

# **Enabling sustainable, resilient and inclusive blue economies**

Introducing a practical '*Sustainable Blue Economy  
Transition Framework*'

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# How can countries develop sustainable, climate resilient and equitable blue economies?

UNEP's **vision** for an ambitious, strategic and equitable Sustainable Blue Economy is one in which the sustainable use and conservation of ocean and coastal resources generates equitable benefits for people; protects and restores healthy ocean ecosystems; and contributes to the delivery of global ambitions for a sustainable future.

## Guiding principles for a Sustainable Blue Economy:

- #1 Protects, restores and regenerates healthy ecosystems
- #2 Delivers inclusive and equitable processes and outcomes
- #3 Enables climate stability and resilience
- #4 Delivers sustainable consumption and production
- #5 Applies circular economy approaches



# Enabling policy coherence for ocean sustainability

Delivering ocean policy to support a Sustainable Blue Economy cannot be achieved in isolation and must be implemented across government. To do this effectively, we must consider:

- How to account for socio-ecological concerns along economic considerations for more sustainable policy across all policy areas?
- How to address competition between policy areas and economic drivers that seemingly conflict with environmental priorities?
- How will new policy interact with and influence existing policy and regulatory regimes?
- How to incorporate the views of stakeholders and communities?
- How to measure progress and ensure feedback from implementation to policy making and adapt approaches as required?

# Sustainable Blue Economy in Practice Transition Framework

## 1. Understanding the system

- Policy / institutional baseline
- Economic baseline
- Social baseline
- Environmental baseline
- System links and integration

Supporting countries navigate a pathway to a sustainable future: Identifies starting point; develops a shared vision; and delivers this vision through a strategic process of planning and implementation

## 2. Action for Change: Strategic planning

- Develop SBE Vision – measurable targets
- Policy options
- Sector options
- Public expenditure planning and sustainable financing
- Coherence analysis
- Sustainable blue economy integrated policy framework

*Sustainable Blue Economy Action Plan, Roadmap, Blueprint, etc*

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Synergies with existing processes  
Implementation Options  
Knowledge and data flows

# IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

*(in prep.)*

## **Phase 1. Understanding the system**

Integrated Ecosystem Assessment [DPSIR]  
Green fiscal policy assessment  
Socio-economic Assessments  
Ocean accounting [SEEA-Oceans]  
Inclusive Wealth Index  
Natural capital mapping & assessment  
Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessments

## **Phase 2. Strategic planning**

Scenario analysis and back-scattering  
Strategic Environmental assessment  
Sectoral interaction matrices  
Public and private finance mechanisms/guidance

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Leadership and change management  
Coalition building  
Guidance on Blue Financing Principles

## **Phase 3. Implementation**

Marine Spatial Planning step-wise guide [IOC/UNESCO]  
Blue Planning in Practice  
Taking Steps to Ecosystem-based Management [UNEP]  
MPA Learning Platform  
SBE Knowledge Framework

## **Phase 4. Evaluation and Adaptation**

Monitoring and evaluation framework with headline indicators for SBE guiding principles  
Review and adaptation  
Deliberative stakeholder engagement

## Possible steps to support sustainable blue economies in Caribbean

- Develop regional/national 'roadmap' or Blueprint for integrated Sustainable Blue Economy policy
- Identify institutional structures that optimize synergies with existing processes and policy
- Facilitate development and delivery of integrated policy that address environmental dimension of blue economy
- Use SBE Transition Framework as 'diagnostic tool' to assess status and options for blue economy development, investments and institutional strengthening
- Consider Sustainable Blue Economy Financing Principles and guidance ('Turning the Tide')

### Capacity building:

- Prepare capacity building strategy [assess needs, identify training resources, guidance]
- Deliver regional training and in-country pilot-application of SBE Transition Framework
- Support knowledge-sharing, 'Caribbean Community of Practice on Blue Economy'?

Thank you

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