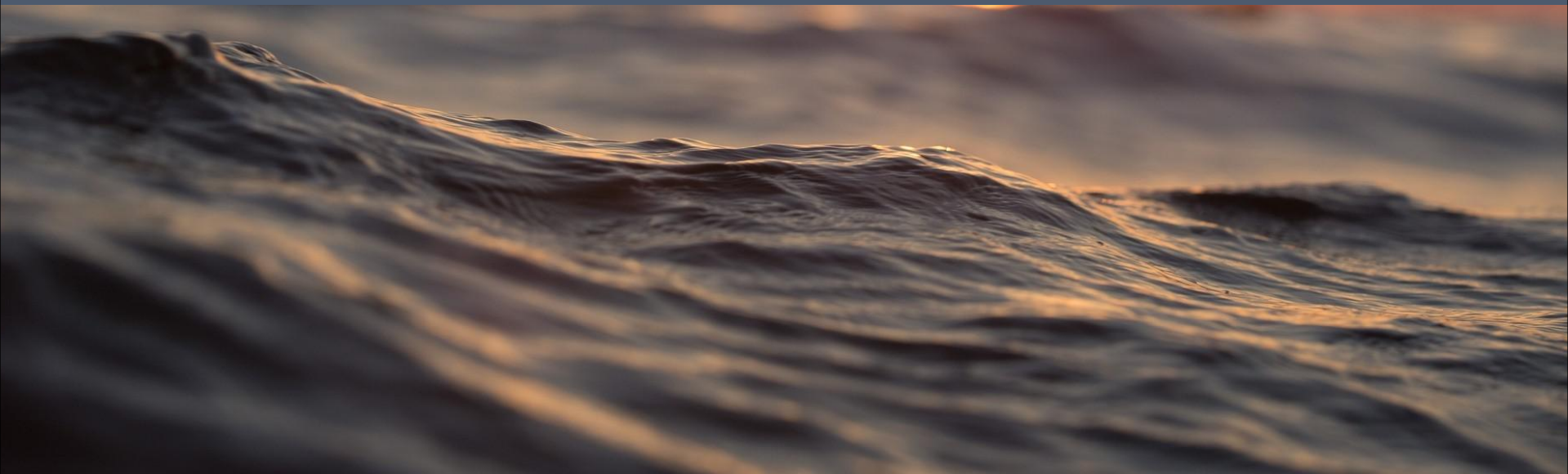


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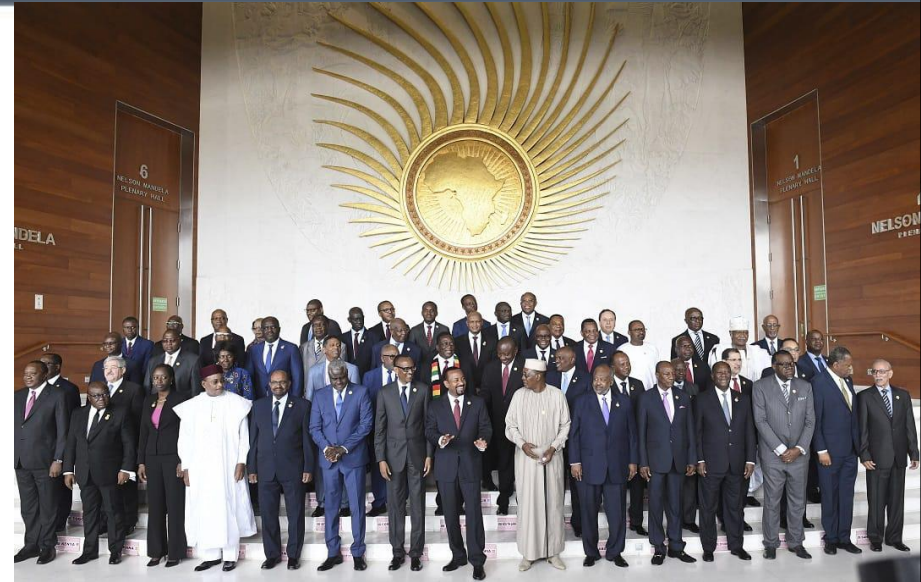
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## Agenda 2063:

“Africa’s Blue/ocean economy...shall be a major contributor to continental transformation and growth, through knowledge on marine and aquatic biotechnology, the growth of an Africa-wide shipping industry, the development of sea, river and lake transport and fishing; and exploitation and beneficiation of deep sea mineral and other resources.”



## **Agenda 2063:**

Enhance Africa's united voice in global negotiations, through pooled sovereignty, integration and the development of common African positions.

Catalyse education and skills revolution and actively promote science, technology, research and innovation, to build knowledge, human capital, capabilities and skills to drive innovations and for the African century

Act with a sense of urgency on climate change and the environment

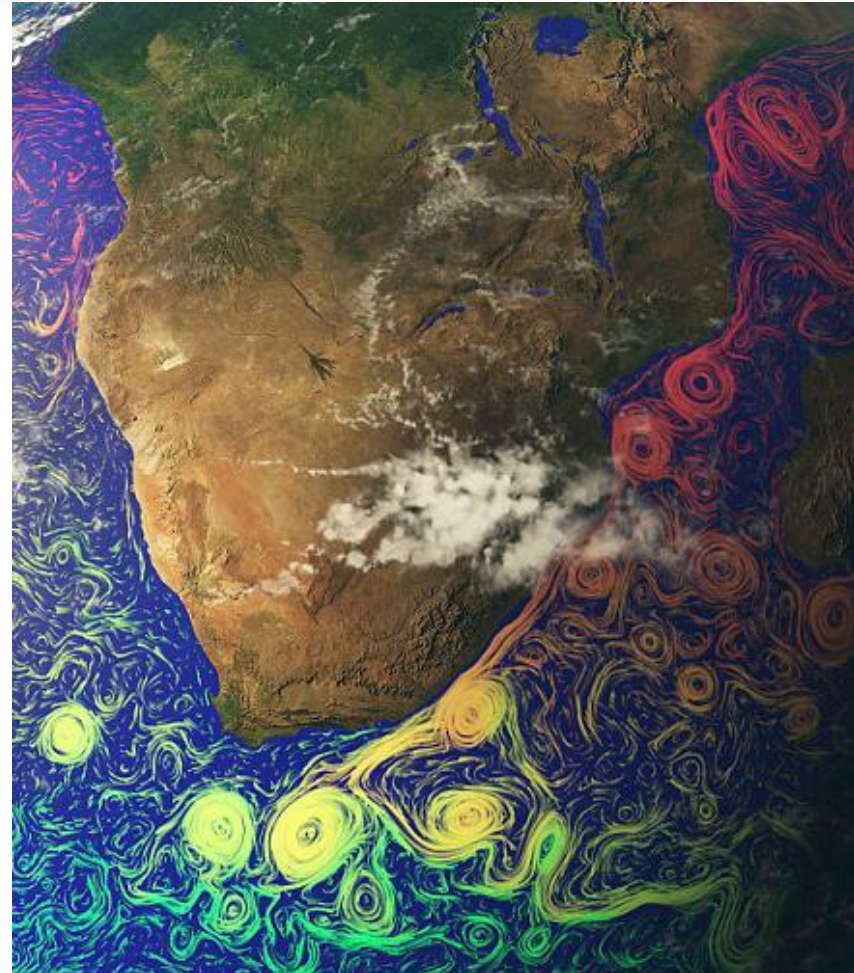
Transform, grow and industrialise our economies through beneficiation and value addition of natural resources



## **2050 AIMS / Lomé Charter**

“...the time has come for Africa to rethink how to manage her inland water ways, oceans and seas.... There is...an urgent imperative to develop a sustainable “Blue Economy” initiative... one that improves African citizens well-being while significantly reducing marine environmental risks as well as ecological and biodiversity deficiencies.”

“The overarching vision of the 2050 AIM Strategy is to foster increased wealth creation from Africa’s oceans and seas by developing a sustainable thriving Blue Economy in a secure and environmentally sustainable manner.”



**African Union Reform Process**

**AUDA-NEPAD**

**African Blue Economy Governance  
Infrastructure**



# International (UN) Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

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Prospects for the Kenyan Blue Economy



Publication

Socio-ecological resilience in South Africa's Blue Economy: the role of marine protected areas



Publication

South Africa's Indian Ocean Rim Association Legacy: A More Inclusive and Open IORA



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The Nexus Between Prosperity in the African Maritime Domain and Maritime Security



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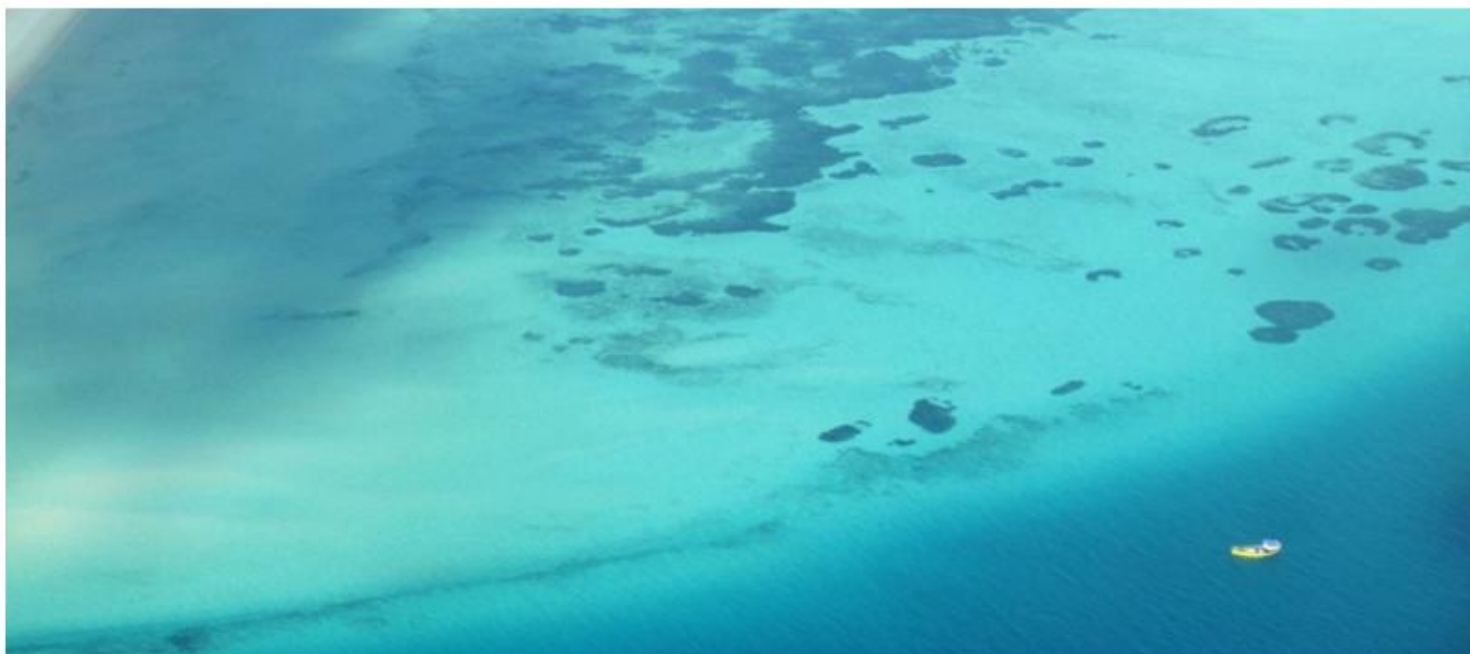
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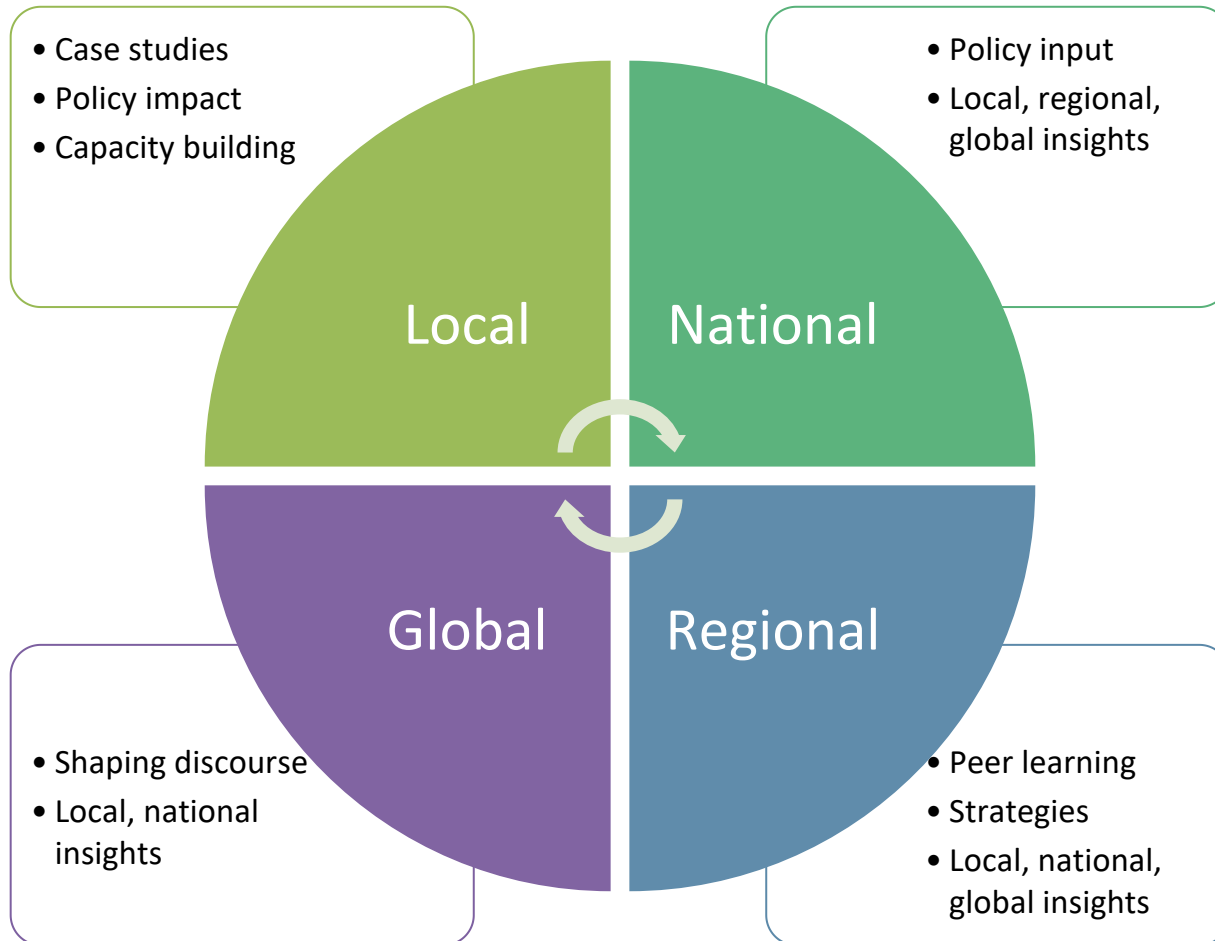
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