

A potential financing facility for a sustainable blue future.

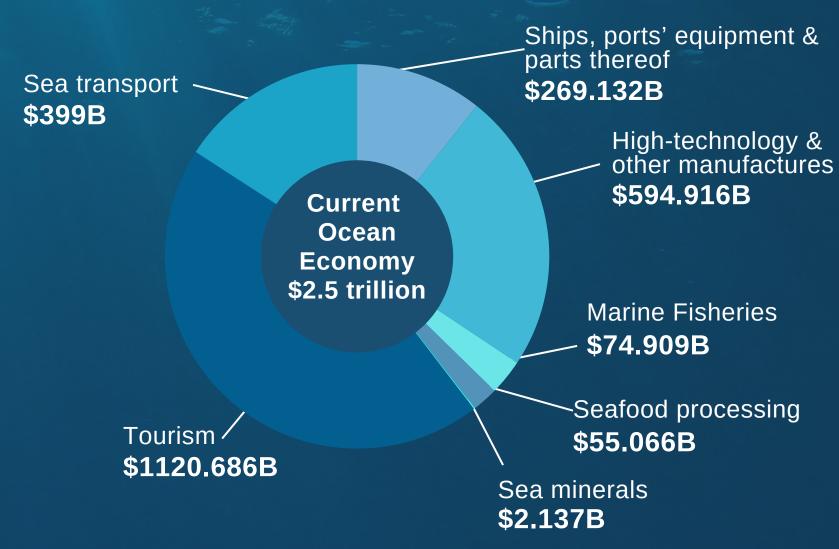
OCEAN ECONOMY BACKGROUND

The ocean economy contributes approximately **US\$2.5 trillion**¹ **annually to global GDP**, with projections suggesting this could surpass US\$3 trillion by 2030. The total **economic value of global ocean assets**—encompassing both direct outputs and indirect impacts—reaches **US\$24 trillion.**³

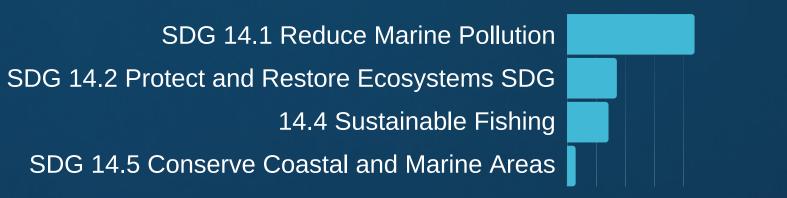
Despite this, ocean ecosystems are being rapidly depleted. SDG 14 (Life Below Water) remains the least funded of the 2030 Agenda, with an annual funding gap of US\$174.52 billion — more than 6x the current level of financial support.

While financing for positive ocean initiatives remains limited, **trillions of dollars in public funding** continue to fuel unsustainable agriculture, overfishing, fossil fuels, and other destructive activities, further damaging ocean health through **harmful subsidies**.

Ocean-Based Industries Export Value



Costs to Achieve SDG14 Targets



WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

The global political and financial landscape is **primed to drive the launch of a transformative ocean finance facility**. With momentum building toward the third UN Ocean Conference, 2025 presents a pivotal opportunity to **turn calls for action into transformative delivery**.

Global recognition:	
Ocean is fundamenta	
to life on Earth	

1,628 pledges by states, CSOs and private sector 6

1st UNOC

Agreement on fisheries subsidies (IUU) Z

Consensus on ocean action priorities 8

Billions of dollars in voluntary commitments and pledges

2nd UNOC

Adoption of the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework 9

Adoption of the
Conservation and
Sustainable use of
Marine Biodiversity in
Areas Beyond National
Jurisdiction (BBNJ)
agreement (including
High Seas Treaty,
DSI/MGR discussions)¹⁰

2017 2022

IMO GHG pricing mechanism gets support from 20+ nations at new Global Financing Pact 11 cop16 agreement on multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of **DSI on genetic resources** 12

Plastic treaty
negotiators 'chair
text' includes
potential for financial
mechanism and
polymer fees 13

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The third conference must offer transformative action... It should provide the solutions the ocean needs, to truly address and resolve key challenges we are facing.

2023

VISION

Aspiration

A global financing facility able to activate the full capital stack – across multiple forms of capital & funding providers – to unlock the billions needed in sustainable ocean financing by 2040

Design Pillars

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Diverse finance channels to to build the ocean finance market

Public/Private Development Finance model led by a 'coalition of the willing'

Win-win financing solutions for industry & ocean ecosystems

Strategic Enablers

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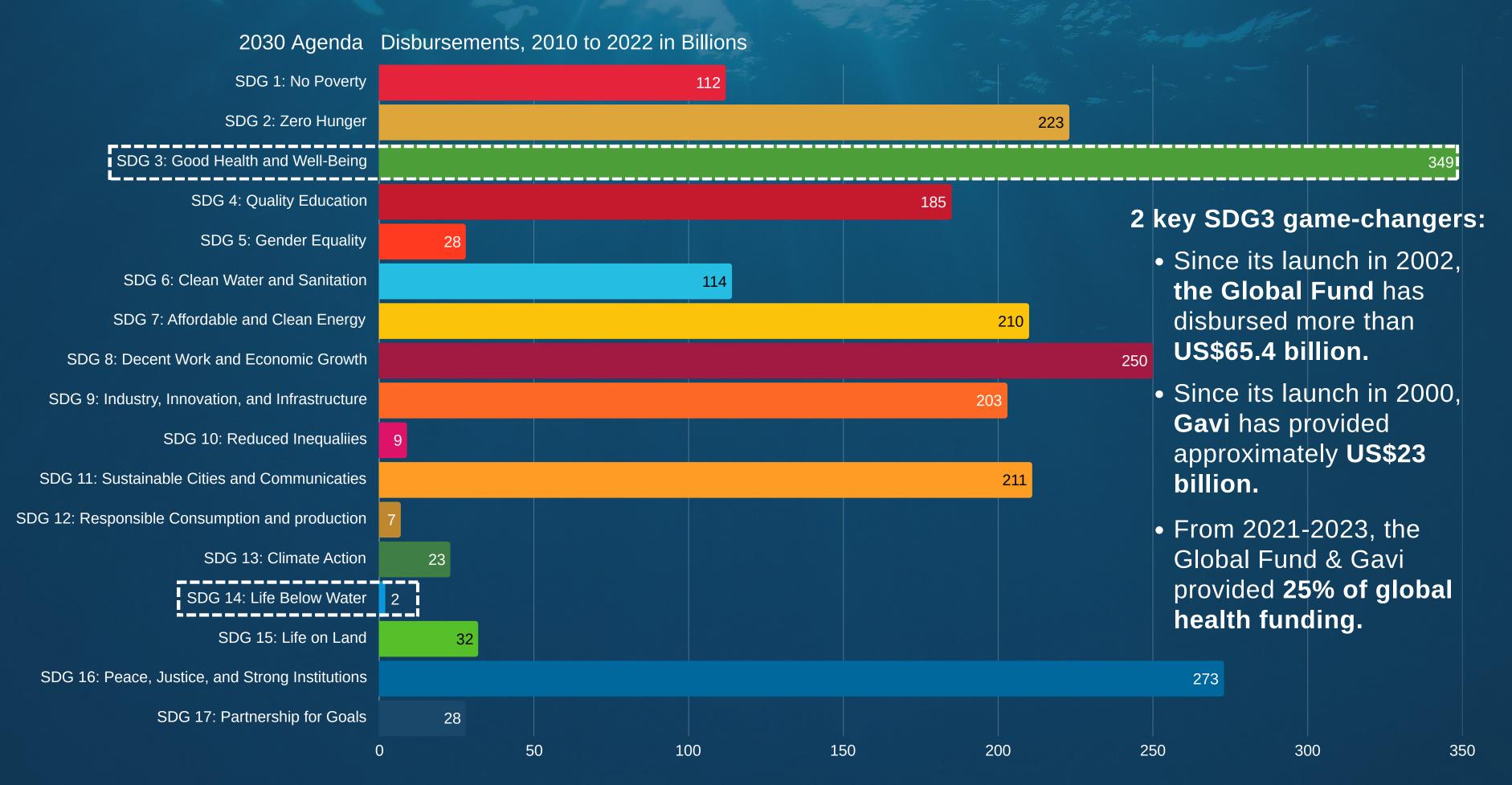
Scalable proceed models & blended finance solutions, to diversify resources

Full participation of the Global South in design & decision-making

Independent governance & timely & accessible funding Flexible financing instruments for the 'missing middle'

Aligns delivery with national and international goals and targets

THE HEALTH SECTOR - SUCCESSFUL MODELS



CURRENT CONCEPTUALIZATION PHASE ENGAGEMENT LEVELS

Development Task Force:

A core team leading the conceptualization of the Facility.

Consultative Group:

Advisory stakeholders fostering strategic collaboration and informed decision-making.

In Dialogue:

20+ states, industry alliance representatives, financial institutions, wider conservation and IGO stakeholders consulted through dialogue series

20* Entities States within Dialogue Series
20* International organizations & UN entities
20* International organizations & UN entities
30* International organizations
30* International organizations



THE WIN-WIN SOLUTION

POSITIVE

Impacts on Ocean Health

Imposed Transition Win-Lose

- Disrupted operations and reduced output
- Imposed regulatory burdens
- High-costs to adopt new practices/ technologies, etc.

Business-as-usual Lose-Lose

- Collapse of marine resource stocks
- Disruptions from climate change
- Societal instability, etc.

Collaborating Win-Win

- Scaled-up sustainable innovations
- Blue infrastructure transition
- Reduced threats to ocean ecosystems
- Improved carbon sink functioning
- Increased marine resource stocks, etc.

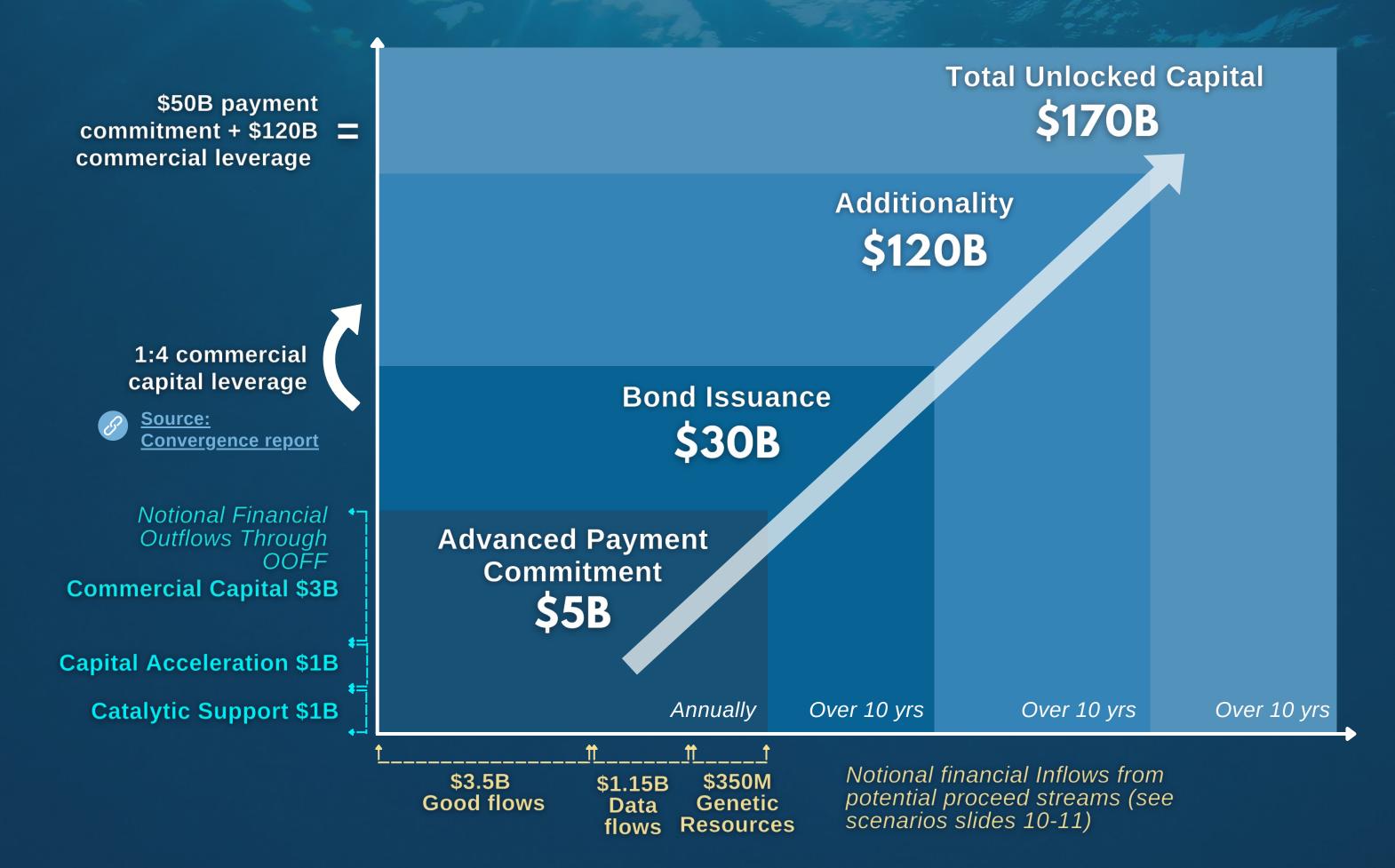
Solutions beneficial for industry & ocean health

Unsustainable Growth Lose-Win

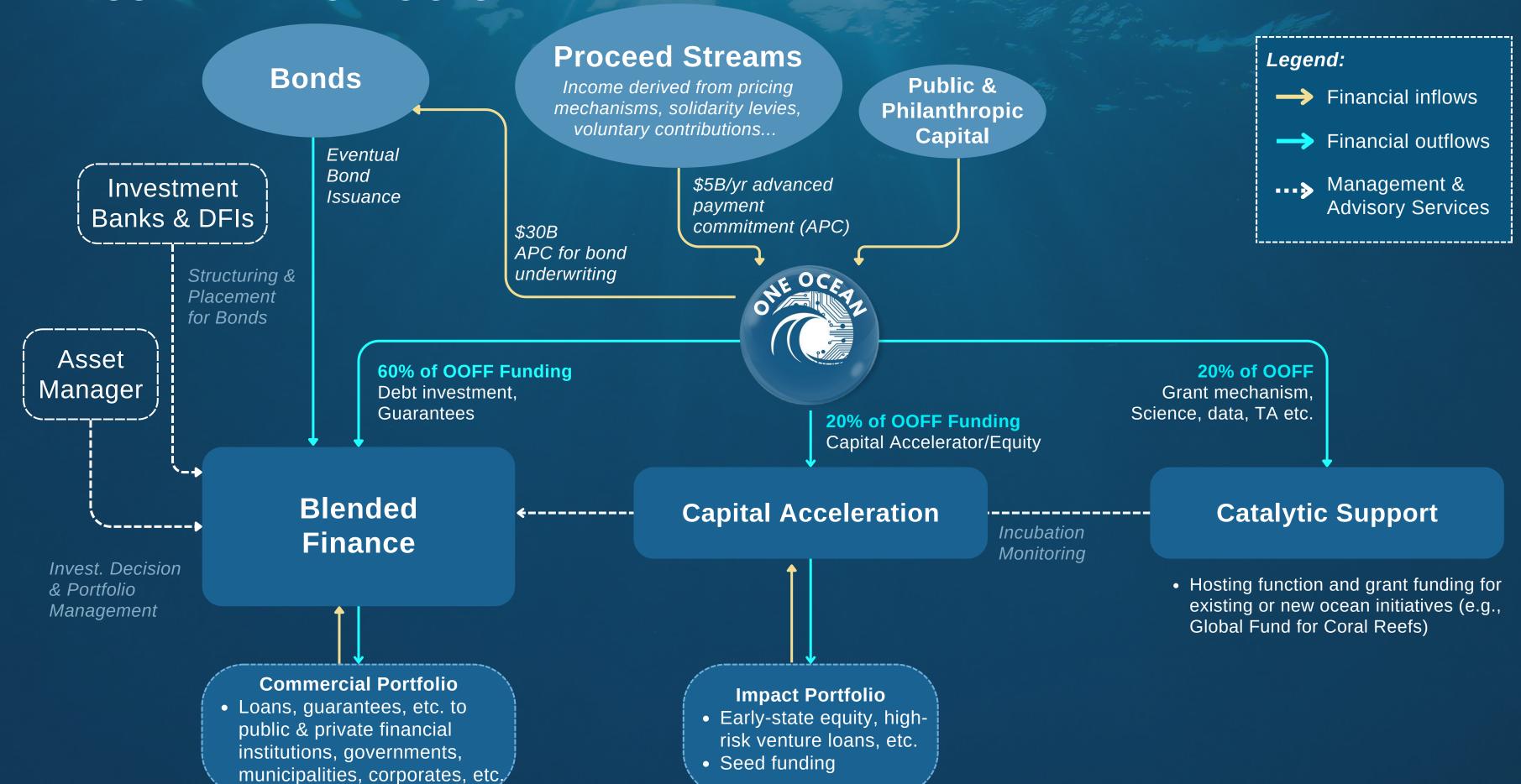
- Lack of sustainable innovation
- Habitat destruction & biodiversity loss
- Depleted blue carbon stocks
- Impacts on coastal livelihoods

NEGATIVE

FINANCING AMBITION BY 2040



ILLUSTRATIVE STRUCTURE



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

Priority I	Investment	Areas

Description of Investment Opportunities (non-exhaustive)

Financial Instruments
Required for Investment

Sustainable Coastal & Ocean Economy Enabling economic systems that responsibly utilise ocean resources for growth, livelihoods, and ecosystem health.

Supported sectors: Sustainable fisheries & aquaculture; waste management; plastic alternatives; sustainable tourism; ports & coastal infrastructure; etc.

Guarantees, concessional loans, first loss, technical assistance

Industrial Innovation

Developing and implementing new technologies, processes, and practices to enhance efficiency, sustainability, and competitiveness in industrial sectors affecting coastal and marine areas.

Supported sectors: Energy (wind, tidal and wave); microplastic & bioplastics; maritime transport; biotechnology, marine sand mining etc.

Quasi-equity, guarantees, concessional loans, first loss, grants, technical assistance

Conservation

Protecting ocean ecosystems, enhancing resilience, and supporting the sustainability of marine resources.

Supported priorities: MPAs; restoration (including blue carbon projects); alternative livelihoods; community-led initiatives; etc.

Grants, reimburseable grants, capital provider

Science, Policy & Data

Enhancing knowledge of ocean health, pollution levels, ecosystem changes and blue economy needs through data & monitoring.

Supported priorities: data platforms/collection systems; environmental assessments; etc.

Grants

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL PROCEED STREAMS

Industries	Projected Industry Reby 2032	venue Potential Proceed Scenarios	Estimated Potential Proceeds
Submarine Cable	\$48.91B 18	Terabyte Scenario: 328M terabytes/day at 1 cent per terabyte yields a potential revenue of \$1.2B/year 17 SWIFT Scenario: 44.8M transactions/day at est. \$44 fees per outgoing transfer via SWIFT 19 = \$1.99B daily fees. A \$.07 USD lead transaction fees yields a potential revenue: \$1.14 billion/year	\$1.15B/year vy
Marine Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals	\$11.2B & \$61.89B ²²	Marine Biotech Levy Scenario: % of revenue from sales and commercialization of products from "Marine Genetic Resource" as tracked & aligned with DSI discussions. ²¹ Add. options: licensing and royalty fees and levies on product sales, import, and export.	\$350M/year
Insurance	\$50.5B ²³	Underwater cables, containers, oil and gas tankers, offshore oil and gas installations, cruise ships and industrial fishing vessels are paying insurance. Insurance premium fees scenario.	TBD
Tourism, off-shore wind energy, shippi plastics, etc.	ng, \$4T+	Viability of additional proceed streams being scoped through consultations with industries and stakeholders.	TBD

PUBLIC-PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE MODEL



Tuberculosis & MalariaProvide for classes of membership

- Self-governing Board to regulate investment & grant-making activities
- Adhere to international standards (governance, transparency, accountability, etc.)

Legal & Liability Framework

*Inspired by GAVI

- Legally responsible within limited liability framework
- States to only assume individual international public law obligations

Risk Management

 Insure against normal perils and unintended harms & Investment Objectives

Financial & Tax

Considerations

• Tax exemption and

incentivize private

investors – or fair

return some upside

"assessment" to

to the institution

Innovative &
 comprehensive
 financial tools
 necessary to achieve
 development
 objectives

Development

- Segregated portfolio cells (public & private investment funds)
- Qualify with the OECD for ODA finance flows

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE SERIES UPDATES

Dialogue	Region	Date	Status
COP16 Cali Side Convening & Bilateral Sessions	Colombia	27 Oct	Completed
State & industry Briefings	Multiple	25-27 Mar	Ongoing
Incheon Panel Presentation	Korea	15 Jan	Completed
SIDS Bilateral Sessions	USA	10-14 Feb	Completed
UNCTAD 5th Oceans Forum Panel Presentations & Bilateral Sessions	Switzerland	3-5 Mar	Completed
World Ocean Summit Panel Presentations & Bilateral Sessions	Japan	12-13 Mar	Completed
Briefing with High-level Ocean Panel	Virtual	20 Mar	Completed
Dialogues on the sidelines of Monaco Blue Initiative	Monaco	23-24 Mar	Completed
Dialogues on the sidelines of SOS Ocean!	France	31 Mar	Completed
Geneva Dialogue Sessions	Switzerland	1-2 Apr	Completed
Busan Dialogue Sessions & Our Ocean Conference	Korea	26-30 Apr	Upcoming

Objectives:

- Thoroughly test and refine the concept through in-depth engagement with key stakeholders
- Solicit feedback from government, industry, financial, and civil society leaders to ensure alignment and relevance



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