



**Webinar on “Strengthening the science-policy interface for ocean sustainability”**

**Statement**

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processes actively consider the best available knowledge, and ensure that policy decisions are firmly rooted in such knowledge, all the while remaining open and adaptive to new discoveries over time.

But I will stop here, as the objective of this event is to explore these very considerations.

I will however conclude on a note of some urgency, as the forthcoming WOA confirms without ambiguity that the trends are not positive, and that the many benefits that the ocean provides are at risk due to a general failure to achieve integrated management of human uses of the ocean.

But I strongly believe that working together, redoubling our efforts, we can reverse the cycle of decline. The Regular Process and the Decade will be critical in this regard. They allow for a coordinated and global mobilization in support of the science

