

IOC Working Group on the revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy

The IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development,

Recognizing the importance of Capacity Development as one of the six functions of the IOC Medium-Term Strategy (2014–2021), enabling all Member States to participate in, and benefit from, ocean research and services that are vital to sustainable development and human welfare on the planet,

Recalling the adoption, at its 28th Session, of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021) published as IOC/INF-1332,

Welcoming the contributions of its Member States towards capacity development at the global and regional level through financial and in-kind contributions,

Stressing the need to share, across programmes and regions, experience and expertise in capacity development, and to coordinate efforts to increase efficiency and maximize impact,

Noting that the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021) published as IOC/INF-1332 will expire on 31 December 2021,

Noting further the Capacity Development Chapter of the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030),

Establishes the IOC Working Group on the revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy with Terms of Reference as detailed in Annex I below.

Annex I: Terms of Reference of the IOC Working Group on the revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy

Objectives

The Working Group will

- Prepare the Draft IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030), based upon the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021) published as IOC/INF-1332, and taking into account the results and recommendations made by the *GE-CD Task Team relating to the revision of IOC CD Strategy*, from the following inputs:
 - (i) Outcomes of the 2nd IOC Capacity Development Survey (September 2020 - January 2021);
 - (ii) Capacity Development Chapter of the Implementation Plan of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030);

- (iii) Consultations with IOC global and regional programmes related to Capacity Development;
- (iv) Consultations with UN specialized agencies, non-UN IGOs, Global and Regional organizations, programmes and projects, NGOs and private sector partners.
- Submit a preliminary Draft IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030) to the Group of Experts on Capacity Development during its 4th Meeting on October 2022 for its review and subsequent submission of the final Draft IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030) for adoption by the 32nd Session of the IOC Assembly.
- The Working Group will carry out its work via electronic means.

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