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اللجنة الدولية الحكومية لعلوم المحيطات

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- To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with the IOC in States Members of the IOC Executive Council
Executive Heads of Organizations part of UN-Oceans Executive Heads of Intergovernmental and Non-governmental Organizations cooperating with the IOC
- cc. : Other IOC Member States
The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)

**Subject: Invitation to the 55th Session of the IOC Executive Council,
UNESCO HQ, Paris, 14–17 June 2022**

On behalf of the IOC Chairperson, Mr Ariel H. Troisi, I would like to invite Member States of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO that are members of its Executive Council to attend the 55th session of the Executive Council, to be held from 14 to 17 June 2022 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. Other IOC Member States, as well as organizations cooperating with and contributing to the work of the Commission, are welcome as observers.

The session will be preceded by the meeting of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group and the meeting of the Officers on 13 June 2022. Upon consultation with the IOC Officers at their meeting, 14–21 January 2022, and taking stock of the positive evolution of the sanitary situation in most countries, we look forward to seeing you at UNESCO Headquarters for the session in praesentia. Please refer to the attached documents, including the provisional Timetable, for detail.

The information for the session will be made available at: <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3534>, as well as the documentation for the session and the relevant draft decisions under each item. Please be reminded that draft resolutions (DR) should be submitted to the Secretariat by Thursday 9 June at 10.00 at the latest, in accordance with document [IOC/INF-1315](#). A form for the submission of DRs is attached. The Draft Resolution on Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission will be finalized by the sessional Financial Committee, as per the established practice.

For organizational purposes, it is particularly important that IOC Members States and partner organizations first notify the Secretariat of the **complete list of their delegation** with names of the Head of delegation, designated representatives, alternates and advisers for the session by order of

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precedence, via or with a copy to their Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, when relevant, **by 11 May 2022**. In addition, personal contact detail of all participants in the session, including members of permanent delegations to UNESCO, must be registered individually on the dedicated online registration platform which will be open at <https://iocregistration.civi-go.net> from 11 May. If you need further information or assistance, please contact the Secretariat (c/o Patrice Boned, p.boned@unesco.org).

In order to ensure optimal meeting conditions, let me encourage Member States to organize their delegations so as not to have more than 3 persons maximum present in the room at any given time and to remember the gender balance principle in forming their national delegations.

The IOC Secretariat looks forward to a constructive and successful session.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (4):

Provisional Agenda for the 55th Session of the Executive Council of IOC (IOC/EC-55/2.1.Doc)
Provisional Timetable for the 55th Session of the Executive Council of IOC (IOC/EC-55/2.1.Doc Add)
Submission form for Draft Resolutions
List of current States members of the IOC Executive Council, 2021–2023



INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Fifty-fifth Session of the Executive Council
UNESCO, Paris, 14–17 June 2022

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR

2.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

2.4 INTRODUCTION OF TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

2.5 ROGER REVELLE MEMORIAL LECTURE

3. IOC MATTERS AND REPORTS

3.1 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (July 2021–May 2022)
[Rule of Procedure 49.1]

3.2 INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICE (IOS) EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC POSITIONING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC-UNESCO)
[Res A-31/2(IV)]

3.3 PRESENTATION OF THE PILOT *IOC STATE OF THE OCEAN REPORT*
[IOC/EC-53/SR, item 3.1; IOC-31/SR, item 3.2]

3.4 OCEAN OBSERVATIONS IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION
[Rules of Procedure 21.2c]

3.5 REPORTS OF IOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES
[Rule of Procedure 48.3]

3.5.1 Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards

3.5.1.1 *Regional Early Warning Services*

3.5.1.2 *Global Coordination of Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards*

3.5.2 Progress Report of the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on the Status of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)
[Dec. IOC-XXX/3.3.4, A-31/3.5.6]

- 4. IOC RELEVANT ISSUES RELATED TO UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENTS**
 - 4.1 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)
[39 C/Resolution 25; Res. XXIX-1, XXX-1, A-31/1]
 - 4.2 OTHER UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVES
[Rules of Procedure 21.2c]
- 5. GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING**
 - 5.1 FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION A-31/2: GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION
 - 5.2 REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
 - 5.3 PREPARATION OF THE NEXT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
- 6. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND MODALITIES FOR THE FINALISATION OF THE REPORT**
- 7. CLOSURE**



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Fifty-fifth Session of the Executive Council
Paris, 14–17 June 2022

IOC/EC-55/21.Doc Add.
Paris, 12 April 2022
English only

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Time	Monday 13 June	Tuesday 14 June	Wednesday 15 June	Thursday 16 June	Friday 17 June
08.00 - 10.00		Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions: Thursday 9 June	Financial Committee (II)	Financial Committee (IV) Resolutions Committee (II)	
10.00 - 11.30	Intersessional Financial Advisory Group	1. Opening 2. Organization of the Session (2.1 – 2.4) 3. IOC Matters & Reports <u>3.1</u> Report of the Executive Secretary on the work accomplished since IOC-31 Assembly	<u>3.2</u> <i>Cont'd</i> <u>3.3</u> Presentation of the IOC State of the Ocean Report	3.5.2 Progress Report of the Open- ended Intersessional Working Group on the Status of IOCINDIO	<u>5.3</u> Preparation of the Next Sessions of the Assembly and Executive Council
11.30 - 11.45		<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>			
11.45 - 13.00		5. Governance, Programming & Budgeting <u>5.1</u> Follow-up to Resolution A-31/2: Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission	<u>3.4</u> Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction	4. IOC-relevant Issues related to UN Developments <u>4.1</u> Report on the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development	6. Adoption of Resolutions and Modalities for the Finalization of the Report 7. Closure
13.00 - 15.00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>	Resolutions Committee (I) Financial Committee (I)	Financial Committee (III) <i>BREAK</i>	Resolutions Committee (III) (optional) <i>BREAK</i>	
15.00 – 16.30	IOC Officers Meeting	<u>3.1</u> (<i>Cont'd</i>) <i>(Replies of the Executive Secretary to the debate)</i>	<u>3.5</u> Reports of IOC Subsidiary Bodies 3.5.1 Warning & Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards 3.5.1.1 <i>Regional Early Warning Services</i>	<u>4.2</u> Other UN Initiatives <u>5.2</u> Report by the Chair of the Financial Committee	
16.30 - 16.45		<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>			
16.45 – 18.00		<u>3.2</u> IOS Evaluation of the Strategic Positioning of the IOC	3.5.1.2 <i>Global Coordination of Warning & Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards</i>	2.5 Roger Revelle Memorial Lecture, 2022	
After 18.00		IOC RECEPTION			



DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

With reference to the revised guidelines for the preparation and consideration of Draft Resolutions ([IOC/INF-1315](#)), a draft resolution is a proposed text submitted by one or several Member States to a Governing Body with a view to its adoption by the Governing Body concerned during the session to which the draft resolution is presented for consideration under the adopted agenda.

The deadline for submission is: [9 June 2022 at 10 a.m.](#)

Draft Resolution proposal	
Agenda item:	
Title:	
Submitted by:	

The attached Draft Resolution fulfils at least one of the following criterion (tick for the relevant one(s)):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reflect major policy, programmatic, external relations, financial and institutional decisions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve or modify the Commission's programme and budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take action on formal Recommendations made to the Commission by any recognized entities concerned with the oceans

Budgetary implications and source of financing:	
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Name:	
Position:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat: _____

Screening by the Resolutions Committee:

Screening by the Financial Committee:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (of UNESCO)

The **IOC Executive Council** shall consist of up to 40 Member States, including those Member States of which the elected chairperson and the five Vice-chairpersons are nationals.

List of current States members of the IOC Executive Council (40)
elected at the 31st Session of the IOC Assembly (Paris, 14-25 June 2021)

(List as of 25 June 2021)

Electoral Group I (10 seats)

1. Canada
2. **France** Vice-Chairperson: Ms Marie-Alexandrine Sicre (*1st term*)
3. Germany
4. Italy
5. Portugal
6. Spain
7. Sweden
8. Turkey
9. United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
10. United States of America

Electoral Group II (3 seats)

1. Bulgaria
2. Romania
3. **Russian Federation** Vice-Chairperson: Dr Alexander Frolov (*2nd term*)

Electoral Group III (9 seats)

1. **Argentina** Chairperson: Mr Ariel Hernan Troisi (*2nd term*)
2. **Brazil** Vice-Chairperson: Mr Frederico Antonio Saraiva Nogueira (*2nd term*)
3. Chile
4. Colombia
5. Grenada
6. Panama
7. Peru
8. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
9. Uruguay

Electoral Group IV (9 seats)

1. Australia
2. China
3. **India** Vice-Chairperson: Dr Srinivas Kumar Tummala (*1st term*)
4. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
5. Japan
6. Philippines
7. Republic of Korea
8. Thailand
9. Turkmenistan

Electoral Group V (9 seats)

1. Côte d'Ivoire
2. Egypt
3. Gabon
4. Guinea
5. Kenya
6. Lybia
7. Morocco
8. Saudi Arabia
9. South Africa

Vice-Chairperson: Dr Karim Hilmi (*2nd term*)