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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC/IOCARIBE
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National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies
(Scientific, Technical and Regional)
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission

Subject: Invitation to the Seventeenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVII), 9–11 May 2023 and International Marine Science Conference on IOCARIBE-GOOS on 8 May 2023, Bogota, Colombia

On behalf of Mr Arnulfo Sanchez, IOCARIBE Chairperson, I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the above-mentioned IOCARIBE meetings, which will be generously hosted by the Government of Colombia from 8 to 11 May 2023 in Bogota (venue: Hotel NH Collection Royal WTC Bogota).

The Opening Ceremony of the IOCARIBE Session on 9 May 2023 will be held at the Salon Bolivar of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs starting at 09:00 hrs.

The session agenda will focus on essential issues requiring attention, guidance, and collective actions of IOC Member States in the region. After briefly reviewing the progress of the Sub-commission during the last intersessional period since May 2021, the session will consider the latest developments at the global level with regard to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) and strategic developments of the IOC. The Sub-commission will further deliberate on its commitment and contribution to the Ocean Decade and to the realization of the IOC Medium-term Strategy (2022–2029). The Sub-commission will formulate its work plan and budget for the biennium 2024–2025 and elect its Officers.

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Considering that the IOCARIBE Sub-commission is intergovernmental by nature, the session is primarily open to Member States of the region. Interested countries and regional partner organizations are welcome as observers. Member States are expected to: (i) nominate their national delegations to the Session, taking into account the scientific and technical character thereof; (ii) propose national commitments to the IOC programmes in the region and ensure that adequate resources and means are available to implement the decisions of the IOCARIBE Sub-commission effectively.

IOCARIBE Member States and observers are invited to urgently notify the IOCARIBE Secretariat (attention Ms Lorna Inniss at l.inniss@unesco.org, copied to: p.wills-velez@unesco.org) the composition of their delegation (i.e. Head of delegation, Alternate, Representative or Adviser) by 20 April 2023 at the latest. In addition, all participants to the session must be registered individually on the dedicated online registration platform at <https://forms.gle/WJNyKkR15Q1pibiN9>. All participants to IOCARIBE-XVII are invited to attend the International Marine Science Conference on IOCARIBE-GOOS on 8 May 2023 to be held at the same venue (Hotel NH Collection Royal WTC Bogota) as the IOCARIBE Session. Refer to the webpage of the session for more information (<https://www.oceanexpert.net/event/3873>).

The Provisional Agenda (Document IOC/SC-IOCARIBE-XVII/1 Prov.) prepared by the IOC Secretary for IOCARIBE following Rule of Procedure No. 8(1.4) of the Commission, and the Provisional Timetable (Document IOC/SC-IOCARIBE-XVII/1 Add. Prov.) for the session are enclosed herewith. Further information and comments for the session will also be made available on-line as soon as they are ready, through the IOCARIBE-XVII website on <https://www.oceanexpert.net/event/3873>.

At this forthcoming session, the Sub-commission will elect its Officers, namely one Chairperson, and three Vice-Chairpersons. Nominations must reach the Secretariat before 9 May 2023 at 18:00 hrs. They can be addressed in advance to the IOCARIBE Secretariat, c/o Ms Lorna Inniss l.inniss@unesco.org, copied to p.wills-velez@unesco.org. Nomination forms are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosures: Provisional Agenda
Provisional Timetable
Information on IOCARIBE elections and nomination forms