Hello OA Alliance Members,

Thank you to those who could join us last Friday to discuss the OA Alliance's role at the upcoming UN SDG 14 Conference.

As discussed, the OA Alliance plans to submit a voluntary commitment as called for by the UN President of the 71st General Assembly and other conference organizers.

Please review the draft voluntary commitment proposed below on behalf of the OA Alliance and send us any feedback or edits to the commitment and deliverables by Wednesday, April 26th at 5pm PT. Please send all feedback or edits to Jessie@OAalliance.org.

Draft Description of OA Alliance Voluntary Commitment:

The International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification (Alliance) is a network of governments and affiliate (NGOs, universities, businesses, and associations) members responding to the threats of ocean acidification and changing ocean conditions.
The Alliance will build a coalition of 60+ governments and affiliate members who are committed to taking actions to combat ocean acidification, both within their region and globally.

Alliance members will take meaningful actions within their jurisdiction, as allowed by their existing capacity, to develop Ocean Acidification Action Plans. The Action Plans will assist in the implementation of UN SDG 14.3 by advancing the five goals identified in the Alliance Call to Action:

1. Advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification.
2. Take meaningful actions to reduce causes of acidification.
3. Protect the environment and coastal communities from impacts of a changing ocean.
4. Expand public awareness and understanding of acidification.
5. Build sustained support for addressing this global problem.

The Alliance will work to elevate ocean health, ocean acidification and other changing ocean conditions in future climate agreements, acknowledging the critical ecological and economic impacts of a changing ocean and the linkage to action that address those impacts.

Draft OA Alliance Voluntary Commitment Deliverables:

Deliverable 1:
Increase Alliance to 60 government and affiliate members
Date of completion: June, 2018

Deliverable 2:
Support the development of 15 Ocean Acidification Action Plans
Date of completion: June, 2019

Latest Draft of the UN Call For Action Declaration
For those of you who are interested, I have linked the most recent UN Call For Action draft here. This draft will likely receive several more rounds of edits and changes by UN Members before the conference in June. If you would like to learn more about this process, or how the OA Alliance is engaging, please contact us.

Still Time to Submit Your Own Unique Voluntary Commitment to the UN SDG 14 Conference

As discussed during our call on Friday, there is still time for OA Alliance members to submit their own unique government or organization commitment to the UN in order to help support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Remember:
• Accreditation is not needed - anyone can make a commitment
• Open platform - government or organizations can do more than one
• Each commitment should be very specific, focusing only on one target per commitment
• Cover page can be added with your organization logo/seal
• Will be made public on UN SDG 14 Conference website

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