

**Proposal for the Establishment of the African Ocean Literacy  
Civil Society Action Network: A Key Action for the United  
Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development  
(2021-2030)**

**By**

**Anthony Johnson Akpan**

**President**



**Pan African Vision for the Environment (PAVE), LAGOS,  
Nigeria**

**Tel: +2347068329371,  
Email: [ajakpan@yahoo.com](mailto:ajakpan@yahoo.com)**

# Presentation Outline

- 1. About PAVE**
- 2. The Goals of the Proposal**
- 3. Proposed Intervention**
- 4. Proposed Project Activities**
- 5. Actions Sought from PARTNERS**

## ABOUT PAVE

- The Pan African Vision for the Environment (PAVE) is a Lagos, Nigeria based non profit, non-political, non-governmental organization established with the aim of promoting sustainable development through networking, capacity development, research, documentation, policy dialogues, workshops, advocacy and consultancy services.

## The Goals of the Proposal

- The goals of the proposal is to address **Challenge 10 of the Ocean Decade** “ *Ensure that the multiple values and services of the ocean for human wellbeing, culture, and sustainable development are widely understood, and identify and overcome barriers to behavior change required for a step change in humanity’s relationship with the ocean*” And **Objective 3** “*Increase the use of ocean knowledge and understanding, and develop capacity to contribute to sustainable development solutions*” Including **Sub-Objectives 3.1** “*Broadly communicate and promote the role of ocean science for sustainable development across diverse stakeholder groups including through formal and information education and an expansion of ocean literacy approaches across stakeholders groups*”

## Proposed Intervention

- This proposal seeks to address the need for more understanding and awareness of ocean issues in Africa in the context of a broader stakeholder participation, particularly Civil Society Organizations. As a means of broadening the degree of participation, the **African Ocean Literacy Civil Society Action Network** will be established with the Secretariat in Nigeria and chapters in other African countries.

## Proposed Project Activities:

- **Build a coalition and Set up Secretariat/Documentation/Resource Centre:** For administration and implementation of project activities and sustainability.
- **Establish Ocean Education for Schools and Communities Programme in Africa:** To produce and publish creative and informative materials on ocean literacy issues for various stakeholders including schools etc.
- **Capacity Building and Training of Stakeholders:** To provide leadership and instruction to ensure that materials and services are fully utilized, and to foster grass-roots participants in their capacities to educate others including teachers and religious leaders on ocean literacy issues.
- **Ocean Radio:** Produce and broadcast “Ocean Radio” on national Radio stations in all African countries.
- **Clean Ups:** Carry out clean up actions in local beaches, streams, rivers and lagoons in All African countries with youth engagement.
- **Observances of World Ocean Days:** through Workshops, Seminars and Essay Competitions in all African countries.
- **Art Exhibitions:** Host “Art to Save the Sea” Exhibitions highlighting Plastic Pollution issues in selected African countries.
- **ETC:** Including other related activities.

# Actions Sought from PARTNERS

- PAVE seeks to sign an MOU for collaboration with PARTNERS for the design, development and implementation of the Proposal for the Establishment of the African Ocean Literacy Civil Society Action Network: A Key Action for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).
- For the administration of the project, PARTNERS are kindly requested to support a fully furnished, equipped and staffed secretariat (Documentation/Resource Centre) in Lagos, Nigeria for the Project for the period 2021-2030.
- PARTNERS are kindly requested to provide an annual budget that will cover recurrent and capital expenditures for the project for the period 2021-2030.



THANK YOU