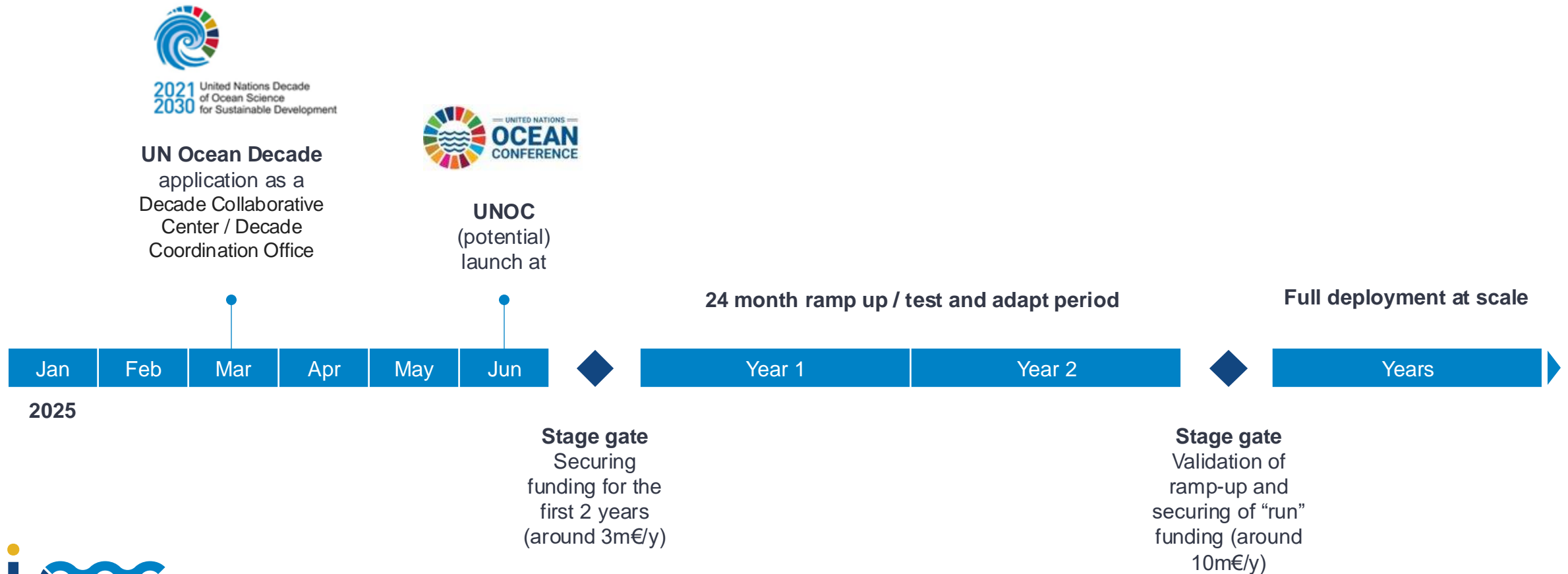
The Towards IPOS team has started to engage with a large range of stakeholders with the objective to coordinate and build synergies.



Note: this mapping will be enriched with new stakeholders in the coming months

# Phased approach to turn concept into reality

The next step is to become a UN Ocean Decade Center/Office. After UNOC-3 in June 2025, the IPOS will undertake a 24-month ramp-up period to refine its services in its geographic regions, and adapt based on outcomes.



# Pilot projects.



## Deep Sea Mining

What does the scientific community say on the deep-sea resources' exploitation?

- First request from a head of state.
- Draft statement finalized
- Case study on how to depoliticize a burning question
- International Working Group with 2 chairs from Mexico and Portugal

<b>Pilot country</b>	France
<b>Status</b>	Nearly completed
<b>Delivery</b>	March 2025



## IPLC Engagement

How to actually incorporate IPLC knowledge into the IPOS approach?

- A case study on 30x30 target
- Partnership established in Costa Rica
- Engagement done with small scales fishers' communities and scientific institutions

<b>Pilot country</b>	Costa Rica
<b>Status</b>	Funding call
<b>Completion</b>	June 2025



## Artificial Intelligence

How could AI and LLM help an organisation like IPOS in its mission support states and other stakeholders?

- Pilot funded and started
- Bespoke LLM being tested and developed
- Precautionary approach
- Internal use for now only

<b>Pilot country</b>	Seychelles
<b>Status</b>	On-going
<b>Completion</b>	April 2025

# Q & A



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