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**Subject: New Head of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE) Secretariat – Dr Lorna Inniss**

I am pleased to inform you that following the retirement of Dr Cesar Toro as Head of the IOCARIBE Secretariat in 2022 and a recruitment campaign under the UNESCO Mid-Level Professionals Programme aimed at prioritizing recruitment from non- and under-represented Member States, Dr Lorna Inniss (Barbados) has been appointed as the new Head of IOCARIBE Secretariat.

Dr Inniss holds an M.Sc. degree in Environmental Planning and Management, a post-graduate diploma in Business Management, and a Ph.D. in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences. She has been working in the field of coastal and marine science and management for 30 years, with her most recent posting as Coordinator of the UNEP Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention) and the Caribbean Environment Programme, located in Kingston Jamaica. Previously, she also worked for 23 years with the Coastal Zone Management Unit, Ministry of Environment, Government of Barbados. She worked as the Joint Coordinator of a Group of Experts established by the United Nations General Assembly to deliver the first Integrated World Ocean Assessment. She was twice elected Vice Chair of the IOCARIBE Board and also served as the first Chair of the IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunamis and Coastal Hazards Warning System in the Caribbean.

Dr Inniss ([l.inniss@unesco.org](mailto:l.inniss@unesco.org)) will assume her duties at the IOCARIBE Secretariat in Cartagena, Colombia at the end of January 2023.

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Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Dr Jean-Paul Ngome Abiaga (Science officer, UNESCO Kingston Office) for his support as acting Head of IOCARIBE during 2022 and look forward to continuing this cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

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