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- To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with the IOC in States Members of the IOC Executive Council
Executive Heads of Organizations part of UN-Oceans
Executive Heads of Intergovernmental and Non-governmental Organizations cooperating with the IOC
The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission
Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)
- C.c. : Other IOC Member States (Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO and National Commissions for UNESCO)

**Subject: Invitation to the 57th Session of the IOC Executive Council,
UNESCO HQ, Paris, 25–28 June 2024**

On behalf of the IOC Chairperson, Dr Yutaka Michida, I would like to invite Member States of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO that are members of its Executive Council to attend the 57th session of the Executive Council at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Other IOC Member States, the organizations cooperating with and contributing to the work of the Commission, and the IOC Subsidiary Bodies are welcome as observers. The session will be preceded by the meeting of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group and the meeting of the Officers on Monday 24 June 2024.

The IOC Roger Revelle Memorial Lecture 2024 and a meeting with eyewitnesses and survivors of the tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004 will commemorate the 20th anniversary of this tragedy on 27 June 2024.

The attached provisional agenda and timetable for the session were prepared in consultation with the Officers at their meeting last January. May I recall that draft resolutions (DRs) under agenda items may be submitted by one or more Member States of the Executive Council in accordance with document [IOC/INF-1315](#) no later than Thursday, June 20, with the exception of the draft resolution on governance, programming and budgeting issues of the Commission which will be submitted during the session by the sessional Financial Committee. A form for submitting DRs is attached. The documentation and all the relevant information for the session will be made available at <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4070>.

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For organizational purposes, it is particularly important that IOC Members States (through their National Focal Point for IOC and their Permanent Delegation to UNESCO) and partner organizations notify the Secretariat of the complete list of their delegation (with names of the Head of delegation, alternate, and representatives) **as early as possible but not later than 24 May 2024**. This list will serve as accreditation for the secretariat, which will validate individual online registrations.

Delegates and participants, including members of permanent delegations to UNESCO, are **invited to register online** for the session at <https://indico.un.org/event/1009148/>. Indico is an open-source meeting organisation tool increasingly used by United Nations organizations. Please follow the instructions on the registration page to first create an Indico account, before registering. If you need further information or assistance, please contact the Secretariat (c/o Mr Patrice Boned, p.boned@unesco.org or Ms Yun Sun, yu.sun@unesco.org).

To ensure optimal meeting conditions in plenary meeting room XI, allow me to encourage Member States to organize their delegations so as not to have more than 3 persons present in the room at any given time and to remember the gender balance principle in forming their national delegations. Passive webcast of the plenary meetings will be provided for the duration of the Executive Council session.

The IOC Secretariat looks forward to welcoming you to UNESCO.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Vidar Helgesen
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (4):

- 1/ Provisional Agenda for the 57th Session of the Executive Council of IOC (IOC/EC-57/2.1.Doc)
- 2/ Provisional Timetable for the 57th Session of the Executive Council of IOC (IOC/EC-57/2.1.Doc Add)
- 3/ Submission form for Draft Resolutions
- 4/ List of current States members of the IOC Executive Council, 2023–2025

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Fifty-seventh Session of the Executive Council
UNESCO, Paris, 25–28 June 2024

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

2.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

2.4 INTRODUCTION OF TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

2.5 ROGER REVELLE MEMORIAL LECTURE

3. REPORTS

3.1 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED
SINCE THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (July 2023–May 2024)
[Rule of Procedure 31]

3.2 REPORTS OF IOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES
[Rules of Procedure 30.3]

3.2.1 Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards

3.2.1.1 *Regional Early Warning Services*

3.2.1.2 *Global Coordination of Warning and Mitigation Systems
for Ocean Hazards*

4. PROGRAMME MATTERS

4.1 GLOBAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (GOOS) GOVERNANCE
[A-32/Dec.4.8.1]

4.2 PROGRESS REPORT ON OCEAN OBSERVATIONS
IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION
[A-32/Dec.4.8.2]

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- 4.3 DRAFT STRATEGY ON SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
[A-32/Dec.4.7]
- 4.4 GEBCO GOVERNANCE REVIEW (2023) AND TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF USER REQUIREMENTS
[A-31/Dec.3.5.1; A-32/Dec.4.1]
- 4.5 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 2ND EDITION OF THE IOC STATE OF THE OCEAN REPORT (StOR)
[A-32/Dec.4.2]
- 4.6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2023-2030)
[A-32/Dec.4.3]
- 4.7 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)
[39 C/Resolution 25; Res. XXIX-1, XXX-1, A-31/1, A-32/3]
- 5. **GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING**
[Statutes Art. 6B]
 - 5.1 REVISED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2024–2025 (42 C/5) AND PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS FOR 2026–2027 (DRAFT 43 C/5)
 - 5.2 ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE IOS EVALUATION OF THE IOC'S STRATEGIC POSITIONING – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION
[Dec. EC-55/3.2; Res. A-32/4(IV)]
 - 5.3 FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION A-32/4: GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION – DRAFT GUIDELINES TO SUPPORT MEMBER STATES PREPARATION FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND FOR STATES MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
[Res. A-32/4]
 - 5.4 REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
[Statutes Art. 1.2]
- 6. **PREPARATION OF THE NEXT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**
[Rule of procedure 53.2]
- 7. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND MODALITIES FOR THE FINALISATION OF THE REPORT**
[Statutes Art. C.7; Rule of procedure 30]
- 8. **CLOSURE**

2/ Provisional Timetable for the 57th Session of the Executive Council of IOC



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INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)
Fifty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council
Paris, 25–28 June 2024

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Time	Monday 24 June	Tuesday 25 June	Wednesday 26 June	Thursday 27 June	Friday 28 June
08.00 - 10.00		Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions: Thursday 20 June	Financial Committee (II)	Financial Committee (IV)	Resolutions Committee (II)
10.00 - 11.30	Intersessional Financial Advisory Group	1. Opening 2. Organization of the Session (2.1 – 2.4) 3. Reports 3.1 Report of the Executive Secretary on the work accomplished since IOC-32 Assembly	4. Programme Matters 4.1 GOOS Governance 4.2 Progress report on Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction	3.2 Reports of Subsidiary Bodies 3.2.1 Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards 3.2.1.1 <i>Regional Early Warning Services</i> 3.2.1.2 <i>Global Coordination</i>	6. Preparation of the Next Sessions of the Assembly and Executive Council
11.30 - 11.45		<i>Break</i>			
11.45 - 13.00		5. Governance, Programming & Budgeting 5.1 Programme & Budget 2024–2025 and Preliminary Proposals for 43 C/5 5.2 Follow-up to Resolution A-32/4: Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission – Draft Guidelines for Elections 5.3 Action Plan in response to IOS' Evaluation of the IOC's Strategic Positioning	4.3 Draft Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management 4.4 GEBCO Governance Review and Triennial Review of Users Requirements	<i>Special event</i> Preserving Past Tsunami Information for Future Preparedness: Eyewitness & Survivors Project	7. Adoption of Resolutions and Modalities for the Finalization of the Report 8. Closure
13.00 - 15.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	Financial Committee (I)	Resolutions Committee (I)	Financial Committee (III)	Resolutions Committee (III) (optional)
15.00 - 16.30	IOC Officers Meeting	3.1, 5.1-5.3 (Cont'd) <i>(Replies of the Executive Secretary to the debate)</i>	4.5 Report of the Advisory Board on the 2 nd Edition of the IOC State of the Ocean Report (StOR) 4.6 Implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030)	2.5 Roger Revelle Memorial Lecture, 2024	
16.30 - 16.45		<i>Break</i>			
16.45 - 18.00		3.1, 5.1-5.3 (Cont'd)	4.7 Implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)	5.4 Report by the Chair of the Financial Committee	
After 18.00		IOC RECEPTION			

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

With reference to the revised guidelines for the preparation and consideration of Draft Resolutions ([IOC/INF-1315](#)), a draft resolution is a proposed text submitted by one or several Member States to a Governing Body with a view to its adoption by the Governing Body concerned during the session to which the draft resolution is presented for consideration under the adopted agenda.

The deadline for submission is: _____

Draft Resolution proposal	
Agenda item:	
Title:	
Submitted by:	

The attached Draft Resolution fulfils at least one of the following criterion (tick for the relevant one(s)):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reflect major policy, programmatic, external relations, financial and institutional decisions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve or modify the Commission's programme and budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take action on formal Recommendations made to the Commission by any recognized entities concerned with the oceans

Budgetary implications and source of financing:	
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Name:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat: _____

Screening by the Resolutions Committee:

Screening by the Financial Committee:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (of UNESCO)

The **IOC Executive Council** shall consist of up to 40 Member States, including those Member States of which the elected chairperson and the five Vice-chairpersons are nationals.

List of current States members of the IOC Executive Council (40) elected at the 32nd Session of the IOC Assembly (Paris, 21-30 June 2023)

(List as of 28 June 2023)

Electoral Group I (10 seats)

1. Canada
2. **France** Vice-Chairperson: Ms Marie-Alexandrine Sicre (*2nd term*)
3. Germany
4. Iceland
5. Italy
6. Portugal
7. Spain
8. Türkiye
9. United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
10. United States of America

Electoral Group II (3 seats)

1. **Bulgaria** Vice-Chairperson: Mr Nikolay Valchev (*1st term*)
2. Romania
3. Ukraine

Electoral Group III (9 seats)

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Chile
4. **Colombia** Vice-Chairperson: Mr Juan Camilo Ferero Hauzeur (*1st term*)
5. Costa Rica
6. Ecuador
7. Grenada
8. Panama
9. Peru

Electoral Group IV (9 seats)

1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. China
4. Cook Islands
5. **India** Vice-Chairperson: Dr Srinivas Kumar Tummala (*2nd term*)
6. **Japan** Chairperson: Prof. Yutaka Michida (*1st term*)
7. Pakistan
8. Republic of Korea
9. Thailand

Electoral Group V (9 seats)

1. Congo
2. Egypt
3. Gabon
4. Kenya
5. Morocco
6. Oman
7. Saudi Arabia
8. South Africa
9. Togo

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Amr Zakaria Hamouda (*1st term*)