SDG 14 & SDG synergies

across the international "ocean" governance landscape

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Fair and inclusive decision-making for a healthy ocean whereby people and planet flourish.

The One Ocean Hub is an international programme of **research** for **sustainable development**

building **fair partnerships** between coastal people, researchers, decision-makers, civil society, and international organisations to **value and learn from different knowledge systems and voices**
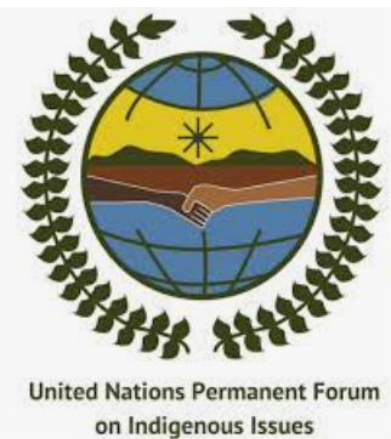
connecting 126 researchers (**marine & social sciences, law & arts**) from 21 research institutions **in the Global South & North**

➤ Local and national learning in **Ghana, Namibia, South Africa**

➤ cross-regional learning (Univ. of **West Indies & South Pacific**)

➤ local-to-global learning (UN, international and regional organizations, international and local NGOs)

→ **Prototype** of fair research partnership between Global North/South (funded by UK ODA), with funder-set & co-developed **equity criteria** + & **Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning** (MEL) on fairness & sustainable development impact

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Connecting learning & amplifying local voices across international "ocean" governance

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

United Nations Climate Change

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration

intergovernmental negotiating committee on a new **treaty on plastics**

CBD

SYNERGIES among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
BASEL / ROTTERDAM / STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

International **watercourses** conventions (& customary international law)**?**

UN environment

UNGA recognition of human right to healthy environment
→ **Global Biodiversity Framework**

New UN General Comment on **children's right to a health environment** (June 2023)

OCEANS & LAW OF THE SEA UNITED NATIONS

BBNJ Agreement on marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**)**

WHO pandemic treaty negotiations (One Health)

IMO

FAO FIAT PANIS

INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement

UN Decade for Ocean Science

Human rights (interdependency) + **ecosystem approach** (connectivity) = **SDG synergies**

= mutually supportive interpretations of international law (policy coherence/ **SDG 17.14**)

= prioritizing needs of most vulnerable (**leave no-one behind & SDG 16.7**)

→ **biz** responsibility
→ role of ocean and climate **funders**!

Challenges and Solutions to develop capacity for Deep-sea Research and Management in South Africa

Kerry Sink[1,2], Kirsty McQuaid[1,3], Lara Atkinson[4,2], Ryan Palmer[5,6], Grant Van der Heever[4], Prideel Majiedt[1], Loyiso Dunga[1,2], Jock Currie[2], Robyn Adams[1,2], Michele Wahome · Kerry Howell[3] and Angus Angus Paterson[5].

Partnerships and research collaboration that promote **co-developed, co-led and co-published** research
- mutual learning from the planning stage

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How to enable transformative science during the International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

"Transforming ourselves before we transform how we make decisions on the ocean"

KEY POINTS

Focusing on inter-connections among all threats to ocean health

Establishing a specific process to ensuring equitable partnerships among researchers and research partners

Understanding what went wrong in previous international ocean research collaborations

Ongoing assessment and learning of lessons on fair partnerships, including institutional responses and resource distribution

Highlighting multiple dimensions of fairness in co-designing and co-delivering research

Allowing sufficient time and opportunities to build friendships

OUR VISION

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The Ocean covers over 70% of our planet.
It connects communities, countries and cultures in space and time.

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