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National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
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**Subject: Call for Expressions of Interest to host Second International Ocean
Decade Conference (extension of deadline to 15 September 2022)**

This Circular Letter is to inform Member States of the extension of the deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest to host the Second International Ocean Decade Conference to 15 September 2022.

As described in IOC [Circular Letter 2878](#) of February 2022 and as envisaged in the Ocean Decade [Implementation Plan](#), it is proposed to hold a multi-stakeholder International Ocean Decade Conference every three years as a means of: (i) carrying out a collective stocktaking of progress against the Ocean Decade vision and mission; (ii) reviewing the Ocean Decade Action Framework, including the Ocean Decade Challenges; and (iii) catalyzing new partnerships and commitments for the co-design and co-delivery of transformative Decade Actions. The First International Ocean Decade Conference was generously supported by Germany in virtual mode in June 2021. The IOC Secretariat is now seeking written Expressions of Interest from Member States to host the Second International Ocean Decade Conference in late 2023 or early 2024.

It is expected that the Conference will be primarily an in-person event for 800-1000 persons, with facilities for hybrid participation / live streaming. The Conference will include a series of plenary and parallel sessions across all Ocean Decade Challenges, and should have scope for side events and cultural / networking events. The Conference can be held consecutively with another major ocean convening in this time period in order to minimize travel. Expressions of Interest should include information on experience of the Member State in hosting similar events, information on the proposed dates and location of the Conference, as well as information on the financial and in-kind resources available to organize and host the Conference, including support to ensure wide participation from less well represented groups. Joint Expressions of Interest that include resourcing from two or more Member States are welcomed, particularly when this may allow the

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Conference to be held in a Least Developed Country or Small Island Developing State that may have the capacity, but not all the required resources, to host the conference.

Following an initial review of the Expressions of Interest by the IOC Executive Secretary in consultation with the IOC Chair and Officers, the IOC Secretariat will hold discussions with potential hosts on the details of their proposed hosting role for the Conference before making a final decision on the host. The final decision will be made taking into account: (i) available resources; (ii) experience in organizing and hosting similar events; (iii) geographical diversity; (iv) travel and logistical issues include the net carbon footprint of the Conference once any offsets are taken into account; and (v) any other relevant issues. A Host Country Agreement will be established with the selected host of the Conference to formalize the details of the Conference and the roles and responsibilities of the host country and the IOC Secretariat in Conference organization and hosting. The announcement of the selected host of the Conference will be made in late 2022.

Expressions of Interest should be addressed to the IOC Executive Secretary before 15 September 2022 with a copy to j.barbieri@unesco.org and a.clausen@unesco.org.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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