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**UNESCO-IOC Headquarters, Paris**

**Room VII**  
 Meeting webpage: <https://www.oceanexpert.org/event/4578>

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

IOC Officers: IOC Chair, Yutaka MICHIDA

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

IOC Staff: Vidar HELGESEN, Executive Secretary; Julian BARBIÈRE, Head IOC/MPR & Ocean Decade Coordinator (DCU), Bernardo ALIAGA, Head IOC/TSR; Henrik ENEVOLDSEN, Head IOC/OSS a.i. and Karen EVANS, Head IOC/OSS (online); Joanna POST, Head IOC/OOS; Peter PISSIERSSENS, Head IOC/OST; Wenxi ZHU, Bangkok – IOC/WESTPAC; Ibukun J. ADEWUMI, Nairobi – IOCAFRICA; Lorna V. INNISS, Cartagena de Indias –Nimit Kumar, IOCINDIO; Xenia YVINEC, Head IOC/EO/AO; Alison Clausen, IOC/MPR/DCU, Patrice BONED, IOC/EO/AO; Elena IASYREVA, IOC/EXS.

Invitee(s): Mizue IIJIMA (assistant to IOC Chair)

| *time* | **Day 1: Monday 13 January 2024** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
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| 9:30 | Welcoming coffee (-1: “the Mall”) | | |
| 10:00 | **Opening by the Chair & introductions** | Chair | Redistribution of responsibilities |
| 10:30 | **Adoption of the agenda for the Officers meeting, logistical details** | Chair,  Vidar |  |
| 10:45 | **Introduction** by the Executive Secretary **(Overview, Strategic Programmatic developments)** | Vidar |  |
|  | **Regional developments from IOC Sub-Commissions** | Wenxi  Lorna  Ibukun  Nimit | *Brief Tour de table* |
|  | Break | | |
| 11:45 | **Preparation of the 33rd IOC Assembly (A-33)**  Expectations from the A-33 session | Vidar, Xenia, Patrice | Draft Agenda + timetable. |
| Dates, overall presentation focusing on organizational matters; brief presentation of the structure of the draft Assembly agenda | Plenary meetings in Room IV + webcast? |
| * Rapporteur, Chairs of Committees, Working groups |  |
| * IOC A. Bruun Lecture, 2025 | Henrik | 60 mn with interpretation |
|  | * IOC NK Panikkar, 2025 | Peter | 60 mn with interpretation |
|  | * Any additional Side events? |  |  |
|  | * Meeting of Regional Subsidiary Bodies Officers and Secretariat | JB | 120 min, no interpretation |
|  | * Pre-Assembly information session with Member States on elections | Xenia | Electoral Group preparatory meetings on EG1 model? |
|  | * Ocean Science Day | Henrik | Proposed date: 30 June 2025: may include one or several Assembly lectures |
|  | * 2nd IOC M. Ruivo Memorial Lecture | Julian |  |
|  | * Screening of “Ocean” + roundtable |  | Proposed date: 30 June evening |
| 12:30 | **Governance, Programming & Budgeting**  Update on IFAG work (Res. A-32/4, EC-57/2) | Vidar, Juan Camilo, Xenia |  |
|  | Draft Programme and Budget for 2026–2027 (draft 43 C/5) | Vidar, Xenia |  |
| 13:00 | Lunch | | |
| 15:00 | External Assessment of IOC’s Governance and Management Processes Proposal | Vidar,  Xenia |  |
| 16:00 | IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Consultation process […] | Vidar,  Xenia,  Alison | Incl. Action plan in response to the IOS evaluation of the IOC’s Strategic Positioning & IOC Data Architecture doc (also Rec. 4 of the IOS Evaluation) |
|  | Break | | |
| 16:45 | (cont’d) IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Consultation process |  |  |
| 17:15 | **Programmatic Developments**  Draft IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management | Julian |  |
| 17:45 | End of Day |  |  |

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|  | **Day 2: Tuesday 14 January 2025** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
| 10:00 | Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Items   1. Governance | Joanna |  |
| 10:20 | 1. GOOS Steering Committee Workplan | Joanna |  |
| 10:30 | 1. Progress report on Ocean Observations in areas under National Jurisdiction | Joanna |  |
| 10:50 | Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board (JCB) strategic advice on joint work to achieve common objectives | Joanna |  |
| Break | | | |
| 11:45 | **IOC Report to the 43rd General Conference of UNESCO** | Xenia |  |
|  | **IOC Contribution to UN Governance Processes** |  |  |
|  | 1. UN Ocean Conference, Nice 2025 | Alison |  |
| 13:00 | Lunch at the UNESCO restaurant (MTM + Officers) offered by IOC | | |
|  | **IOC Contribution to UN Governance Processes** (cont.) |  |  |
|  | 1. BBNJ Preparatory Process | Julian |  |
|  | 1. CBD and IOC Biodiversity Agenda 2. UNFCCC | Julian  Joanna |  |
|  |  | Break |  |
| 16:05 | Report on the Ocean Decade implementation and results of the mid-term evaluation | Julian/Alison |  |
| 16:30 | **IOC elections** | Chair/Vidar |  |
| 17:00  (60 mn) | Review of Expression of interests for hosting the 2027 Decade Conference | Officers, DCU, ES |  |

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| *Time* | **Day 3: Wednesday 15 January 2025** | **Lead** | **Comments** |
| 10:00 | **(cont’d) Preparation of the 33rd IOC Assembly**  Conclusion: Presentation of the revised draft agenda and timetable; calendar of preparation; misc. questions | Vidar, Xenia, Patrice |  |
| 10:45 | **Other matters / Conclusion** | Chair |  |
|  | Update on the International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) | Vidar, Julian |  |
|  | *Officers Private meeting* |  |  |