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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC (IOC Member States)

C.c. : Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
IOC Officers
Chair and Vice-Chairs of IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)

**Subject: Survey on meteorological and oceanographic priorities
for the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board**

On behalf of the Joint World Meteorological Organization (WMO) – Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Collaborative Board (JCB), I am reaching out to you to request your valuable participation in an online survey ‘JCB Survey on Member priorities and capabilities’ designed to collect your insights and suggestions on the JCB current priority work areas and future directions. This survey in English only was requested by the 79th WMO Executive Council (Resolution 6.3/1 [[WMO Resolution 6.3/1\(EC-79\)](#)]) and the 33rd IOC Assembly (Decision 4.6 [[IOC Decision A33/4.6](#)]).

JCB was created in 2019 as a guidance body with the primary objective to promote high-level collaboration and broad engagement of the relevant bodies of IOC and WMO and provide strategic advice on programme co-design, implementation, and governance in light of relevant long-term goals and objectives. The JCB influences how the WMO and IOC jointly enable the delivery of relevant meteorological and oceanographic information and services on the open ocean, in coastal zones and in high latitudes. In addition, while respecting governance, it provides guidance and advice around technical and scientific issues to optimize the complementarity of activities, including through generating common projects.

The JCB, at its third meeting in September 2024, established four initial primary focus areas for its work:

- Defining a global ocean basic observing network, including in the context of the WMO Global Basic Observing Network (GBON)
- Improving data management and interoperability
- Strengthening coastal and maritime resilience

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- Enhancing capacity development through joint training and collaboration

For the first two areas of work, the ocean basic observing network and data management and interoperability, two JCB subgroups have been formed. Further activities are highlighted in reports to the recent governing body meetings of WMO and IOC in June 2025. For IOC this information can be found in document [IOC/A-33/4.6.Doc\(1\)](#). An upcoming JCB meeting in October 2025 will continue to hear progress and evolve the work under the four work areas which will be reported back to WMO and IOC in 2026.

We kindly request that you distribute the survey (<https://forms.office.com/e/8VJRvkR8ft>) to the appropriate points of contact within your country, representing organizations that work at the intersection of meteorology and oceanography. More than one response is permitted per country. The responses will be instrumental in helping us shape the future priorities and actions of JCB and in ensuring that the Board's priorities align with the evolving needs of WMO Members and IOC Member States.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this survey. We would also be very grateful if you could complete your survey responses by 30 September 2025.

Thank you for your time and valuable contribution.

Yours sincerely,

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