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1. OPENING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The session was opened by Mr Alan Evans, GE-CD Co-Chair and Working Group Co-Chair. He thanked everyone for attending the second meeting of the Working Group on the revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy. He provided a brief overview of the first meeting of the working group and the objectives of the 2nd meeting.

Ms Suzan Kholeif, WG Co-Chair, also welcomed the participants. She then invited the Working Group to review and adopt the provisional agenda, available from the website on https://www.ioc-cd.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventAgenda&eventID=3411. Any new items or issues proposed by the Group were noted and discussed under Agenda item 4.

The Working Group adopted the agenda.

2. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK ON THE ORGANIZATION OF WG WORK

This agenda item was introduced by Johanna Diwa, IOC CD Secretariat.

She recalled that during the first meeting of the WG (https://www.ioc-cd.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=29864), the Group agreed on the workplan and timeline relating to the revision of the IOC CD Strategy. It was suggested to draft a framework on the organization of the WG work for discussion of the members during its second WG meeting.

2.1 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

She referred to the proposed framework document uploaded on https://www.ioc-cd.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventAgenda&eventID=3411.

Based on the findings of the Task Team on revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy, possible elements as potential chapters for inclusion in a revised strategy include the following:

- A. RATIONALE AND SCOPE
- B. VISION AND MISSION
- C. OUTCOMES, OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES
 - a. OUTCOME 1
 - b. OUTCOME 2
 - c. OUTCOME 3

- d. OUTCOME 4
- e. OUTCOME 5
- f. OUTCOME 6

D. MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENABLING CONDITIONS

E. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND APPROACHES

F. OUTREACH, AWARENESS AND UPTAKE (SEPARATE WORKING GROUP)

2.2 CLUSTER GROUPS

Ms Diwa explained that cluster groups may need to be established to take charge in preparing each of the following elements through on-line correspondence. Due to the small size of the WG, each member may need to be in more than one cluster as two/three WG members are expected in each cluster.

Cluster groups are to review the current strategy text and taking into account previous discussions and highlights from the Task Team Report and WG meetings present their inputs through proposed task write-ups at the third WG meeting in March, with concrete and specific textual proposals addressing the element under consideration, and as appropriate, including general comments and other issues to be discussed and resolved by the Working Group during the plenary.

Building on the discussion and inputs received from the WG, the cluster groups will finalize their respective task write-up by April. All contributions will be consolidated as google doc to be shared to the entire Working Group by May.

2.3 WG MEETINGS

As for organizing the WG work, three WG meetings may need to be planned with the following objectives:

The objective of the second WG meeting (February 2022) is to advance the discussion on the basis of the elements mentioned in section 2 above and identifying areas where further preparatory works are essential, including seeking specific parts/texts that require revision and preparing recommendations to be reflected in the draft strategy.

The objective of the third WG meeting (March 2022) is to present to the entire working group the draft write-up from each cluster group and offer recommendations for the consideration by the Working Group.

Another WG meeting will be necessary in June 2022 to discuss convergence of all inputs from all cluster groups and finalize the new draft strategy.

regarding the tasks and timeline leading to the Ms Diwa recalled that during the 3rd session of the GE-CD, the Group agreed on a timeline relating to the revision of the IOC CD Strategy. She invited the WG members to discuss and agree on the work flow and assignments under each task. A framework for expectations, assignments and guide on how to undertake each item will also have to be developed.

2.4 DISCUSSIONS

The WG members agreed on the proposed outline but instead of working on individual cluster groups, the Group agreed that a more holistic approach is for the whole WG to go work on the entire document.

Mr Ekau clarified whether the WG needs to rewrite the whole document and enquired whether an analysis has been made to determine what was missing from the first strategy. Mr Evans clarified that it is not rewriting but building on the effort of from the Task Team's review last year. He added that an implementation plan for the Strategy has to be able to capture what has been implemented and seek where substance can be added as recommendation to achieve the outputs which failed to be addressed by the current Strategy. One thing to achieve this is highlighting the need for collaboration especially with complementary actors from other sectors.

Prof. Suzan Kholeif raised that cross-cutting issues and approaches should be taken into consideration and highlighted at the beginning. She mentioned that the Task Team highlighted several cross cutting issues in their review which should be integrated in the full body of the structure of the revised strategy, focusing on gender, ocean literacy, indigenous knowledge among others. Mr Rafael Gonzales-Quiros suggested to mention cross-cutting issues in general under rationale and scope and present more detailed explanation at the end.

Mr Peter Pissierssens suggested to put the base document on google doc and invite WG members to add their suggested changes on the document until the end of April 2022. The Group agreed to discuss all proposed revisions on the base document at its 3rd WG meeting in May, and finalize a draft of the revised Strategy. Mr Andi Sakaya clarified the timing with regards incorporating the inputs from the CD Compendium Consultant. It was clarified that while the CD Compendium is a parallel effort that aims to contribute to the Strategy, it only provides additional perspectives on what others are doing on capacity development. The Group agreed to include placeholders on the base document for additional inputs that may come in after the 3rd meeting on May, such as recommendations from the CD compendium consultant's report. The Group noted that the agreed timeline complements the timing for the Working Group on Outreach.

Mr Naughton requested to circulate the Task Team report and other reference documents to the Group. Ms Diwa informed the Group that reference documents including the Task Team's report were uploaded on the meeting page <https://www.ioc->

cd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3411. (Johanna sent an email after the meeting with attached reference documents for the Group).

The Group agreed on the following timeline and actions:

•WG work on adding their inputs on base google doc	Until end April 2022 (25-29)	WG
•3rd WG meeting to finalize revisions for the new draft	May 2022	WG
•Finalize and circulate new draft strategy to GE-CD members for comments	June 2022	CO-CHAIRS/ SECRETARIAT (JD)
•All comments sent to Secretariat	End of July 2022	GE-CD
•Summarize all comments received (to report at the GE-CD-IV)	End of August 2022	SECRETARIAT (JD)
Circulate meeting documentation including summary report of comments received	Early October 2022	SECRETARIAT (JD)
Review proposed new IOC CD Strategy 2023-2030 at the GE-CD-IV	November 2022	GE-CD
WG works on required actions/additional revisions proposed at the GE-CD-IV	December 2022- January 2023	CO- CHAIRS/SECRETARIAT
Secretariat to finalize the new IOC CD Strategy 2023-2030 for submission to the IOC-XXXII Session	February-March 2023	SECRETARIAT (JD)

The Working Group decided to work on the base document revision as a google document and invite WG members to complete their review and provide their inputs by the end of April. The proposed revisions will be discussed altogether by the Working Group on the 3rd meeting which will be organized in May 2022.

3. DATE OF NEXT WG MEETING

A Doodle poll will be set up to determine the availability of the members for the 3rd WG meeting in March.

The Working Group agreed to undertake Doodle polls to agree on dates for future meetings. The 3rd WG meeting has been set to 11 May 2022.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. CLOSING OF MEETING

Mr. Alan Evans closed the meeting at **14:30 CET**.

He instructed the Secretariat to circulate the link of the base document for revision once available as googledoc.