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**Item: 3.5.2 . IONCINDIO**

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**PROGRESS REPORT**

**INTERSESSIONAL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP**

**ON THE STATUS OF THE**

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTRAL INDIAN OCEAN  
(IOCINDIO)**

## Follow up to the Decision A-31/3.5.6

### The Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> Session

- Welcomed the IOCINDIO-VIII Recommendation for the transformation of the status of IOCINDIO into an IOC Sub-Commission and the responsive views of Member States, following the provisions of the IOC Manual with the Guidelines for the Structure and Responsibilities of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission (Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Manual) and its section 5 on Sub-Commissions.
- Decided to pursue further towards the establishment of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean, taking into account the proposal for changing the status of IOCINDIO into an IOC Sub-Commission, as a framework to improve coordination of IOC Member States in the region and to ensure implementation of IOC programmes in the Indian Ocean with a view to presenting a draft resolution to the Assembly of IOC at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Session.
- Decided to undertake the remaining steps towards establishment of the IOCINDIO Sub-Commission through **an intersessional Working Group.**



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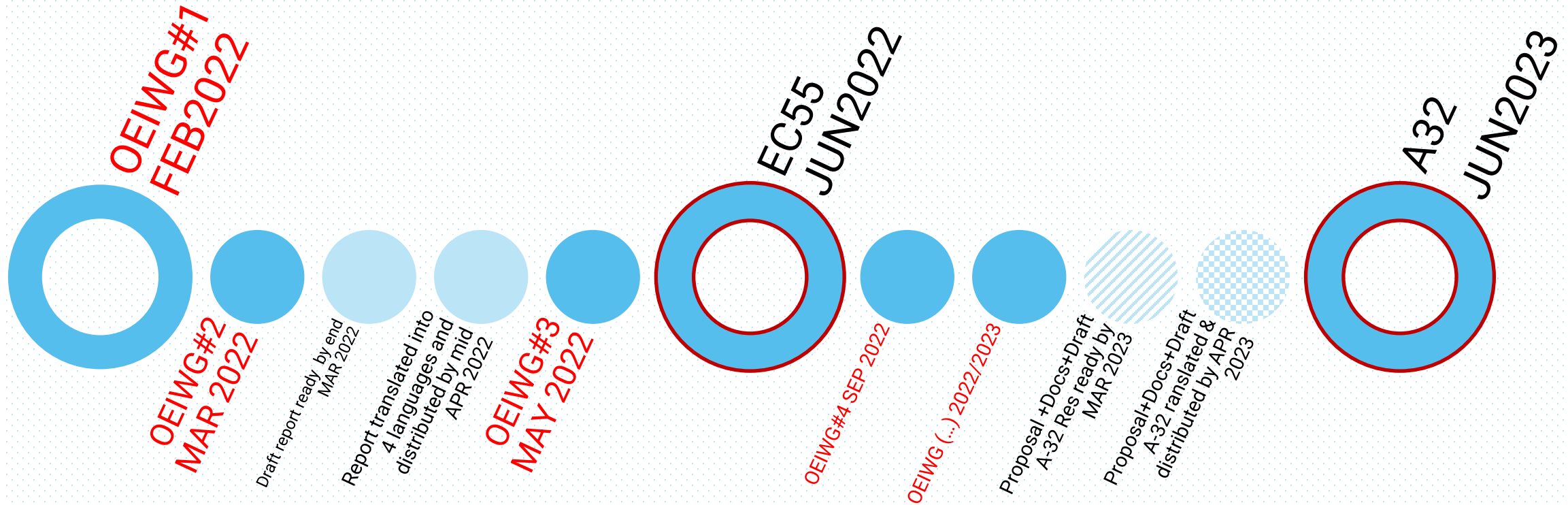
- **identify necessary steps** remaining for the establishment of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean,
- **present a written progress report** for discussion by the Executive Council at its 55th session,
- **prepare a proposal** for the establishment of an IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean including: its title and terms of reference; geographic area of responsibility; programme of work with the proposed projects and funding support; mechanisms for coordination with adjacent sub-commissions, and other necessary specifications, **and submit it to the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session** as a working document **as well as a draft resolution** on the above subject.

# Timeline



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Establishment of the Working Group in January 2022 following the Circular Letter 2872.



Membership: Representatives of IOC Member States, current and past IOCINDIO Officers, Chair of IOCAFRICA, Vice-Chair of WESTPAC and representatives of partners organizations including Regional Centre for Operational Coordination (RCOC) based in Seychelles.

Review of the historical background of IOCINDIO (Islamabad, Pakistan, 3–7 July 1988)

**Proposal by the Secretariat of geographical scope and Terms of Reference** including : Mission, Objectives, Area of responsibility, Structure; Membership, Bureau of Officers of the Sub-Commission, Working Groups or Task Teams, Secretariat for the Sub-Commission, frequency of IOCINDIO meetings, Programme and budget Mechanisms for coordination with adjacent Sub-Commissions, Governance of IOC programmatic activities in the Indian Ocean region.

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### Consensus and Divergence in the WG

- **IOCINDIO as legacy brand**
- **Geographic scope (“area of responsibility” / “area of reference”)**. However, seems to be a consensus that the new Sub Commission should retain its current geographic coverage.
- **Concerns about possible overlaps or undermining neighboring Sub-Commissions**



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**THANK YOU**

