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Cc. : Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chair and Vice-Chairs of IOC and Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Launch of the Ocean CD-Hub – An invitation to contribute information on capacity development opportunities in a global repository

On 3 February 2023, the IOC launched the Ocean CD-Hub (<http://oceancd.org/>), a global repository of information on capacity development in ocean science and management. The new platform will serve as a central repository of capacity development opportunities (e.g., trainings and higher education, fellowships, internships, grants, etc.) offered by national educational institutions and, as well, regional and global organizations. By providing centralized (and curated) access to a global supply of ocean capacity development, the Ocean CD-Hub will facilitate search of capacity development opportunities for users. It will also assist providers to promote their training.

The Ocean CD-Hub also aims to identify synergies and potential partnerships between many organizations providing capacity development opportunities, avoiding duplication of efforts and mutualizing resources. It can also make it easier for governments to report on progress and availability of capacity development opportunities in the context of global efforts such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030).

With this letter, I would like to invite you to contribute to the Ocean CD-Hub information on existing capacity development opportunities provided by your country and its relevant institutions and organizations.

To facilitate the submission of entries, a simple Word form is provided here for any additional information you would like to share. Since the platform is still in its early stage, kindly note that the Word template is a temporary solution while we are working on additional improvements including an interface for direct access of potential contributors in the future. We would appreciate receiving your submission(s) at your earliest convenience but not later than 31 March 2023.

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We would furthermore like to invite you to check the repository for already existing entries related to your national institutions and organizations and let us know if any corrections are needed. You can simply print out the relevant record of the database and send it to us with corrections. We will then make the corrections in the database.

Finally, we would like to call on you to promote the Ocean CD-Hub as widely as possible so we can jointly further enhance its coverage and use.

For further information, queries and questions, please contact and Mr Peter Pissierssens (p.pissierssens@unesco.org) and Ms Johanna Diwa (jp.diwa@unesco.org).

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosure (1): Ocean CD-Hub entry form

Ocean CD-Hub entry template

TYPE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION	Choose an item.	
NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION	Click here to enter text.	
ACRONYM OF YOUR ORGANIZATION	Click here to enter text.	
URL OF YOUR ORGANIZATION	Click here to enter text.	
CATEGORY OF THE CD ACTIVITY* (See Scope notes below)	Choose an item.	<i>If Training and Higher Education:</i> Choose an item.
TITLE OF THE CD ACTIVITY	Click here to enter text.	
SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CD ACTIVITY	Click here to enter text.	
GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE CD ACTIVITY	Choose an item.	<i>If regional:</i> Choose an item. <i>If country:</i> Click here to enter text.
URL OF THE CD ACTIVITY	Click here to enter text.	
KEYWORDS	Click here to enter text.	
TARGET AUDIENCE	Choose an item.	<i>If not in the list:</i> Click here to enter text.
CONTACT PERSON FOR THE CD ACTIVITY	Click here to enter text.	
EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON	Click here to enter text.	
NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY	Click here to enter text.	
EMAIL ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY	Click here to enter text.	
DATE WHEN ENTRY WAS CREATED	Click here to enter a date.	
DATE WHEN ENTRY WAS UPDATED	Click here to enter a date.	

***Scope notes:**

CATEGORY	SCOPE
Training & Higher Education	In person, hybrid or online training opportunities, e.g., regional training centres, workshops, summer schools, leadership seminars, e-learning platforms, etc.
Onboard Expeditions, Research & Training	Opportunities for hands on/practical training, research or expeditions on board vessels or ships.
Fellowships	Opportunities for expanding both professional and personal networks, experiential learning, and professional development.
Internships/Jobs	Professional learning experiences that offer meaningful, practical work related to a student's field of study or career interest. An internship promotes career exploration and development, and teaches new skills. Job opportunities for careers related to ocean science and management.
Mentorships	A reciprocal and collaborative relationship that often occurs between a senior and junior professional for the purpose of the mentee's growth, learning, and career development.
Visiting Lecturers/Scholars & Exchanges	Visiting Lecturers/Scholars visit a host institution to teach, lecture, or perform research on a topic for which the visitor is valued.
Travel Grants	Funds to support travel
Awards	Awards and prizes targeted at supporting young scientists and women in science.
Research Funding, Grants & Scholarships	Funding grants, scholarships, etc., targeted at providing support, usually through monetary grant
Access to Infrastructure	This may include registers of infrastructure to facilitate access and promote transfer of marine technology. Also, activities which promote regional collaboration on sustainable scientific infrastructure.
Ocean Data, Information and Documentation	This may include global data and information systems.

Professional Networks & Community Building	Platforms, venues, or networks which allow experts and institutions to collaborate and exchange information.
Ocean Literacy, Public Information and Communication	Activities which promote ocean science in school curricula, careers in ocean research and ocean management, citizen science in ocean research, communication, and ocean literacy.