CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE OCEAN DECADE NETWORK

By joining the Ocean Decade Network, users agree to abide by this code of conduct. The platform moderators reserve the right to take appropriate actions, including warning, suspension, or termination of platform use, for any violation of this code.

1. **Respectful communication:** All members of the platform should communicate in a respectful and courteous manner, regardless of their differences in opinions or backgrounds.
2. **No discrimination:** Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, or any other personal characteristic, is strictly prohibited. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.
3. **No harassment:** Harassment, including but not limited to, bullying, stalking, intimidation, or threats, is not tolerated on the platform.
4. **No hate speech:** Hate speech of any kind is not tolerated. This includes any language that is degrading, threatening, or offensive towards any individual or group.
5. **No plagiarism:** Members are expected to respect intellectual property rights and avoid plagiarism. Any content that is not original must be appropriately attributed.
6. **No spamming:** Members are prohibited from spamming the platform with advertisements, unsolicited messages, or any other form of promotional content.
7. **No trolling:** Trolling, or intentionally provoking others, is not tolerated on the platform.
8. **No sharing of misinformation:** Members are expected to share accurate and reliable information related to the oceans. Any sharing of misinformation or fake news is prohibited.
9. **No illegal activities:** Members are not allowed to engage in any illegal activities on the platform, including but not limited to, hacking, spreading malware, or sharing copyrighted material.

How to report code of conduct violations

Any violation of the Code of Conduct should be immediately reported to the platform moderator. To report the contents of a post, click the three dots to the right of the post and select 'report this content'. This will then be reviewed and dealt with appropriately by the platform moderator within 24 hours.

To report a direct message, send a screenshot file to oceandecadenetwork@unesco.org. For other queries or concerns, please reach out to the Ocean Decade Network Manager at oceandecadenetwork@unesco.org.