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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC

cc. : Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission  
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO and  
National Commissions for UNESCO in Member States of IOCAFRICA  
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies  
(Scientific, Technical and Regional)  
Partner Organizations in the region

**Subject: Arrangements for the Sixth Session of the IOC's Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA-VI), 13–16 April 2021 (online)**

On behalf of Mr Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Said, IOCAFRICA Chairperson, I am pleased to inform you that the Sixth Session of IOCAFRICA will take place from 13 to 16 April 2021 as an online session with three hours a day plenary meetings (10.00-13.00 UTC). These arrangements are imposed by the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic and the need to maintain the intergovernmental governance of the programmes in the region and subsequent reporting to the IOC Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> session scheduled in June.

The Secretariat would greatly appreciate receiving confirmation of attendance and contact detail of your delegation (names, official addresses and designations; i.e., Head of Delegation, Alternate, Representative or Adviser) at your earliest convenience but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (c/o Mr Mika Odido: [m.odido@unesco.org](mailto:m.odido@unesco.org)). Designated national delegates and representatives of partner organizations will be advised in due course on specific arrangements for their online participation to the session. A rehearsal and connexion test to the conferencing platform is likely to be scheduled on 6 April 2021. Further information and the documentation for the session will be made available on the session webpage at <http://legacy.ioc-unesco.org/iocafrika6>. The working languages for the session will be English and French. Draft decisions and recommendations will be available in English only.

The agenda for the session will focus on essential issues requiring attention, guidance and collective action of IOC Member States in the region. This includes reviewing progress of the Sub-commission

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during the intersessional period (March 2019–March 2021), presentation of the latest developments at the global level on the UN Decade for Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) and future developments in the framework of the draft IOC Medium-Term Strategy for 2022–2029, formulation of the IOCAFRICA work plan for 2021–2023, views of the Sub-commission on the proposed change of status and scope of the IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO) and election of IOCAFRICA Officers. The Provisional Agenda (document IOCAFRICA-VI/1 Prov.) for the session is annexed to this letter. Relevant information on elections are also attached hereafter. The deadline for receiving candidatures at the IOCAFRICA secretariat is 9 April 2021 at 17.00 UTC.

I look forward to welcoming IOC national focal persons/institutions, and national, regional and international organizations working in the fields of marine science and management of ocean and coastal resources and environment with the aim of advancing regional and international cooperation towards the understanding and management of the African oceans and coastal ecosystems. The Sub-Commission aims at building conditions for ensuring sustainable development and safety of coastal populations in the region taking into account priorities expressed by Member States.

I would like to take the opportunity of this invitation to request IOCAFRICA Member States to check the contact detail of their coordinating body for liaison with IOC and national focal points on the [record of the Commission](#) and inform Mr Mika Odido, Technical Secretary for IOCAFRICA of any updates.

I count on your participation and collaboration and remain,

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

Vladimir Ryabinin  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (3): Provisional Agenda (IOCAFRICA-VI/1 Prov.)  
IOCAFRICA Elections: Nomination forms  
IOCAFRICA Elections: Electoral Groups and additional information

**Sixth Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and adjacent Island States  
(IOCAFRICA-VI)**

*13–16 April 2021, online*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING**

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.2 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION

**3. INTERSESSIONAL REPORTS**

3.1 STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

3.2 REPORT ON IOCAFRICA ACTIVITIES 2019–2021

3.3 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UNESCO AND IOC  
AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO IOCAFRICA

3.4.1 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)

3.4.2 IOC Draft Medium Term Strategy for 2022–2029

**4. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOCAFRICA WORK PLAN 2019–2021**

**5. PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IOCINDIO SUB COMMISSION AND IMPLICATION  
FOR IOCAFRICA**

**6. DEVELOPMENT OF IOCAFRICA WORK PLAN FOR 2021-2023 & ENGAGEMENT WITH THE  
UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**7. ELECTION OF IOCAFRICA OFFICERS**

**8. OTHER BUSSINESS**

**9. DATES AND PLACES OF THE 7th SESSION OF IOCAFRICA**

**10. ADOPTION OF THE IOCAFRICA WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2021–2023**

**11. ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**12. CLOSURE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION**  
(of UNESCO)

**ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE IOC SUB COMMISSION FOR AFRICA**  
**AND THE ADJACENT ISLAND STATES**

**Nominations**

Nominations of individuals to either the post of Chairperson or the posts of Vice-chairpersons shall be submitted by Member States through the officially designated national coordinating body specified for liaison with the Commission (Rule 26.2), namely through the IOC Focal Point in the Member State or the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing using **Form A** (Chairperson) or **Form B** (Vice-chairperson), and **must reach the Nominations Committee not later than 17:00 UTC on 9 April 2021**.

Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected.

Each candidate for chairperson must be seconded by two Member States of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States, from different electoral groups than that of the nominating Member State. In the case of nominations for Vice-Chairperson, the two seconders should be of the same Electoral Group as that of the nominee's Member State.

**Elections**

Should voting be necessary, the Sub Commission will consider alternative solutions as envisaged in Rules of Procedure Appendix 1 Technical arrangements 2.2.

**IOCAFRICA ELECTORAL GROUPS**

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
Angola	Comoros	Algeria
Benin	Djibouti	Cabo Verde
Cameroon	Eritrea	Egypt** (Chair)
Congo	Ethiopia	Gambia
Cote d'Ivoire	Kenya	Guinea-Bissau
DR Congo	Mauritius	Libya
Gabon	Madagascar* (Vice Chair)	Mauritania
Ghana	Mozambique	Morocco
Guinea	Seychelles	Senegal* (Vice Chair)
Namibia	South Africa	Tunisia
Nigeria* (Vice Chair)	Tanzania	
Togo	Somalia	
Sierra Leone	Sudan	

**Current composition of IOCAFRICA Bureau (2019–2021)<sup>1</sup>**

Chairperson:	Prof. Mr Mohamed Ahmed Said (Egypt)	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
Vice-chairpersons:	Dr (Mr) Adesina Adegbe (Nigeria, Group A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Mr John Bemiasa (Madagascar, Group B)	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	Mr Hamet Diaw Diadiou (Senegal, Group C)	1 <sup>st</sup> term

<sup>1</sup> Elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms.



**IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States**

**Elections**

**Form A – Chairperson**

Name of Member State: .....

Name of Nominee: .....

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of the IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Sub Commission.

Signature of the Nominee: .....

***Seconder 1***

***Seconder 2***

Member State of the IOCAF .....

Name in capitals .....

Position .....

Signature .....

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat      Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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IOCAFRICA-VI Elections

**IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States**

**Elections**

**Form B – Vice-chairperson**

Name of Member State: .....

Name of Nominee: .....

Electoral Group: .....

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-chairperson of the IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Sub Commission.

Signature of the Nominee: .....

**Second<sup>er</sup> 1<sup>2</sup>**

**Second<sup>er</sup> 2\***

Member State of the IOCAFRICA .....

Name in capitals .....

Position .....

Signature .....

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat      Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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<sup>2</sup> should be of the same Electoral Group as that of the nominee's Member State.