



‘National Decade Committees’ Forum’ at WESTPAC-XIV, Apr. 5, 2023

Japan’s National Committee for the UN Decade of Ocean Science

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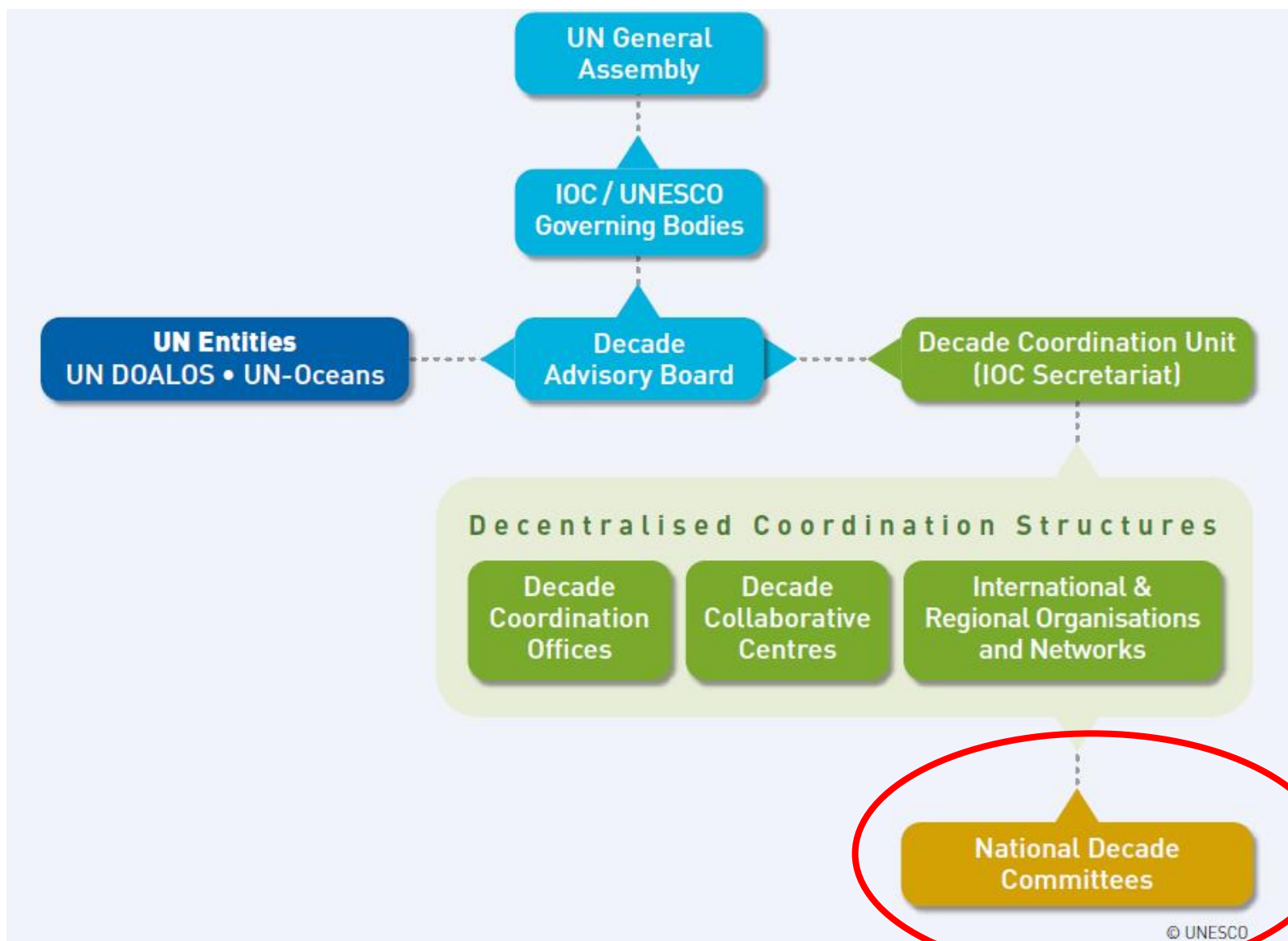
Regional Consultative Workshop in Tokyo, Jul. 31- Aug. 2, 2019

Jointly organized by IOC/WESTPAC and PICES* with financial supports by MEXT, Japan, and convened by IOC/WESTPAC, PICES, Japanese Nat. Comm. for IOC, JAMSTEC and AORI/U Tokyo
Approx. 160 participants from 18 countries joined the discussion.

*PICES: North Pacific Marine Science Organization



Governance and coordination for the Decade implementation





Japanese National Committee for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development



Established on 25 Feb. 2021

Japanese Working Group for the UN Ocean Decade

Kick off meeting on 31 Aug. 2020

MEXT:
Research and Development Bureau, Ocean Earth Division
Japanese National Commission for UNESCO
(Office of the Director-General for International Affairs)
IOC Subcommittee

Academic Societies (JOS, JSOI, etc.), Universities (UTokyo, TUMSAT, etc.), Research Institutes (JAMSTEC, FRA, MRI, etc.)
Private Companies / Organizations

Ministries and Agencies (as observers)
House of Councilors,
Cabinet Office General Ocean Policy Headquarters,
MOFA, MLIT, MOE
Japan Coast Guard, Japan Meteorological Agency, Japan Science and Technology Agency, etc.

UN Ocean Decade Coordination Unit
UNESCO/IOC Office



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission



Membership of the Committee (as of Feb. 2023)

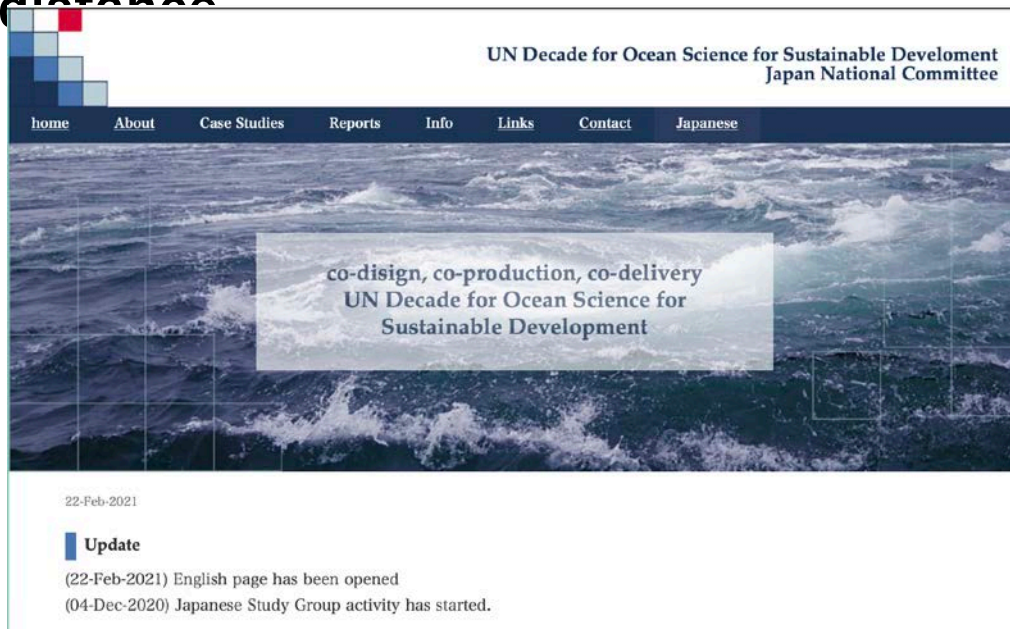
Co-Chair	Atsushi SUNAMI, President, Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Co-Chair	Shigeki SAKAMOTO, President, Japan Society of Ocean Policy (KSOP)
Member	Naomi HARADA, The University of Tokyo
	Yasukiyo HORIUCHI, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)
	Takeshi KAWANO, JAMSTEC
	Kaoru KUBOKAWA, Teikyo University
	Yutaka MICHIDA, The University of Tokyo
	Hide SAKAGUCHI, OPRI
	Satoshi TANAKA, The University of Tokyo
	Mitsuo UEMATSU, Center for Environmental Sciences in Saitama
	Mitsuyuki UNNO, Nippon Foundation
	9 DG level members from related Ministries including Cabinet Office, MEXT, MOFA, MLIT, MOEJ, JMA, JCG, JFA
Advisor	Kuniko INOGUCHI, The House of Councilors
	Ken ANDO, Co-Chair, IOC-WESTPAC
Secretariat	OPRI and JSOP

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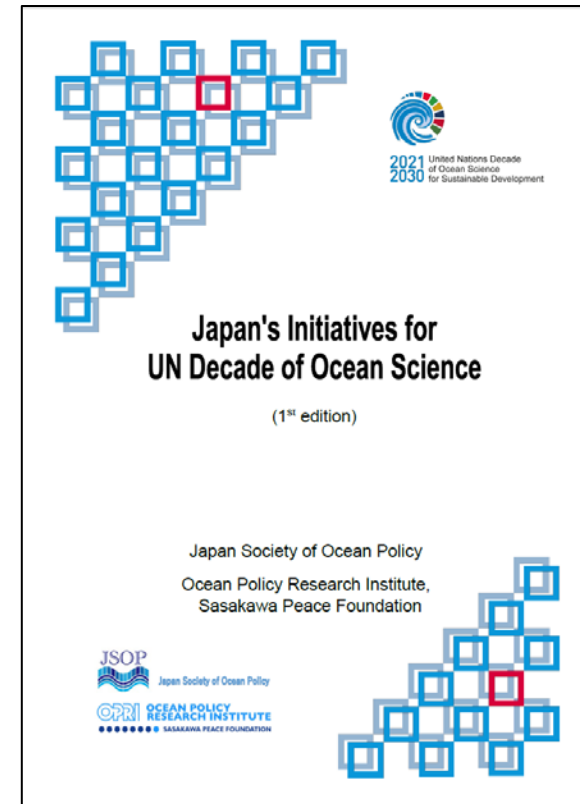
- 1) Promotion of collaborative initiatives across various stakeholders at the domestic, interregional, and international levels, and liaison and coordination related thereto.
- 2) Preparation of annual reports and periodic reports on the Ocean Decade in Japan.
- 3) Dissemination and enlightenment and public relations to raise awareness and interests in the Ocean Decade.
- 4) Other matters that need to be dealt with by the Committee. (e.g., monitoring and evaluation of activity in Japan)



Workshop of the Ocean Decade with social distance



The website was launched in December 2020. <https://oceandecade.jp/en/>



A booklet summarizing the ongoing activities in Japan which will contribute to the UN Ocean Decade.

A keynote session at UT23(Underwater Technology 2023)

A keynote session entitled 'UN Decade of Ocean Science' was organized by Michida at the UT23 (Underwater Technology 2023), Tokyo, Mar. 6-9, 2023, aiming at encouraging marine engineering community to join and contribute to the Decade. Marine engineering innovation is essentially important to achieve better the societal outcomes of the Decade.

- Introduction (Yutaka Michida)
- UN Decade and engineering (Vladimir Ryabinin)
- Regional perspectives including capacity development (Noraieni Haji Mokhtar)
- Discussion moderated by Michida



One Planet, One Ocean



‘Horizontal’ network among NDCs will contribute to effective implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science.



Drafting the Decade Implementation Plan by EPG



Executive planning Group (EPG)

Coordinated by IOC ES



19 Members from **6 UN Regional groups**
Selected by IOC Officers through a broadly disseminated Call for nominations

Representing relevant and varied field of expertise:

- International programmes in ocean science and its numerous applications;
- sustainable development of oceans;
- science-policy interface and;
- capacity development.

1st EPG Meeting
17-19 December 2018, Paris

EPG Main tasks:

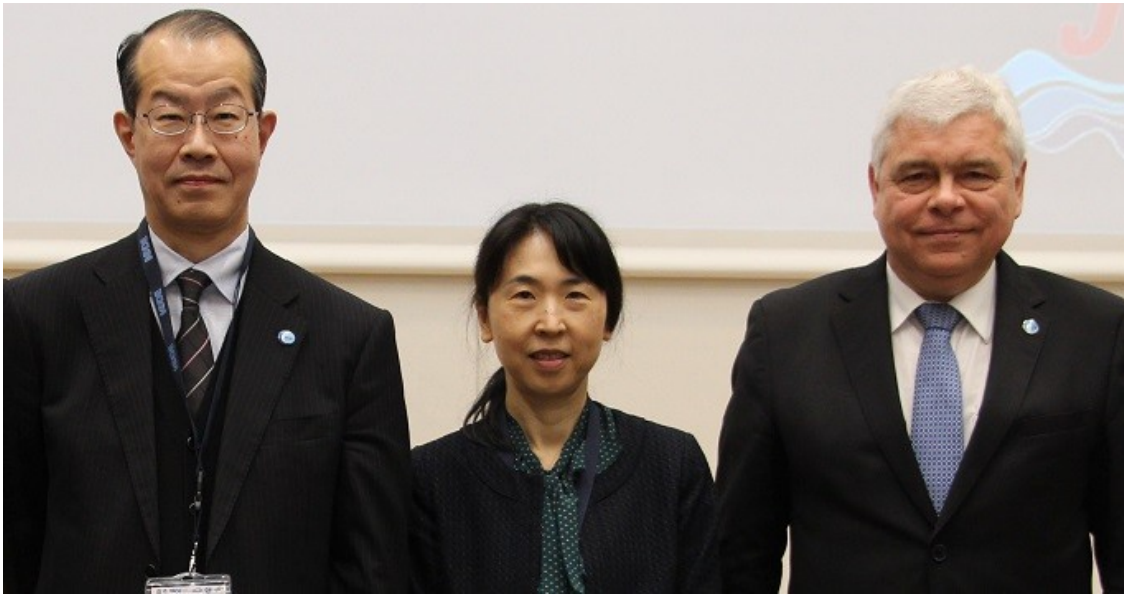
- Provide advice on the **form and structure of the Decade** including governance arrangements;
- Support the **drafting of Implementation Plan** for the Decade, to be finalised for UNGA consideration;
- **Engage and consult relevant communities** – advise on the engagement process and actively participate (Decade's ambassadors).



Extra-budgetary contribution to Decade preparation

Ms. Mami OYAMA, the Director General for International Affairs of MEXT, met Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, the Executive Secretary of the IOC, at the occasion of the 25th Session of IODE* held in Tokyo, February 2019, and expressed Japan's contribution to the preparatory activities for UN Decade of Ocean Science.

*IODE: International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange



(from right) Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Ms. Mami Oyama, and Yutaka Michida (co-chair of IODE),
Feb. 19, 2019

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