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Thank you to everyone who joined our OA Alliance webinar on July 20th. A recap of the webinar is available below for those who joined and those that couldn't make it. As always, please direct any questions or inquires to Jessie@OAalliance.org.

Thank you!



New Members:

The OA Alliance welcomed the following members:

- The Unites Arab Emirates
- The Nisqually Tribe
- Tuvalu
- New Zealand Ocean Acidification Community
- University Cote D'Azur
- J. Hunter Pearls
- University of Otago Ocean Acidification Theme

- Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute

Thank you for joining the OA Alliance's efforts to combat and adapt to ocean acidification. We are glad to have you.

Events & Updates:

The OA Alliance participated in the United Nations Ocean Conference in New York July 5th-9th

- A Voluntary Commitment was presented by California Secretary for Natural Resources, John Laird. In the announcement, Secretary Laird stated the 5 goals of the OA Alliance Call to Action, our commitment to have 60 members by June 2018 and 15 OA Action Plans by June 2019, and invited other UN Member Nations to join.
- A successful side event was hosted by the OA Alliance with participation from Chile, France, Tuvalu, the State of California, the State of Washington, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Taylor Shellfish and Scripps Institute of Oceanography. It focused on the global responses to changing ocean conditions, challenges and solutions on the US West Coast, and the development of government OA Action plans.

The Our Oceans Conference 2017 is taking place in Malta on October 5th-6th

- OA Alliance is seeking to participate and register an updated commitment from 2016. Additionally, we are seeking to host an informal side meeting of current OA Alliance members in Malta.
- If you are attending the OOC in October and interested in participating in OA Alliance activities there, please contact Jessie@OAalliance.org

COP23 is taking place in Bonn, Germany on November 6th-17th

- The OA Alliance is working on a side event proposal for Oceans Day which will highlight a diverse set of OA Alliance members and underscore the need to:
 - 1) reduce carbon reductions, as called for by the Paris Climate agreement,
 - 2) develop regional strategies (OA Action Plans) that help countries and

subnational governments adapt and build resiliency along their coastlines- a critical step to protecting at risk resources, ecosystems and economies.

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We received updates on ocean acidification and climate work from government members Chile, France, Oregon, and California and affiliate member Monterey Bay Aquarium. We look forward to welcoming additional updates from members during the next webinar in September. We will be sending a save the date and agenda for the next webinar in the coming weeks.

Staying Connected and Learning About You:

Please expect an email in August containing:

- A "Letter of Commitment" which formalizes your membership of the OA Alliance.
- A Member Profile Questionnaire which will provide an opportunity to tell the OA Alliance more about your specific concerns, interests, areas of expertise and desired scope of engagement with the OA Alliance.

We appreciate you taking the time to reply to the questionnaire and look forward to engaging with you over the coming year as we work together to elevate the issue of ocean acidification and create OA Action plans that address threats in your region.



Our E-Newsletter

If you know of others who would be interested or benefit from receiving updates on the OA Alliance members' activities and plans for addressing ocean acidification in their regions, please encourage them to sign up for the newsletter by [visiting our website at OAalliance.org](#).



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