

Africa Ocean Forum Call for Action

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Call to Action

Facilitate the self-empowerment of coastal indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and the youth:

1. Affirm the critical role of IPLCs and youth, acknowledging their indigenous and local knowledge vital for conservation, and as stewards and custodians of the planet's future, and ensuring their active and meaningful participation in planning, decision-making, and management of coastal and ocean resources.
2. Enhance IPLCs and youths' beneficiation from the ocean, including through opportunities that diversify and optimise culturally appropriate benefits from a regenerative blue economy that re-connects communities to their environment, while conserving biodiversity, whilst taking into consideration the need for legal recognition.
3. Create innovative funding mechanisms for concessional financing to coastal IPLCs and young entrepreneurs in innovative vironment, dist

11. Promote establishment of transboundary marine conservation areas for ecological connectivity and the recognition of seascapes and locally managed marine areas for positive biodiversity, socio-economic and local livelihoods outcomes.
12. Support the moratorium on deep-sea mining until a criteria including the

20. Ensure that Regenerative Blue Economy policies and actions are harmonised, concrete, specific and are informed by science and local and indigenous knowledge, and that regional frameworks integrate the regeneration principle and are supported by scientific metrics.
21. Facilitate knowledge exchange and data-sharing among African and global practitioners for a comprehensive understanding of ocean systems, including the high seas and deep sea.

31. Innovative funding models for ocean conservation through implementation of convertible grants that transform into concessional loans based on project revenue, ensuring financed projects promote sustainable practices and uplift community livelihoods beyond fisheries.
32. Engage governments at all levels to identify priority geographies and sectors, to