

SUBMISSION BY THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS ON POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR THE OCEANS AND CLIMATE CHANGE DIALOGUE 2022

The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) in response to the encouragement by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) Chair's message to Parties to submit possible topics pursuant to Paragraph 61 of Decision 1/CP.26 Glasgow Climate Pack; to hold an annual dialogue to strengthen ocean-based action to take place in conjunction with SBSTA 56 in June 2022.

At COP 26, the AGN acknowledged the Oceans dialogue held virtually in November 2020 and welcome the informal summary report on the dialogues by the SBSTA Chair. However, the group reiterates the high dependence on fish for protein intake in its communities' diets since many African Countries are on the coast and some of our countries are mountainous, therefore, protection of our costal and marine resources is paramount to our communities

Possible topics

AGN takes the IPCC report on Oceans seriously and requests unpacking the report for better understanding and consideration of how the continent is impacted.

What could be the role of oceans and coastal-marine ecosystems as well as identify gaps in science and knowledge, policy guidance, methodological approaches, capacity building and other means of implementation to support global and national action, in particular availability and accessibility to dedicated financial resources through MDBs, International Financial sources, bilateral and multilateral cooperation... Similarly, further understanding of the impacts of climate change on coastal and island communities in crafting effective policy solutions.

Scope and nature of required climate action, through UNFCCC established mechanisms clarify the scope and nature of required climate action

Ocean Pollution:

Plastic pollution; oil spills, chemical waste; sewage waste, knowledge of oceanographic studies in Africa; explanation of change in ocean current modification in relation to climate change