



Memorandum of Understanding

between

DITTO Program

and

DITTO Partner - NAME

Background

[Digital Twins of the Ocean](#) (hereinafter DITTO) is an endorsed programme by the Ocean Decade (UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)). DITTO will bring together ocean data, models and digital information with those who are planning and regulating human ocean interactions. They will become an indispensable element of sustainable development of the ocean space. The **Vision** of the DITTO Programme is a world where Digital Twins of the Ocean are used to support ocean protection, ocean governance and a sustainable Blue Economy. The **Mission** of DITTO is to develop and share a common understanding of digital twins of the ocean (DTO); to establish best practice in the development of DTOs; and advance a digital framework for DTOs to empower ocean professionals from all sectors around the world including scientific users, to effectively create their own digital twins. DITTO will promote co-design of twins, education and uptake to demonstrate the value in the Digital Twins.

The successful implementation and execution of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and its associated Programs depend on a global network of partners supporting the implementation of Ocean Decade actions in general and for DITTO in particular. More information about DITTO can be found on the [Ocean Decade Forum](#) and the program webpage ditto-oceandecade.org

The objective of the cooperation is to support each other in the strategy for and implementation of the vision of the [DITTO programme](#) through international cooperation through a network of DITTO partners: a world where Digital Twins of the Ocean are used to support ocean protection, ocean governance and a sustainable Blue Economy.

This Memorandum of Understanding regulates the cooperation with regard to the joint implementation of the digital twin of the ocean agenda.

Description Partner Organization

[Name and one paragraph description of the Partner]

Fields of Partner led Joint Activities

[Field of Activity, Focus, Action, Development, Engagement in the context of DITTO]

Forms of cooperation

Exchange of information

The DITTO programme regularly informs the programme partners about current activities, projects and events. This can be done informally by telephone, by email, via exchange meetings or via announcements on the DITTO website (<https://ditto-oceandecade.org>). DITTO aims to provide the programme partner with an overview of the current implementation status of the programme twice per calendar year. In addition, the programme partner has the possibility to inform itself regularly, e.g. via the website.

The programme partner informs DITTO if he or she, or a network to which he or she belongs, is planning events or programmes related to the DITTO programme and/or specifically to the DITTO topics.

Credit on the website

The network partner can be presented on the DITTO website as a network partner. This can be done with or without a logo. The network partner shall provide DITTO with the necessary information in an agreed file format. A third party may be commissioned with the technical implementation.

The credit of a network partner does not imply any concrete services on the part of the network partner. However, the network partner undertakes to promote the goals of the Ocean Decade. If the network partner does not fulfill this obligation sufficiently, DITTO can remove the network partner from the website. The dispute resolution mechanism outlined below (point 3.2) applies to this.

Possible voluntary contributions

The network partner may, on a voluntary basis and in consultation with DITTO, support the work of DITTO and the implementation of the DITTO programme with, among others, the following measures

Networking support: The network partner can forward the information from DITTO to its networks and discuss there how the goals of the DITTO programme can be meaningfully supported.

Public relations support: the programme partner can share posts from DITTO on its social media channels. After consultation with the DITTO programme coordinator, general information about the goals of the DITTO programme, projects, activities or events can also be shared via its website or social media channels. This may require prior approval from the programme Coordination Unit, especially when using the DITTO logo.

Use of LOGO: The partner can use the DITTO and Ocean Decade Logo on his website when it directly links to the DITTO website. Any other use of the Ocean Decade Logo requires approval from the Decade Coordination Unit.

Further support: DITTO and the programme partner can, if it seems useful and practicable, exchange information about other support options and agree on these separately if necessary.

Intellectual Property and Dispute Resolution

DITTO and the programme partner respect and protect the respective intellectual property and otherwise observe the statutory regulations e.g. on data protection. The use of the respective logos is only permitted with prior approval.

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Differences of opinion are addressed promptly and all possibilities for a mutually agreeable solution are exhausted. For this purpose, both DITTO and the programme partner appoint a contact person. This contact person can be changed unilaterally without prior consultation.

Entry into force

The Memorandum of Understanding enters into force after being signed by both partners (this can also be done via a digital signature). It ends automatically after completion of the Ditto programme. Both parties have an extraordinary right of termination that can be exercised without notice.

Signatures:

for the DITTO program

for the DITTO partner **NAME**