UNAI SDG Hubs gathering: Reflections and outlook

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Unlocking UNAI potential in support of the 2030 Agenda

[MORNING SESSION]

Reflections UiB: 2017-2025

- UN Ocean Conference 1 in NYC, June 2017
- UNAI SDG14 Hub Chair since 2018
- IAU SDG14 Cluster Lead since 2018
- SDG Bergen initiative 2018-2021, with the virtual Ocean Sustainability Bergen (OSB) centre as a key, integrated part
- High-level activities: HLPF, UNOC, UNWC, various COPs, BBNJ-UNCLOS
- SDG14 and other SDG-oriented courses, including MA in Sustainability
- Developing ocean science diplomacy initiatives
- UN Ocean Conference 3 in Nice, June 2025

Unlocking the UNAI potential

- How can the UNAI SDG Hubs work collectively to fulfill the potential of the 2030 Agenda?
- Find best practices at our institutions (and from our partners) and share both among the Hubs and more broadly
- Have a strategic approach towards policy-makers to shape the policies of the future to create a world based on the ideas inherent in the SDGs
- Put global equity at the core of this and identify how scientific knowledge can work with other types of knowledge (e.g., local and indigenous) to shape the world
- Literacy campaigns for each SDG and use this as inspiration across the Hubs (at UiB we already work extensively on ‘ocean literacy’ with both local and global partners)
- Meet more regularly, reintroduce the virtual meetings: How do we organise this?
- Create common initiatives: More on that this afternoon

Looking forward to the future
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(planning cooperation initiatives)

[AFTERNOON SESSION]

UNAI SDG14 Hub: 2025-2027

UiB was reappointed as the SDG14 Hub Chair by UNAI for 2025-2027, our third term leading the way on Life Below Water.

In our work as Chair we are joined by these three Vice-Chairs:

1. Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), Brazil: Research
2. University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa: Teaching and education
3. University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji: Outreach and partnerships

Future outlook: the road to 2030

Three main priorities in our role as SDG14 Hub Chair:

1. Ocean Literacy
2. Policy brief series
3. Ocean science diplomacy

1:
Ocean Literacy

2:
Launching UNAI SDG14 Policy Brief series

3:
Developing a global framework for Ocean Science Diplomacy

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