



IOCARIBE-17


Item 4



Recent UN, UNESCO, and IOC Developments


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 **Deadline for DRs:**
Friday 16 June at 10 a.m.

56th EC

32nd Session of the Assembly

hour	Monday 19 June	Tuesday 20 June	Wednesday 21 June	Thursday 22 June	Friday 23 June	Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
08.00				Ocean Science Day	Financial Committee (1)	Financial Committee (3) Resolution Committee (1)		Financial Committee (5)	Financial Committee (optional)	
10.00 - 11.30	Meeting of IOC Officers	1. Opening 2. Organization of the session (2.1-2.2) 3. Arrangements for IOC-32 (3.1) 3.2 Request for Suppl. Items	1. Opening 2. Organization of the Session (2.1-2.4) 3. IOC Matters & Reports 3.1 Chair's Statement	Decade event Mário Ruivo Memorial Lecture	3.3.4 IOCINDIO 3.4 Report of Other SUBS 3.4.3 IPHAB	3.4.2 IODE 4.4 Revision of the IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy	4.8 GOOS Workplan 4.8.1 Ocean Obs. in areas under national Jurisdiction	4.6 IOC Contributions to UN Governance Process 4.7 Development of a new IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning & Manag't	5. (cont'd)	7. (cont'd)
11.30 - 11.45		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11.45 - 13.00			3.3 Sessional WG 3.4 Timetable 4. Dates & places next sessions 5. Consultation process on a shortlist of candidates for the post of Ex. Secretary (introduction)	3.2 Ex. Sec's Report 6. Governance, programming & budgeting 6.1-6.2 P&B (draft 42 C/5) - Follow-up to Res. A-31/2 6.3 Draft Action Plan following IOS evaluation (Introduction)	(cont'd)	3.4.1 Ocean Hazards 3.4.1.1 Regional Early Warning Systems 3.4.1.2 Global coordination	4.2 Revised Pilot StOR 4.11 Update on IOC / SDG 14 Indicators	4.10 Follow-up to GCOS Implementation Plan 2022 4.9 Four-year Review WMO-IOC JCB	6.5 Elections	3.5 IOC Report to 42 GC of UNESCO
13.00 - 15.00	LUNCH BREAK		LUNCH BREAK		Financial Committee (2)	Financial Committee (4)	LUNCH BREAK	Nominations Committee Resolution Committee (2)	Resolution Committee (3)	
15.00 - 16.30	Intersessional Financial Advisory Group	5. Consultation process on a shortlist of candidates for the post of Executive Secretary (private session)	3.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 Ex. Sec. response	2.5 Anton Bruun Memorial Lecture	4.3 IOC CD Strategy	4.5 IOCINDIO Status	4.12 Report on the Decade Implementation	6.5 Report Nom. Cttee - Elections (results)	6. Governance, Programming & Budgeting 6.4 Report of the Financial Committee	
16.30 - 16.45		Break	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
16.45 - 18.00			5. (Brief report) 6. Adoption of the EC Report 7. Closure	3.3 Reports of SUBS 3.3.1 IOCAFRICA 3.3.2 WESTPAC 3.3.3 IOCARIBE	Panel: Ocean change - adaption and mitigation opportunities and challenges	2.5 NK Panikkar Memorial Lecture	4.1 GEBCO GC	4.12 (Cont'd)	5. IOC and the Future of the Ocean	6.6 Next sessions 7. Adoption of Resolutions
After 18.00			IOC Reception		 Closing date for the nominations for elections (18h00)					

Key IOC Influencers

- **Climate (UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement → more ocean)**
- **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, “30 by 30”**
- **BBNJ → “High Seas Treaty”, IOC in the final text**
- **Sustainable Ocean Planning**
- **Massively increasing needs for/of sustainable ocean economy**
- **Ocean Decade moving forward**
- **UN Ocean Conference (Lisbon, 2022) recognized IOC and Decade in its Political Declaration in an unprecedented way**
- **UN Ocean Conference (Nice, 2025) is in making**

IOC in UNESCO

- **IOS Evaluation of IOC Strategic Positioning – Action Plan**
- **UNESCO Member States support to IOC**
- **ExB 214 “UNESCO and the Ocean” – report in October 2023**
- **Cooperation with other sectors:
CLT (WHC + UCH), SC (MAB, IHP), ED (OL)**
- **Field Network Reform, may touch on WESTPAC and IOCAFRICA**
- **UNESCO SIDS Group active**

Evaluation of IOC strategic positioning, budget

EC-55 request to estimate needed budget and resources

IOC current situation

Overall biennial **integrated budget for IOC of \$31.8 million**,
of which **\$11.2 million is RP**, i.e. 2.1% of UNESCO's overall RP
Earlier agreed ratio salaries/activities: 75%-25%,
now (2022–2023): 84%-16%

**Sustainable delivery and expansion of IOC activities:
estimate of required budget, including human resource needs**

October 2022

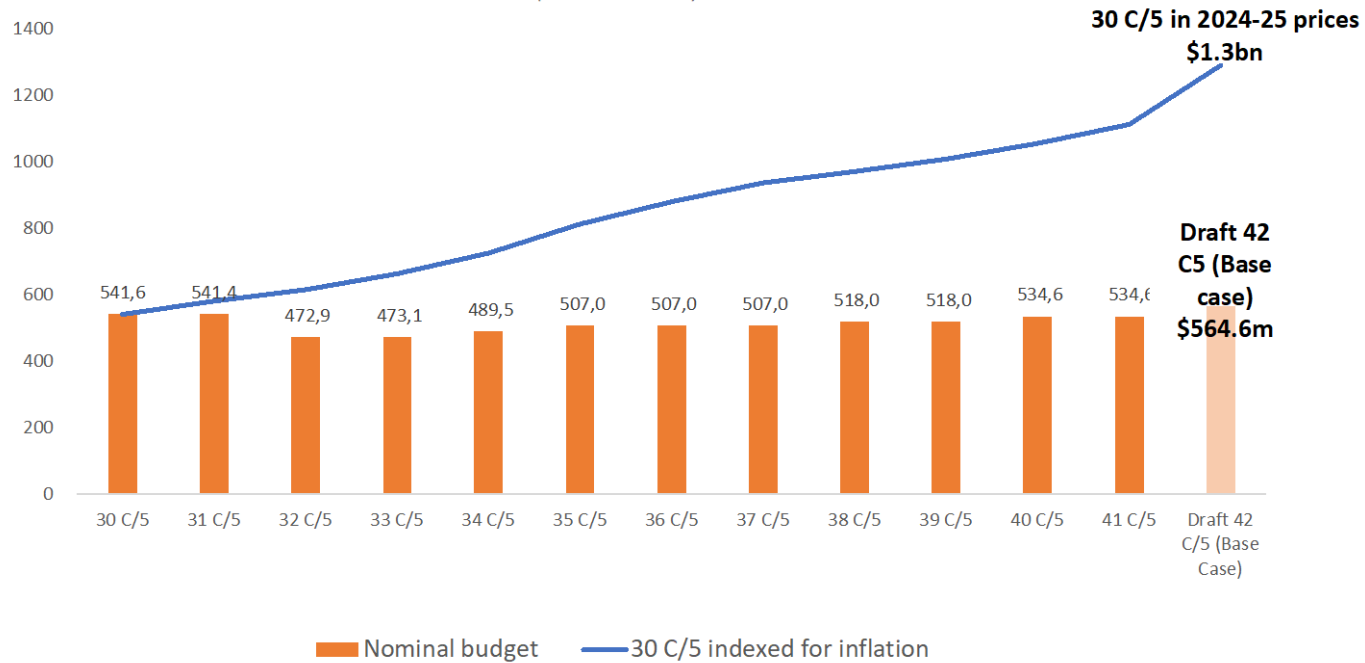
Recommendations:

increase of **workforce from 60 to 90**,
staff outside RP requires more stability,
increase of **budget from 30M\$ to 50M\$**,
need stable **"core voluntary contributions"**

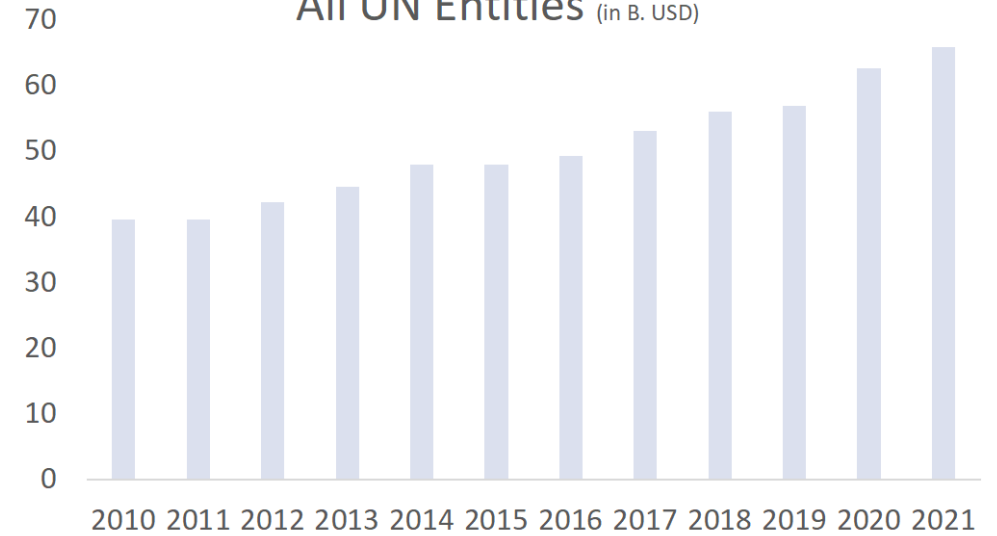
UNESCO Budget

Regular Budget Evolution in real terms

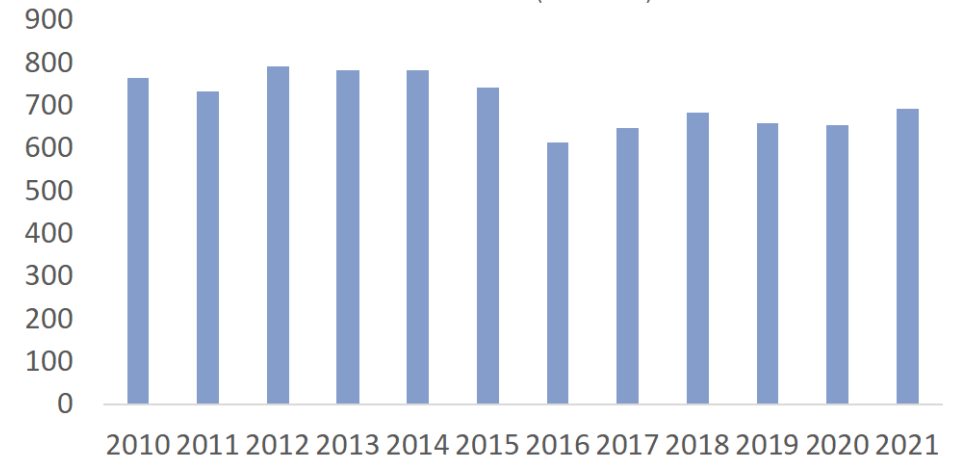
30 C/5 (2000-2001) to Draft 42 C/5 Base Case (2024-2025)
(in USD millions)



All UN Entities (in B. USD)



UNESCO (in M. USD)



Proposed UNESCO and IOC Budget 2024-2025

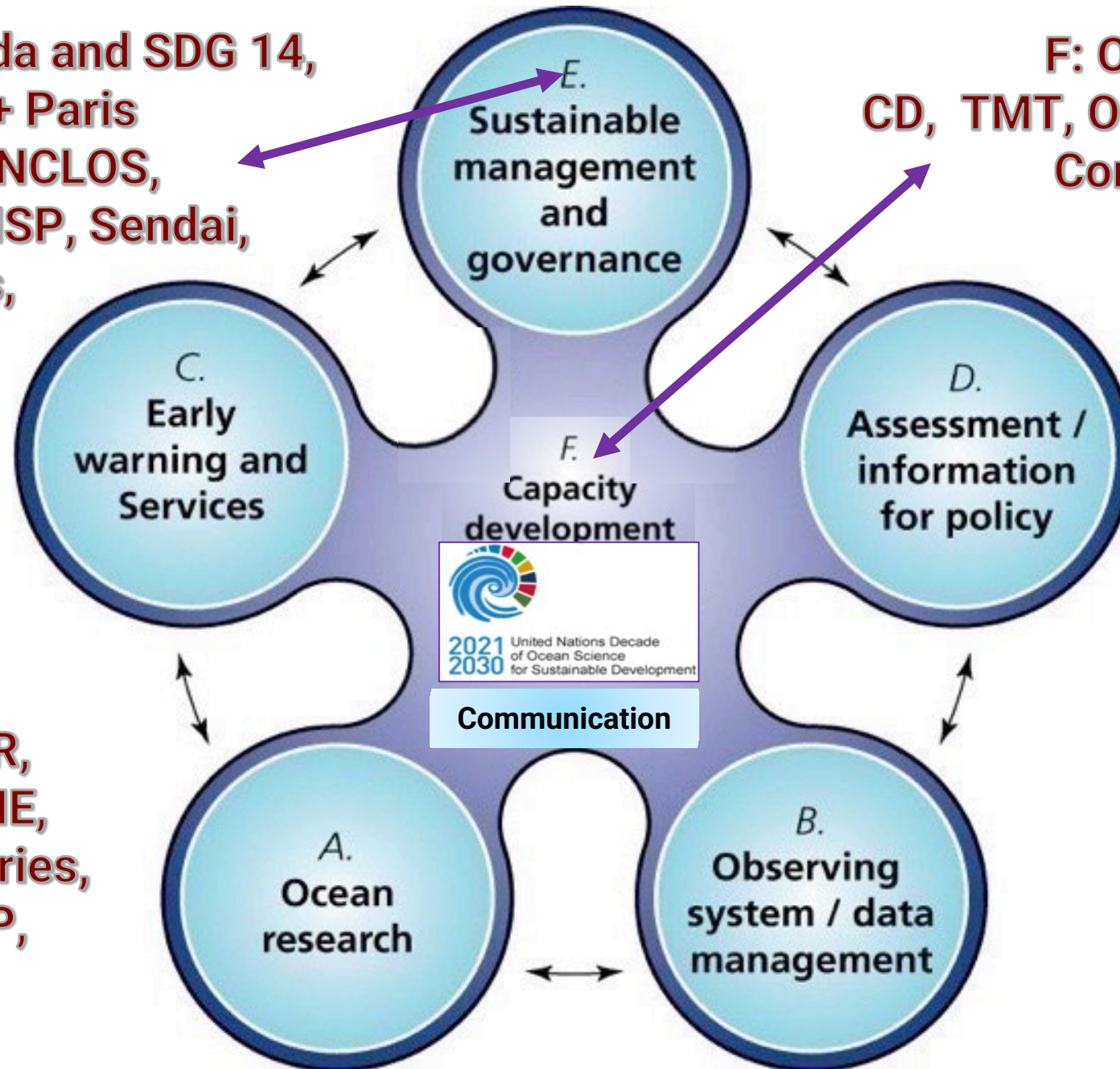
- 2 scenarios for UNESCO budget 2023-2024:
Base case vs **ZNG** (in case of BC – increase of finding)
564.6 M\$ **536.4 M\$**
- ZNG – effective reduction for UNESCO, IOC **almost untouched**
Base Case – IOC gets **2nd largest increase, of 19.7%, 2.3 M\$**
- Perspectives of USA returning to UNESCO
- Later additional proposal of ± 30 Member States of UNESCO to increase IOC RP budget by **1% of UNESCO RP budget (5M\$+)**
- Path: Executive Board 216 (May), 217 (Oct), GC-42 (Nov)
- Major budget uncertainty for IOC Assembly deliberations

Current IOC Portfolio

E: 2030 Agenda and SDG 14, UN, UNFCCC + Paris Agreement, UNCLOS, BBNJ, CBD, MSP, Sendai, Coastal zones,

C: Tsunami, HABs, Ocean Prediction

A: GOSR, StOR, GOAON, GO₂NE, Long-term Series, Carbon, WCRP, IIOE-2



F: OTGA, RTRCs, CD, TMT, Ocean literacy, Communication, Education

D: IPCC, WOA3, SDG 14.3, SDG 14.a

B: GOOS, GLOSS, IODE, OBIS, GEBCO

Research

StOR
OA
Deoxygenation
HABs
Multi-stressors
Long time series
GESAMP
Blue Carbon
SDG 14.3 + 14.a: GOSR, portals, helping UNEP
WCRP and its Open Science Conference
IIOE-2 <-> no secretariat staff responsible
Carbon + growing interest in carbon solutions
Decade Programmes
More...

New:
Indigenous and Local Knowledge
Chemical Pollution – Back to Blue

A little on IOC Regional Work

Regional work is an integral part of IOC effort translating IOC global vision, mission, and goals into actions on the ground addressing more specific challenges of IOC Member States

Change in the regional guard

IOCARIBE – Lorna Inniss
IOCAFRICA – Mika Odido
retiring, selection is on



Upgrade of IOCINDIO into a Sub-Commission

Thoughts on IOCARIBE planning: advantages of a small set of focussed consolidated activities addressing key regional issues rather than a long list of traditional entries:
(Sargassum, tropical cyclones, sustainable ocean planning?)

When I go in December 2023, I hope to leave IOC

- **leading the world's oceanography (Decade) and having an important and recognized role in the UN system (UNOC 2025 to decide on a common plan of ocean action in the UN system),**
- **on the road to sustainable ocean management (science-based climate-smart ecosystem-oriented integrated ocean planning for a sustainable ocean economy),**
- **with increased budget,**
- **with a strong, healthy and motivated Secretariat,**
- **working through the whole value chain (SOP -> Functions, globally and in regions).**