



Concept Note

Third Global Dialogue on Ocean Accounting: Towards an Agenda for Action

Background Information

Ocean accounts organise social, economic and environmental information to enable coherent measurement and management of progress towards sustainable ocean development, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant national, regional and global commitments.

The [Global Ocean Accounts Partnership \(GOAP\)](#) was established to enable countries and other stakeholders to go beyond GDP to effectively measure and manage progress towards ocean sustainable development. GOAP aims to support at least 30 countries by 2030 to build complete sequences of national ocean accounts and co-create knowledge products that support the development of globally accepted and standardised ocean accounting practices by 2023. Co-Chaired by UNESCAP and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, GOAP brings together governments, international organizations, and research institutions to build a global community of practice for ocean accounting.

Since its founding in 2019, GOAP has hosted two Global Dialogues on Ocean Accounting. The inaugural Dialogue in [2019](#) was co-hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and was attended by representatives from 17 governments and other stakeholders. The second Dialogue in [2021](#) was hosted by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and was attended by representatives from 27 governments and stakeholders from over 60 countries. [The Third Global Dialogue on Ocean Accounting](#) will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, and is co-hosted by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). This year's Dialogue builds on the previous two editions to reflect on the accelerating progress of ocean accounting globally and discuss practical opportunities for collaboration and action. Discussions will lay the foundation for the creation of an agenda for action to further ocean accounting efforts globally, as well as strengthen efforts to go beyond GDP to measure and manage progress towards sustainable development of the ocean.

Objectives of the Dialogue

This year's Dialogue aims to bring together governments, international organisations, research institutions, and other stakeholders to:

- Reflect on the accelerated progress of ocean accounting to discuss the state of ocean accounting globally in 2022.
- Explore country experiences with initiating, implementing and using ocean accounts and share lessons learned, best practices and challenges.
- Showcase what ocean accounts can deliver for different institutions as a foundation of more sustainable decision-making.
- Discuss potential elements of an agenda for action to further ocean accounting efforts globally.
- Identify needs and options for follow-up events in 2022 to continue the development of the agenda for action, including its implementation.



Practical details

- Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022
- Time: 08:30 London (UTC +1), 14:30 Jakarta/Bangkok (UTC +7), 18:30 Sydney (UTC +11)
- Event format: 3hour Zoom event
- Registration: <http://bit.ly/3rd-oceanaccounting>
- Co-Hosts: MMAF and DEFRA
- Event organisers: REKAM Nusantara (a.rosdiana@rekam.org) and GOAP (info@oceanaccounts.org)
- Supporters:
 - UNESCAP
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - The High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (Ocean Panel)
 - UNSW's Sustainable Development Reform Hub
 - Cape Peninsula University of Technology
 - Centre for Blue Economy, Monterey

Provisional agenda

The Dialogue agenda features a combination of plenary sessions¹ and facilitated breakout groups². The plenary sessions will include ocean accounting pilot presentations from around the world. The facilitated breakout discussions³ are designed to provide an open conversation space for participants interested in initiating, implementing and using ocean accounts.

Jakarta	London	Session	Notes	Chair
14:30	08:30	Opening session (20 mins)	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sakti Wahyu Trenggono, Minister for Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia • The Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith, Minister for Pacific and the Environment, United Kingdom • Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, UNESCAP Executive Secretary • Introduction and status update: Ben Milligan, Secretariat Director, GOAP 	Ms. Rahma Alia
14:50	08:50	Ocean accounts initiation, implementation and use (60 mins)	Presentations from eight ocean accounts pilots from around the world highlighting initiation, implementation and use cases. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maldives: Ilham Atho Mohamed, Senior Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, the Maldives • South Africa and Mozambique: Ken Findlay, Country Program Lead, Africa Community of Practice, GOAP & CPUT Research Chair: Ocean Economies • Fiji: Rup Singh, Senior Lecturer (Economics and Official Statistics), The University of the South Pacific Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia: Irfan Yulianto, Rekam Nusantara Foundation and IPB University 	Ms. Rahma Alia

¹ Plenary sessions will be hosted as public fora.

² To support an open dialogue, breakout discussions will be subject to the Chatham House Rule.

³ A package of technical background documentation (supported by the UK Blue Planet Fund) will be circulated prior to the event.



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15:50	09:50	Break (5 mins)	Participants join breakout groups	
15:55	09:55	Three breakout groups: towards an agenda for action (60 mins)	<p><u>Initiation and scoping</u> of ocean accounts: focusing on demonstrating the relevance and value of ocean accounts in different decision-making contexts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Firdaus Agung, Coastal Management Planner, MMAF • Discussant: Tai Loureiro, Research Associate and Program Coordinator, Africa Community of Practice, GOAP & Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Sustainable Oceans, CPUT • Representative of Norway <p><u>Implementation</u> of ocean accounts: focusing on technical approaches and methods required for effective delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Ken Findlay, Country Program Lead, Africa Community of Practice, GOAP & CPUT Research Chair: Oceans Economy • Discussant: Charlie Colgan, Research Director, Center for the Blue Economy, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey <p><u>Use</u> of ocean accounts: focusing on establishing enduring connections between the accounts and different decision-making processes concerning ocean sustainable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Jonathon Khoo, Director, Centre for Environmental and Satellite Accounts at Australian Bureau of Statistics • Discussant: Rizky Haryanto, Research Project Lead for Climate Adaptation Strategies, WRI Indonesia 	MMAF, CPUT, DAWE
16:55	10:55	Break (5 mins)	Rapporteurs collect notes	
17:00	11:00	Report to Plenary (20 mins)	Breakout groups report back to the plenary by rapporteur	Ms. Rahma Alia
17:20	11:20	Concluding session (10 mins)	Outlining the way forward and potential elements for an agenda for action	Ben Milligan, Secretariat Director, GOAP