New COP30 Initiative Highlights Oceans' Potential to Reduce Global CO2 Emissions by 35% by 2050

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Oceans could potentially contribute to a 35 percent reduction in global carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, according to a new roadmap presented by Marinez Scherer, the Special Envoy for Oceans at the COP30 event in Belém, Brazil.

The initiative, developed by non-state actors, Brazilian climate specialists, and the presidency of the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, aims to accelerate ocean-based solutions to combat global warming.

Scherer explained that the «Blue Package» encompasses nearly 70 proposals focusing on offshore renewable energy, decarbonizing shipping, sustainable aquaculture, marine conservation, coastal tourism, and innovative enterprises. These solutions are designed to enhance climate mitigation and adaptation, protect biodiversity, ensure food security, and increase the resilience of coastal areas.

The envoy emphasized that the ocean is the planet's «primary climate regulator» and that restoring and protecting its ecosystems is essential to achieving the target of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. To support this goal, the Blue Package proposes creating a framework that facilitates access to financing, mobilizes private investments, and structures reliable portfolios to manage ocean risks.

Estimates suggest that between 130 billion and 170 billion dollars are required to implement the proposed actions. According to the organizers, these figures

provide a clear guide for finance ministries, development banks, and investors

regarding the scale of available opportunities.

Scherer emphasized that unlocking this capital will depend on appropriate

regulations, risk reduction instruments, and blended financing mechanisms, along

with implementation supported by robust accountability systems.

During the event, the «Ocean Breakthroughs Dashboard» was also introduced,

designed to monitor global progress in ocean protection. Its developers described

it as «a new social contract for caring for the ocean,» highlighting that it should be

a central focus of the climate agenda alongside forests and biodiversity.

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