**Side-event:** Dialogue between IOC Programmes and Indigenous and Local Knowledge (ILK).

This side-event aims to introduce concepts and current thinking on Indigenous and Local Knowledge (ILK) and how to include it in co-design of programmes, projects and activities. The event will also present a new guidance document which will be used as a reference to privilege and encourage a dialogue between IOC Programmes and ILK. While IOC has a recognized and unique role within the UN system to bring ocean science communities together no framework was yet implemented to engage in a sustainable collaboration with Indigenous Communities and Local Communities (IPLC) and ILK. The side event will outline how collaboration with (IPLC) can lead to an optimal worldwide collaboration in ocean science and a sustainable management of the ocean and marine ecosystems. This side-event will be presented by *tbd* (write short resume on the person, why is she/he presenting this side-event).