

IPOS Welcomes Dr. Pierre Karleskind as Coordinator of IPOS and Secretary General of the Ocean Sustainability Foundation

Paris, 18 September 2025 – The International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) has appointed **Dr. Pierre Karleskind** as its new Coordinator and Secretary General of the Ocean Sustainability Foundation. His leadership comes at a pivotal moment, as IPOS positions itself to become a global reference point connecting science and policy to safeguard the ocean.

Dr. Karleskind will oversee the platform's **implementation and daily operations**, while driving efforts to **strengthen international collaboration** and **mobilise resources from both the public and private sectors**. His appointment underscores IPOS's ambition to accelerate action on ocean sustainability and give science a stronger voice in global decision-making.

“IPOS, for me, is a translator. It translates international commitments into local action, and the language of science into political and common language. Real change happens on the ground, and that is what IPOS is here to achieve.”

- Dr. Pierre Karleskind, Coordinator of IPOS and Secretary General of the Ocean Sustainability Foundation

As Secretary General, Dr. Karleskind will guide Towards IPOS into its next phase, fostering collaboration across sectors and geographies to ensure that science informs action for ocean sustainability.

IPOS is designed as a next-generation ocean knowledge-action interface. By combining frontier science, Indigenous and local knowledge, and AI-enabled synthesis, IPOS offers a unique platform to support governments and communities navigating complex sustainability decisions.

"We are delighted to have Pierre Karleskind at the helm for this next critical phase of IPOS. The coming years will be decisive for the ocean, and IPOS is poised to step in with concrete actionable solutions to accelerate decisions for a resilient ocean."

- Tanya Brodie Rudolph, Co-lead of IPOS

At the beginning of September, Dr. Karleskind was awarded the title of Knight of the Order of Maritime Merit by the French Ministry of the Sea, in recognition of his 25 years of contribution to the maritime sector.

“As we embark on this new phase, I am delighted to welcome Pierre Karleskind as Secretary General. His unique experience as both a scientist and politician will be invaluable in guiding IPOS through the journey ahead.”

- Françoise Gaill, Co-lead of IPOS

Dr. Karleskind brings to IPOS a unique blend of scientific expertise, political experience, and managerial leadership. An engineer from École Polytechnique with a PhD in oceanography, he has worked as a marine science consultant, bridging research with technological innovation. As a Member of the European Parliament, he served as Chair of the Fisheries Committee, where he steered high-level sustainability negotiations and represented Europe in international fora. At the regional level, he was Vice-President of the Brittany Region, leading the development of the first maritime spatial plan for Brittany and shaping EU maritime policy.

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Note to Editor

IPOS is currently accepting submissions from States for Action Requests and Rapid Responses via its [online portal](#). The deadline to apply is 15 October 2025. Requests will be reviewed by a global panel of experts, with the first projects commencing in the last quarter of this year.

About Towards IPOS

Towards IPOS aspires to strengthen the capacity of States to implement their global ocean commitments more efficiently, swiftly and inclusively. The initiative brings together a diverse global network of leading ocean scientists, interdisciplinary experts, policy makers and civil society stakeholders.

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