

## **Joint PICES Study Group/ICES Council Strategic Initiative to plan participation in the UN Decade of Ocean Science (ICES–PICES Ocean Decade/IPOD-SC)**

**Parent Committees:** PICES Science Board/ICES Council  
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### **Terms of Reference:**

1. Define and describe the joint scientific activities of ICES, PICES and partner organizations that will contribute to UN Ocean Decade societal outcomes.
2. Draft a strategy that prioritizes engagement with early career ocean professionals, indigenous communities, developing nations, and recognizes the importance of promoting diversity and gender equity in our activities.
3. Identify and engage partner organizations to ensure their full participation in this process.
4. Develop a UN Ocean Decade Activity proposal for endorsement by UNESCO-IOC, with new and existing partners, allowing for participation of additional partners throughout the Decade.
5. Develop recommendations for new and existing ICES and PICES Expert Groups to implement and maintain the Programme activities, and also encourage and support expert group participation in all aspects of the UN Ocean Decade.