



Regional Planning Workshop
Northern/Central Indian Ocean countries &
ROPME Sea Area
08-10 January 2020
Chennai, India

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UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

The United Nations has proclaimed the upcoming decade (2021-2030) as the **Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development** and in this connection, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO is organising several planning regional workshops to finalise the science action plan.

Following the First Global Planning Meeting, held in May 2019 (Copenhagen), Northern/Central Indian Ocean countries regional Workshop will be convened between **08-10 January, 2020** in Chennai (India), co-organized with the IOCINDIO upon the generous offer of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and will be held at the National National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).

The workshop will focus on the needs and priorities of Indian Ocean countries in terms of transforming knowledge systems, accelerating transfer of technology, enabling training and education and help foster science-policy dialogues between the countries in this region. This Regional Planning Workshop will present a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discuss and collate scientific knowledge, foster technological innovation, identify synergies and build capacity towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for a clean, healthy, safe and sustainable Indian Ocean.

This regional workshop is envisaged to provide a platform to gather ocean key stakeholders from the North and Central Indian Ocean region countries, including representatives of national institutions, relevant UN entities, academia, policy makers, business, industry, NGOs and civil society towards the identification and development of solution-oriented approaches towards ocean science for sustainable development. The main agenda for the workshop is to foster and facilitate regional dialogue, focusing on interdisciplinary discussions within six working groups to identify concrete deliverables and partnerships to meet the Decade's six societal objectives, in the perspective of the uniqueness of the Indian Ocean.

Moreover, this regional workshop would offer a unique opportunity to co-design research strategies of major scientific missions like the Indian Ocean Rim Association Action Plan, Action Plan for the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, The Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) , etc, in line with vision of the UN decade of the Ocean.

If you are interested to be a part of this important event, do send in your details to the undecadews@niot.res.in and selected participants will be intimated in the by December 15th, 2020.