The OA Alliance calls for the creation of OA ACTION PLANS which describe the actions members will take (or are taking) to better understand and respond to the threat of ocean acidification and other climate-ocean impacts within their regions.

Not all OA Action plans will have the same framework or structure, as there is no "one-size fits all." Some may create a stand-alone OA Action Plan; incorporate OA actions into existing climate action plans, ocean and coastal policies; or add an OA focus into national adaptation and resiliency strategies.

**STEP 1**  Identify local resources and concerns  
Economy, Ecosystem, Species, Culture & Tradition

**STEP 2**
- Are there entities or departments working on OA in your region?  
- Choose vehicle for OA efforts  
  - Existing climate, ocean or coastal plan?  
  - New OA Action Plan?  
- Map partners and build a coalition to help draft

**STEP 3**  Begin outlining the existing or future actions you might include:
- Mitigate causes  
- Assess vulnerabilities  
- Identify local research & monitoring gaps  
- Build adaptation & resilience  
- Educate public & other departments

**STEP 4**  What other entities can you work with to help implement the plan?  
- Coordinate with other governments as a region  
- Continue to engage public, local policy makers, impacted industries and community stakeholders  
- Collaborate with other networks to advance monitoring and science

**STEP 5**  Implement, help fund and update as needed to ensure adaptive management

**OA ACTION PLANS SHOULD HELP ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**
1) What species, economies, communities and cultures are currently or may be impacted by OA in my region?
2) Are there steps that my government/organization can take to raise awareness?
3) Is there anything that my government can do now that will make a difference?
4) How should my government prioritize actions that maximize our resources?
5) How does OA fit into existing management frameworks?
6) How does action on OA support existing high-level multilateral commitments?

See examples at [www.OAalliance.org](http://www.OAalliance.org)