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**UNESCO-IOC Headquarters, Paris**

Room VI  
 Meeting webpage: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4040>

**AGENDA & ACTION LIST**

IOC Officers: IOC Chair, Yutaka MICHIDA

Vice Chairs: Marie-Alexandrine SICRE (Group I); Nikolay VALCHEV (Group II); Juan Camilo FORERO HAUZEUR (Group III); Srinivasa KUMAR TUMMALA (Group IV); Amr Zakaria HAMOUDA (Group V) and Ariel TROISI (former IOC Chair online, tbc)

IOC Staff: Vladimir RYABININ, Executive Secretary; Julian BARBIÈRE, Head IOC/MPR & Ocean Decade Coordinator, Bernardo ALIAGA, Head IOC/TSR; Henrik ENEVOLDSEN (Head IOC/OSS p.i.); Joanna POST, Head IOC/OOS; Peter PISSIERSSENS, Head IOC/OST; Xenia YVINEC, Head IOC/EO/AO; Patrice BONED, IOC/EO/AO; Elena IASYREVA, IOC/EXS.

Invitees: Vidar HELGESEN, next Executive Secretary; Mizue IIJIMA (assistant to IOC Chair)

| *time* | **Day 1: Monday 22 January 2024** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
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| 9:30 | Welcoming coffee (-1: “the Mall”) | | |
| 10:00 | 1. **Opening by the Chair & introductions** | Chair | Introduction of Vidar Helgesen  Presentation of Officers’ responsibilities  A slide was provided by the Chair: <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33602>  The chair’s motto for the meeting was ‘One planet, one ocean, one team’ |
| 10:30 | 1. **Adoption of the agenda for the Officers meeting, logistical details** | Chair,  Vladimir | Agenda of the meeting adopted. 3.8 Ocean Decade was added. <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33579> |
| 10:45 | 1. **Introduction to IOC & strategic perspectives**   3.1 Introduction by the Executive Secretary | Vladimir | Section 3 focused on short presentations of the main developments and strategic objectives for 2024-2025 of all IOC sections & exchange with the Officers  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33576> |
|  | 3.2 Ocean Science (incl. ocean literacy) | Henrik |  |
|  | 3.3 Ocean Observations | Joanna |  |
|  | 3.4 Data & Information Exchange | Peter |  |
|  | 3.5 Tsunami Resilience | Bernardo |  |
|  | 3.6 Marine Policy & Regional Coordination | Julian | IOCINDIO has received the 9 letters of support from Member States which establish IOCINDIO as a Subcommission at the next session of the body |
|  | 3.7 Capacity development & Ocean Literacy | Peter |  |
|  | 3.8 Ocean Decade | Julian |  |
|  | Break | | |
| 11:45 | 1. **Preparation of the 57th IOC Executive Council**   4.1 Expectations from the EC session | Vladimir, Xenia, Patrice |  |
| 4.2 Dates, Overall presentation focusing on organizational matters; brief presentation of the structure of the draft EC agenda | [Draft Agenda](https://oceanexpert.org/document/33543) + [timetable](https://oceanexpert.org/document/33568) were presented.  Plenary meetings in Room XI (260 seats)+ webcast. 3-4 seats by EC Member States |
| 4.2.1 Rapporteur, Chairs of Committees, Working groups | A list of past rapporteur was presented at <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33593>  Action: Vice-Chair Valchev will seek a Rapporteur from Group II EC members States (Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine).  The Secretariat will seek a Chair for the Resolutions Committee (US, France) |
| 4.2.2 IOC R. Revelle Lecture, 2024 | A. Palazov’s proposal on Black Sea-Capacity Development will be considered for the IOC NK Panikkar lecture 2025 at IOC-33 Assembly.  The Tsunami Resilience Section proposed Prof. Emile Okal (*Tsunami Mitigation in the wake of the 2004 disaster: Bridging the gap between Science and Society*) for the R. Revelle lecture 2024 and a side event to commemorate 20 years after the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 Dec. 2004.  An abstract was proposed at <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33592> |
|  | 4.2.3 Side events |  | Proposal to host a 90’ event:  *Preserving Past Tsunami Information for Future Preparedness: Eyewitness & Survivor Project*  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33595> |
| 12:15 | 1. **Governance, Programming & Budgeting**   5.1 Update on IFAG work (Res. A-32/4) | Vladimir, Juan Camilo, Xenia | <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33571> |
|  | 5.2 Revised Programme and Budget for 2024–2025 (Approved 42 C/5) | Vladimir, Xenia | [Agenda item for EC-57]  A presentation covering 5.2 to 4 is available at <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33577> |
| 13:00 | Lunch at the UNESCO restaurant (MTM + Officers) offered by IOC | | |
| 15:00 | 5.3 Proposals for draft Programme and Budget for 2026–2027 (draft 43 C/5) | Vladimir,  Xenia | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33577> |
|  | 5.4 IOS evaluation of the IOC’s Strategic Positioning Action Plan Updates | Vladimir,  Xenia | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33577>  Doc IOC/A-32/6.3.Doc(1): <https://oceanexpert.org/document/32540> |
| 15:45 | 1. **Programmatic Developments: Ocean Sciences**   6.1 Report of the Advisory Board on the 2nd edition of the IOC State of the Ocean Report (StOR) | Henrik | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33578> |
|  | Break | | |
|  | 6.2 Brief update on the reports provided as part of the ES’ report | Henrik | SDG 14 indicators etc.  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33594> |
| 16:30 | 1. **Programmatic Development: Implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030** | Peter | Implementation plan for the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030) & proposal to reconstitute the GE on CD.  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33566>  Actions: 1/ IOC officers will assist with calling MS in their region to designate IOC CD focal points;  2/ All information, communications, GE-CD reports will be shared with the Officers and the Regional Subsidiary Body Secretariats; 3/ Vice-Chair Juan Forero Hauzeur, as the Officer in charge of CD, will attend GE-CD meetings as possible; 4/ New ToRs for GE-CD proposed at EC-57.  [Agenda item for EC-57] |
| *17:00* | *Get-together with the Staff followed by refreshments* |  | IOC meeting room |

|  | **Day 2: Tuesday 23 January 2024** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
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| 10:00 | 1. **Programmatic Development: Ocean Observations** |  | <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33601> |
|  | 8.1 Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Governance Reform | Joanna | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33606>  Action: It was decided to reword this item after hearing the presentation as follows: Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Governance |
|  | 8.2 Progress report on Ocean Observations in areas under National Jurisdiction | Joanna | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33607> |
|  | 8.3 Brief update on GOOS related reports: progress report on Global Climate Observing System & Joint Collaborative Board | Joanna | *[under the ES report to EC-57]*  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33608> |
| 10:40 | 1. **Programmatic Development: Tsunami Early Warning Services**   9.1 Regional Early Warning Systems | Bernardo | ICG-NEAMTWS-XVIII and ICG/PTWS-XXX will report to EC-57  [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33589> |
|  | 9.2 Global Coordination | Bernardo | TOWS-WG-XVII will report to EC-57  [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33589> |
| 11.15 | 1. **Programmatic Development: Ocean Planning and Management**   10.1.1 GEBCO Triennial Review of User Requirements | Julian | [Agenda item for EC-57]  Action: After consultation among Officers, Vice Officer Juan Forero Hauzeur accepted to chair the WG on user requirements and contributions to GEBCO.  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33603> |
|  | 10.1.2 GEBCO Governance Review (2023) | Julian | <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33604> |
|  | Break | | |
| 11:30 | Private meeting of the Officers #1 |  |  |
| 12:30 | Lunch | | |
| 14:30 | 10.2 Draft Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management | Julian | [Agenda item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33609> |
| 15:30 | 1. **Implementation of the UN Ocean Decade**   Introduction and discussion | Julian | [Agenda Item for EC-57]  <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33605>  See [IOC Circular Letter 2982](https://oceanexpert.org/document/33610)  Update on Ocean Decade Implementation, including process for registration for 2024 Ocean Decade Conference (Barcelona, April 2024), DAB membership, draft White Papers open to discussion. |
| 19:00 | Reception at the Residence of Norway’s Ambassador to UNESCO and OECD | | |

| *Time* | **Day 3: Wednesday 24 January 2024** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
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| 10:00 | 1. **IOC and the Future of the Ocean** | Vladimir | <https://oceanexpert.org/document/33612>  Action: Member States’ consultation to be launched short through a Circular Letter and progress reported to the EC[Under the ES’ report item] |
| 11:15 | **4.(cont’d) Preparation of the 57th IOC Executive Council**  4.3 Conclusion: Presentation of the revised draft agenda and timetable; calendar of preparation; misc. questions | Vladimir, Xenia, Patrice | Action: Prov. Agenda and Timetable for the session were finalized with a new wording for item 4.1.  Webpage for the session: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4070>  INDICO UN-supported registration platform will be used for the session.  The secretariat will prepare the invitation letter. |
| 11:30 | **13. Other matters / Conclusion** | Chair |  |
| 12:00 | Private meeting of the Officers #2 |  | Online with past Chair Ariel Troisi |