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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

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# Seventeenth Session of the IOC-FAO Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms

18–20 March 2025

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. **OPENING** 
   1. OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**
   1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
   2. DESIGNATION OF RAPPORTEUR
   3. INTRODUCTION OF WORKING DOCUMETNS
3. **DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE IOC ASSEMBLY and FAO COMMITTEES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM IOC AND FAO THAT ARE HAB RELATED**
4. **DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD**
   1. CHAIR IPHAB AND TECHNICAL SECRETARY´S SUMMARY REPORT
   2. HAB CAPACITY BUILDING
      1. Ocean Teacher Global Academy update
      2. HAB training courses
      3. Advanced Phytoplankton Course (APC)
      4. International Phytoplankton Intercalibration (IPI)
   3. REGIONAL HAB ACTIVITIES
      1. Potential and possibilities in linking with FAO regional and national offices
      2. IOC/IOCARIBE-ANCA
      3. IOC/WESTPAC-HAB
      4. IOC/WESTPAC-Toxic Marine Organisms
      5. FANSA
      6. HANA
      7. IOCAFRICA/HAB
   4. IPHAB XVI TASK TEAMS
      1. Task Team on the Early Detection, Warning and Forecasting of HAB Events
      2. Task Team on the development of the Harmful algal Information System and a periodic Global Harmful Algal Bloom Status Report
      3. Task Team on a Global Ciguatera Strategy for Improved Research and Management
      4. Task Team on Harmful Algae and Desalination of Seawater to formulate a proposal for a joint FAO WHO water safety risk assessment for drinking water coming from desalination plants
      5. Task Team on Biotoxin Monitoring, Management and Regulations
      6. Task Team on Algal Taxonomy
      7. Task Team on Fish Killing Microalgae and Ecosystem Effects
      8. Task Team on HAB Communication
   5. GlobalHAB
   6. HAB SOLUTIONS (HAB-S): AN UN OCEAN DECADE PROGRAMME

4.6.1 HAB - Industry Dialogues

* 1. OTHER ACTIVITIES
     1. ICES-IOC WGAHBD
     2. ICES-IOC-IMO WGBOSV
     3. ISSHA and the ICHA
     4. IAEA HAB ACTIVITIES
     5. OOC & UNOC / UN processes

1. **REVIEW AND FINALIZATION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SESSION**
2. **WORKPLAN FOR 2026–2027 INCLUDING OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES AND NEEDS**
3. **OPERATION OF THE IPHAB**
4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**
5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
7. **CLOSURE**