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4.2 Revised Capacity Development Strategy

- IOC Assembly XXVIII (2015) – Adoption of an IOC CD Strategy (2015-2021)
- The GE-CD Task Team’s report, IOC/INF-1396, concluded that there was a need to update the IOC CD Strategy

- Decision A-31/3.5.3:

- *extended the current IOC Capacity Development Strategy until July 2023*

- *tasked GoE CD with revised ToRs to:*

(vii) revise the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and prepare a proposal for submission to the IOC Assembly at its 32nd Session;

(viii) prepare a proposal to promote visibility and reach of the revised IOC CD Strategy so that its target audience will read through and appreciate the document as a guide in implementing capacity development activities for submission and submit it to the IOC Assembly at its 32nd Session;



IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030

Key updates:

- A slightly shortened Strategy
- Removal of references to specific projects, now captured by the Ocean CD-Hub
- Strengthened mission and vision statements
- Maintained six outputs; Additional activities and actions

Executive Summary:

- Reflects the increased recognition that the ocean plays in political, commercial, science and society
- Reflects the importance of capacity development in the delivery of the Decade of Ocean Science
- The IOC's critical role in fostering international cooperation
- Use the strategy as the motivation to develop an implementation plan, such that IOC CD activities are clearly articulated and that the benefits are more readily identified

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Vision and Mission:

- *Through international cooperation, IOC will assist its Member States to collectively achieve the IOC'S high-level objectives (HLOs), **and in doing so support the delivery of the societal outcomes of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**, with particular attention to ensuring that all Member States have the capacity to meet them.*
- IOCs CD must recognise activities undertaken by its Member States and other marine stakeholders, bringing visibility to opportunities and promoting CD activities. To which end partnership and collaboration are essential pillars of IOC'S Capacity Development Strategy, working with other United Nations specialised agencies

Strategic Framework:

- An enhanced and expanded portfolio of Activities, based on the existing six Outputs of the IOC CD Strategy
- Integrated additional activities and actions (total of 16 activities; 31 actions)

Summary Table of Outputs, Activities and Actions

Output	Activity	Action
1. Human resources developed at individual and institutional levels	1.1 Academic and higher education	1.1.1 Promote and assist with the strengthening and establishment of consortia of higher education and research institutions at the appropriate geographical scale
		1.1.2 Promote collaboration between UNESCO Chairs and IOC, and between IOC and other organizations dealing with ocean matters on human resources development
	1.2 Continuous professional development	1.2.1 Promote and assist with the organization of training courses, workshops and “summer schools”, relevant to the IOC mandate, including training of trainers/technicians and executive career development for institutional managers/decision makers, in collaboration with other organisations
		1.2.2 Establish, or collaborate with other organizations to develop internship/fellowship and on-board training programmes
		1.2.3 Establish and collaborate with other organisations on visiting lecturer/scholar/researcher programmes and professional exchanges (peer to peer)
		1.2.4 Promote and assist with the establishment of regional training (and research) centres relevant to the IOC mandate
		1.2.5 Promote the development and sharing of training materials and tools
	1.3 Sharing of knowledge and expertise including through community building	1.3.1 Establish a travel grant “fund”
		1.3.2 Establish or collaborate with other organizations on a mentoring programme
		1.3.3 Promote and assist with the development and strengthening of IOC alumni networks, and professional networks including for youth leaders
		1.3.4 Promote funding, grant and scholarship programs to facilitate ocean research, technical development and scientific exchange through bringing visibility of opportunities via an online CD hub
	1.4 Integration of ocean science in basic education	1.4.1 Promote the integration of ocean science in curricula of primary and secondary schools
		1.4.2 Promote careers in ocean research and ocean management
	1.5 Improving gender, generational and geographic diversity	1.5.1 Promote participation of women in ocean research
		1.5.2 Promote and support “young scientist” and “women in science” awards
2. Access to technology, physical infrastructure, data and information established or improved	2.1 Facilitating access to technology and infrastructure	2.1.1 Establish and maintain a register of infrastructure to facilitate access, and promote transfer of marine technology
		2.1.2 Promote the development of regional collaboration on sustainable scientific infrastructure
		2.1.3 Promote involvement of citizen science in ocean research
	2.2 Facilitating equitable access to and sharing of ocean data and information	2.2.1 Promote the development and wide use of regional and global data and information systems
2.2.2 Promote the sharing of ocean data and information by stakeholders		

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3. Global, regional and sub-regional mechanisms strengthened	3.1 Further strengthening and supporting secretariats of regional sub-commissions	3.1.1 Improve staffing of secretariat of regional sub-commissions 3.1.2 Reinforce budgeting of regional sub-commissions
	3.2 Enhancing effective communication between regional sub-commission secretariats and global programmes as well as other communities of practice (incl. other organizations)	3.2.1 Establish an effective coordination and communication mechanism between the secretariats of the regional sub-commissions and the global programmes
	3.3 Identifying specific national and regional capacity development needs through regular needs assessment	3.3.1 Organise and conduct biennial capacity development needs survey
	3.4 Encouraging regional and sub-regional organisations to be leaders in, and amplifiers of capacity development	3.4.1 Reinforce engagement of regional and sub-regional organizations in consultation process and capacity development initiatives
4. Development of ocean research policies in support of sustainable development objectives promoted	4.1 Fostering the development of ocean research policies	4.1.1 Compile and compare information on existing ocean research policies, and disseminate to member states for their use 4.1.2 Assist and enable Member States with the development of ocean research policies, making use of the results of 4.1.1
5. Visibility, awareness and understanding on the roles and values of the ocean and ocean research in relation to human wellbeing and sustainable development increased	5.1 Fostering the development of ocean related public information and communication services	5.1.1 Encourage the development of public information (communication) departments in ocean research institutions
	5.2 Fostering the development of ocean literacy	5.2.1 Assist with the strengthening and development of ocean literacy programmes at national and regional levels
6. Sustained resource mobilization reinforced	6.1 Enhancing sustained support (in-kind and financial) to the IOC for its international coordination role	6.1.1 Foster partnerships to increase in-kind support opportunities
	6.2 Promoting sustained bilateral and multilateral support among Member States	6.2.1 Encourage resource mobilisation in particular from Member States, and other donors to support the outcomes of the IOC Capacity Development needs assessment

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