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To : IOCINDIO Member States (Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC)
Permanent Delegates/ Observer Missions to UNESCO of
National Commissions for UNESCO in Member States of IOCINDIO

cc. : The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)
Partner Organizations in the region

Subject: IOCINDIO Training Workshop on Methodologies and Approaches of Coastal Vulnerability, Sea Level Rise and Advances in Operational Oceanography Science and Technology in the Indian Ocean, Hyderabad, India, 13–17 December 2021

The Chairperson of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO), Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam, and I are pleased to invite you to the IOCINDIO Training Workshop on Methodologies and Approaches of Coastal Vulnerability and Advances in Operational Oceanography Science and Technology in the Indian Ocean. The workshop will take place from 13 to 17 December 2021 at the International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography (ITCOcean), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO hosted by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, India. The language for the workshop will be English.

Due to the current resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic and related compulsory sanitary restrictions, the training sessions will be held online, while allowing a limited number of participants on site. The Draft Plan of Execution including the agenda of the training workshop, the working document and the registration form are attached hereto. A questionnaire is also attached to facilitate Member States preparation and participation. The information on the status of coastal vulnerability in Member States collected through the questionnaire will serve as resource for preparing Regional Guidelines on Coastal Vulnerability and Sea Level Rise in the Indian Ocean.

Member States and partner organizations are invited to send confirmation of attendance with contact details of qualified specialists in the fields of coastal research, coastal engineering and technology and coastal design, disaster management and operational oceanography. Contact details should include a Curriculum Vitae/profile with full name, designation, fields of expertise and experience, official address with telephone/cellphone numbers, email and a notification on the preferred mode for participation (online or on site). This information should be sent not later than 5 December 2021 by email to the IOCINDIO Technical Secretary, Mr Justin Ahanhanzo (j.ahanhanzo@unesco.org),

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the Coordinator of the ITCOcean/INCOIS Training Centre, Dr TVS Udaya Bhaskar (uday@incois.gov.in; tvsubhaskar@gmail.com) and Dr Tune Usha, senior scientist at the National Centre for Coastal Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Chennai (usha@nccr.gov.in) with a copy to the IOCINDIO Chairperson (khurshed.alam@mofa.gov.bd; khurshedalam@mofa.gov.bd) and Ms Elena Iasyreva of IOC (e.iasyreva@unesco.org). Please kindly ensure equal participation of men and women in the workshop.

Designated national specialists and partner organizations participants will be advised on specific arrangements for their practical participation to the training workshop. Connection tests using MS Teams are likely to be scheduled on 9 and 10 December 2021 from 10:00 to 13:00 (Paris Time) with all the confirmed participants. Updated information for the session including accommodation will be forwarded in due course and posted on the meeting webpage:
https://incois.gov.in/ITCOcean/iocindia_1221.jsp.

I am pleased to inform you that the IOC Secretariat has set aside a limited funding to support the travel expenses for a few participants from IOCINDIO Member States.

I look forward to the active participation and contribution of your national designated experts to the workshop with the aim of enhancing regional and international cooperation towards a greater understanding and management of coastal vulnerability and sea level rise in the Indian Ocean.

Finally, the IOCINDIO Officers and the IOC Secretariat are grateful to the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, for the support in hosting this training workshop.

I would like to take the opportunity of this circular letter to request IOCINDIO Member States to check the contact details of their coordinating body for liaison with IOC and National Focal Points on the online [record of the Commission](#) and inform the Technical Secretary of IOCINDIO, Mr Justin Ahanhanzo (j.ahanhanzo@unesco.org) with copy to the Chairperson of IOCINDIO (khurshed.alam@mofa.gov.bd, khurshedalam@mofa.gov.bd) and Mr Patrice Boned of IOC (p.boned@unesco.org) of any updates.

I thank you in advance for your attention and interest in the IOC programmes and activities in general and the IOCINDIO in particular.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosures (4):

1. Draft Plan of Execution including the Provisional Agenda of the workshop
2. Working document: RCVF-Cari-Coast
3. Registration form
4. Questionnaire on national status regarding coastal vulnerability