

## Item 3 Report of Executive Secretary

**Dr Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary**

*17 January 2022,  
online*

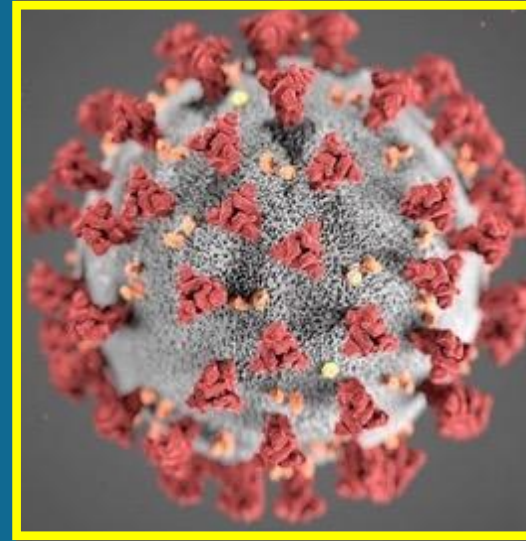
# Key IOC Influencers



Decade



Sustainable  
Ocean  
Planning



Covid-19



UNESCO  
processes

# **Function A: Research - Henrik to report in more detail**

**Special leave of Salvatore Arico in 2022, Henrik to act**

**Large portfolio – to be touched upon later**

**StOR**

**Science in IOC and Decade**

**IIOE-2 (Perth Project Office)**

**WCRP, Open Conference 2023**

# Function B: Observations

**Albert / Emma to report in more detail  
on Observations and WMO**

**Good perspectives, WMO ocean portfolio growing, secondments in the pipeline, good contact with Steering Committee, GOOS vs Decade**

**ICP 2022 – Ocean Observations, reminder to IOC to come soon**

# Function B: Data Management

Peter / Ward to report in more detail

Sopot (Poland) – IODE Conference, Ocean Info Hub, ODIS, setback WRT the Flanders funding of the Oostende Office

WG on Data Policy

Major increase in the interest to and work on data from “partners”, digital twin of the ocean, DITTO, Copernicus Mercator Centre, C4IRO -> “Hub Ocean”, Decade Data coordination Group, etc.

Peter P’s eventual retirement

# Function C: Tsunami + Services

**Bernardo ably acting, TSU head post to be re-advertized**

**TSU – a section without GS on fixed-term contract**

**IOC Tsunami programme is creating new horizons**

**Tsunami-ready, EC funding.**

**Good relations with UNDRR, WTADs successful**

**Tsunami developed in Tonga caused by a volcano eruption**

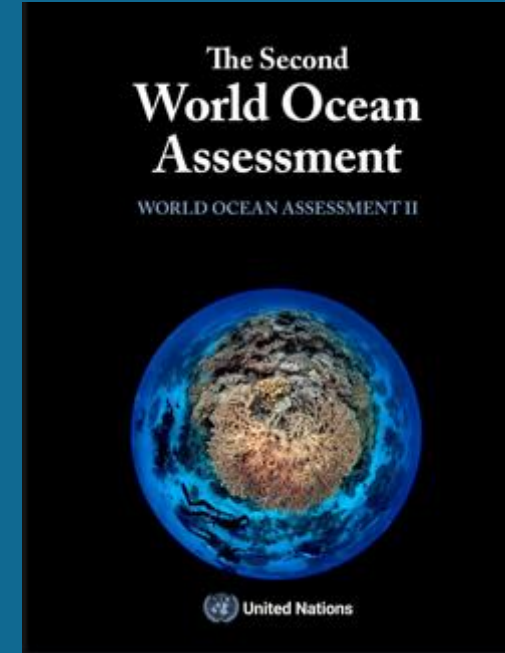
**Developments in ocean information services, prediction, etc.**

**Mercator, IOC “GDPFS”**

# Function D: Assessment / Information for Policy

Julian has more info

WOA2 → WOA 3



GEBCO, Seabed 2030

StOR

# **Function E: Sustainable Management / Governance**

**Julian has more info**

**MSPGlobal ended October 2021 – interest remains**

**LMEs – good work goes on, new perspectives with GEF, etc.**

**UNFCCC COP26, CBD CoP15**

**BBNJ: IGC-4, CHM Mechanism, DOALOS likely act as Secretariat**

**HLP, Sustainable Ocean Planning, Decade, 100% Coalition**



# Function F: Capacity Development

**Peter P – 20% of his FTE**

**WG CD**

**OTGA**

**BBNJ – OIH, role of IOC in related scientific capacity of parties**

**NORAD funding offered mainly for CD and Decade**

# Communications

**P1/P2 Vinny Lindoso leading**

**Generation Ocean Campaign**

**Newsletter, Wiki**

**New website of IOC and Decade, stability of website**

**Comms for IOC vs Decade**

# Regions

**Cesar Toro retiring end of February 2022**

**Fundraising for work in Africa, Mika Odido retiring in 2024**

**IOCINDIO - to go forward meaningfully, an open-ended intersessional WG in making**



# OCEAN DECADE

## 2021 snapshot

### DECADE ACTIONS

31 PROGRAMMES  
 86 PROJECTS  
 10 UN-LED ACTIONS  
 42 CONTRIBUTIONS  
 204 ACTIVITIES



DECADE ACTIONS LED BY PARTNERS FROM  
**OVER 40 COUNTRIES**

**MULTI-STAKE HOLDER**



SCIENCE, GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY, UN AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTOR, PHILANTHROPY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION

**7**  
 REGIONAL TASK FORCES



**24**  
 NATIONAL DECADE COMMITTEES

### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

**\$844M**  
 SECURED FUNDING



**\$15M**  
 LEVERAGED IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT NEW DECADE ACTIONS

### COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



**13,735+**  
 FOLLOWERS



**1,725+**  
 MEMBERS ON THE GLOBAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM



**300**  
 ENGAGED EARLY CAREER OCEAN PROFESSIONALS

[OCEANDECADE.ORG](http://OCEANDECADE.ORG)

@UNOceandecade  
 @un-ocean-decade

Successful / transformative / picking up momentum

Demanding

Defending IOC in UNESCO

Decade and IOC - IOC and Decade

Competitive for IOC

Can Decade help to transform IOC?

Can IOC develop an end-to-end value chain type of work through the Decade?

# UNESCO GC-41, Budget / Programme

**UN General Conference – 41**

**Thanks to Albert for being a great Secretary of SC/IOC Commission C4 and C5 adopted, intersectoral programmes, focus on Africa**

**New Budget: slight increase of RP overall, but more expensive salaries being the +/- same take home -> reduction of RP for activities**

**Significant part of budget in terms of activities is normally used for travel. Current prevalence of online meetings makes it possible to invest more in human resources and fundraise more.**

# Future of IOC, strategic and operational developments

## Strategic positioning of IOC – IOS Evaluation

**“Optimal and Healthy IOC”**

**(budget, people, focus, authority, autonomy, etc.)**

# Human resource situation

**Sci, Salvatore Arico – on special leave in 2022**

**Obs, Albert will need to focus on his treatment**

**Data, Peter P will retire in some years**

**TSU, position of Head TSU to be re-advertized, GS staff on FT lacking**

**Regions: Cesar Toro retiring Feb 2022, Mika Odido in 2024**

**D1 as ES Deputy and Decade Coordinator not coming trough**

**UNESCO may announce post of IOC Executive Secretary as vacant**