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# Proposed Revision of GE-CD Terms of Reference

# IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023 -2030

IOC Decision A-32/Dec.4.3



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- Adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the UNESCO-IOC
- Published at the IOC-CD website ([ioc-cd.org](http://ioc-cd.org))
- Printed copies in four languages: EN-FR-SP-RU (available for distribution at the lobby)

## Fifth Session of the Group of Experts (IOC/GE-CD-V/3) identified additional required actions from the Group:

- development of an implementation plan
- alignment with the new Capacity Development elements of the Decade such as the Capacity Development Facility (CDF) and the White Paper on the Ocean Decade Challenge 9: “Skills, knowledge and technologies for all”
- the development of Ocean CD-Hub; and
- further outreach and promotion in support of the new Strategy.



# Proposed Revision of GE-CD Terms of Reference

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## [Draft] Terms of Reference IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD)

The IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD) is composed of experts nominated by IOC Member States responding to a call by circular letter detailing the GE-CD membership.

The IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD) is responsible for the following tasks:

- (i) assist global and regional programmes with the implementation of capacity development needs assessments in a consistent manner;
- (ii) also assist global and regional programmes with the development of programmatic and regionally relevant capacity development work plans based on the IOC CD strategy and related needs assessments, building on ongoing activities and making use of existing training and education facilities;
- (iii) develop an implementation plan for the current IOC CD Strategy 2023-2030 for submission to the 33rd Session of the IOC Assembly in June 2025;
- (iv) provide advice to global and regional programmes on the implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 and on relevant methods and tools to improve the quality and impact of CD efforts;

## Proposed Revision of GE-CD Terms of Reference (cont'd)

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- v. advise the IOC CD Secretariat on the design and implementation of the biennial CD survey in close collaboration with the regions, possibly including CD implementation impact monitoring/metrics, also taking into account other methods such as regional reviews, science conferences etc.;
- vi. ensure coordination of the work of the Group of Experts and its Task Teams with GOSR and CD aspects of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, including the Capacity Development Facility and Working Group 9 of the Vision 2030;
- vii. guide the further development and promotion of the Ocean CD-Hub by highlighting linkages of CD activities and collaboration opportunities between users and providers and among other global, regional and national organizations;
- viii. provide advice to Member States on the promotion of visibility and reach of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 to assist with the planning and implementation of their capacity development efforts;
- ix. report results to the Assembly at its 33rd session.

# Next Steps: Renewal of GE-CD Membership

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Following the adoption of the revised ToR:

- End of tenure for the current membership
- Call for nominations for new GE-CD-membership will be issued via IOC Circular Letter
- Invitation to nominate suitable experts no later than 31 July 2024 accompanied by a cv and brief biography highlighting relevant expertise and experience in Capacity Development by e-mail to Mr Peter Pissierssens ([p.pissierssens@unesco.org](mailto:p.pissierssens@unesco.org)) with cc to Ms Johanna Diwa-Acallar ([jp.diwa@unesco.org](mailto:jp.diwa@unesco.org))
- The newly formed Group of Experts on Capacity Development will elect a chairperson at its first meeting (GE-CD-VI) before the end of 2024
- National experts are expected to receive support from their national authorities and institutes to cover their mission and costs of attending a meeting, which will be held in person if health and travel conditions allow.



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# Use of increased RP funding of IOC Capacity Development (for general awareness)

# Increase CD Budget

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- Stabilize sustained staffing of IOC CD team, essential for IOC CD coordination
- Support for new CD initiatives in the delivery of the 6 outputs of the IOC CD Strategy. Examples include internships, mentorships, and small grants
- Stronger CD support for global coordination and regional level through staffing within regional subsidiary bodies (RSBs)
- Mobilize resources through demonstrating IOC CD successes





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