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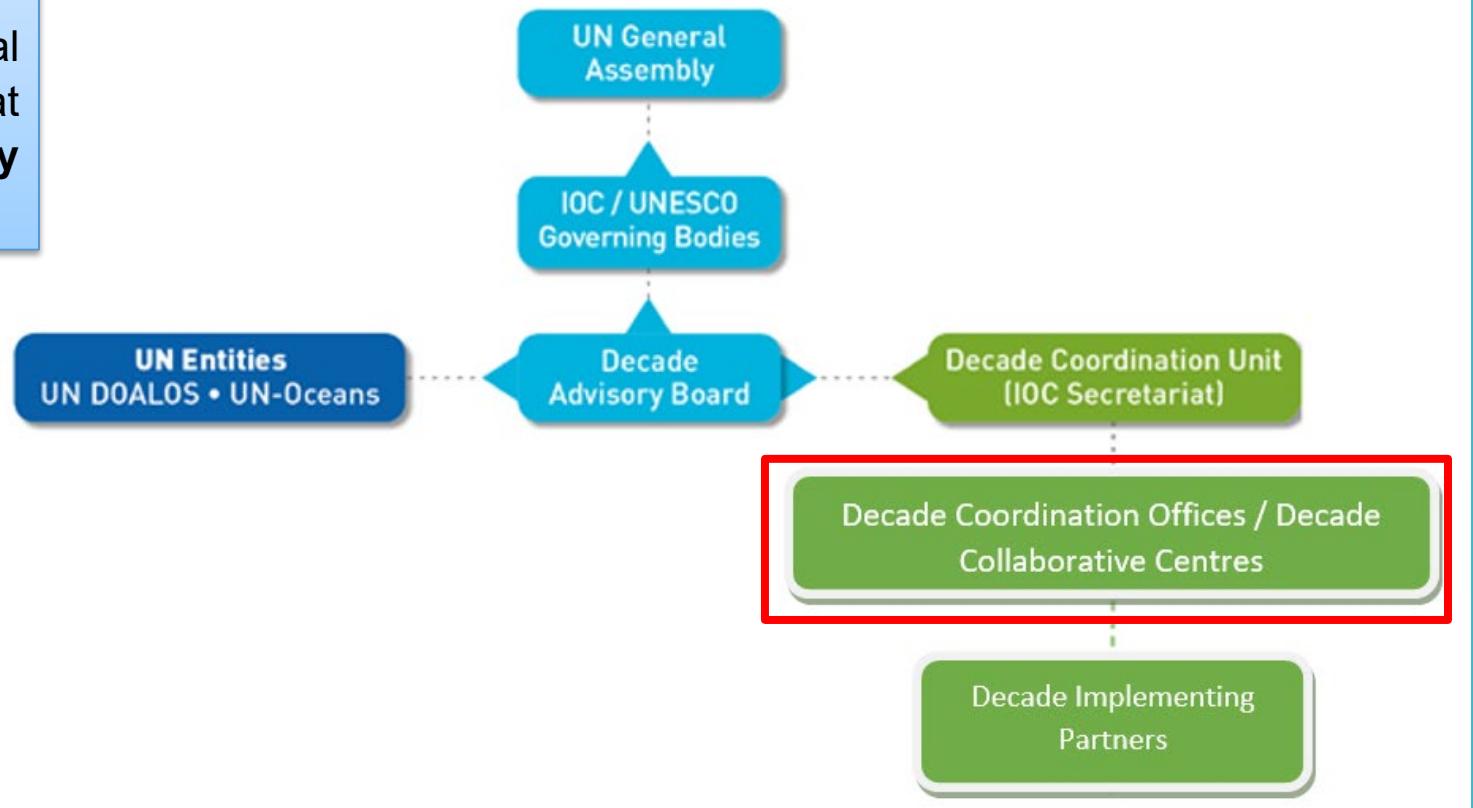
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Decentralised Coordination in the Ocean Decade

The Decade Implementation Plan envisages the development of a network of **decentralized coordination structures** – **Decade Coordination Offices (DCOs)** and Decade Collaborative Centres (DCCs) – to support the work of the DCU

These structures ensure that the Decade’s global ambition is **relevant at the regional level** and that **regional actors are supported to engage actively in Decade structures and processes.**



Emerging Network of Decentralised Coordination Structures



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Decade Coordination Offices

- **Thematic DCOs**
- Data Sharing (IOC – IODE)
- Ocean Observations (IOC – GOOS)
- **Regional DCOs**
- Western Pacific (IOC)
- IOC AFRICA – being scoped
- IOCARIBE – being scoped

Decade Collaborative Centres

- **Thematic DCCs**
- Ocean Prediction (Mercator Ocean International)
- Coastal Resilience (University of Bologna)
- Ocean-Climate Nexus (FIO China)
- Ocean-Climate Solutions (Ocean Visions)
- **Regional DCCs**
- North East Pacific (Tula Foundation)
- Indian Ocean (INCOIS)
- Pacific SIDS, Arctic and Southern Ocean – being scoped

Discussions
advancing on Arctic,
Southern Ocean,
African, Caribbean
and South Pacific
regional coordination
hubs



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To be sustainable, the Region **needs a dedicated regional coordination structure to support stakeholders** to fully engage in the Decade and to ensure that the specific characteristics of the region – including SIDS – are addressed.

In the initial phase the IOCARIBE Secretariat has been taking the Decade coordination responsibility and role in addition to its core functions without additional resources.

Via **Resolution EC-55/[4.1]**, the 55th Session of the IOC-UNESCO Executive Council (2022) **invited** the IOC of UNESCO Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions - **IOCARIBE to consider acting as a DCO** and to develop terms of reference and identify resource needs for such a DCO.

Decade Coordination Office Scope, Purpose and Tasks



Regional Scope of the Proposed DCO



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TROPICAL AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION (TAC)

WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC
EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC

- Many IOCARIBE Member States possess coastlines on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- IOCARIBE aims to foster greater cooperation and more effective management of shared ocean resources, while contributing to a more coherent national policy development in the area.



Role of the DCO for IOCARIBE



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The main focus of the Decade Coordination Office (DCO) for IOCARIBE will be in supporting the effectiveness and impact of the Ocean Decade in the TAC region in following main areas:

- i. Coordinating and supporting** endorsed Decade Actions operating in the Region
- ii. Catalysing the co-design and co-delivery of new Decade Actions** to fill regional priorities
- iii. Stakeholder** facilitation and engagement
- iv. Resource mobilisation and communications**
- v. Monitoring and reporting** efforts
- vi. Secretariat to TAC Taskforce**

The DCO would identify and carry out specific tasks related to engagement of SIDS in the Ocean Decade including inter-regional cooperation and exchange with other DCCs / DCOs

GOVERNANCE



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- The DCO staff will be under the direct supervision of the IOCARIBE Coordinator and will liaise closely with the Decade Coordination Unit.
- The full DCO team will include:
 - A DCO **Coordinator** who will be the main focal point and the overall lead of the office to ensure the success of its activities, including development of programmes;
 - A DCO **Science Officer**;
 - A DCO **Communications**, and
 - A **Programme Assistant**.

The team would be built up over time in line with resource availability.

DCO Structure

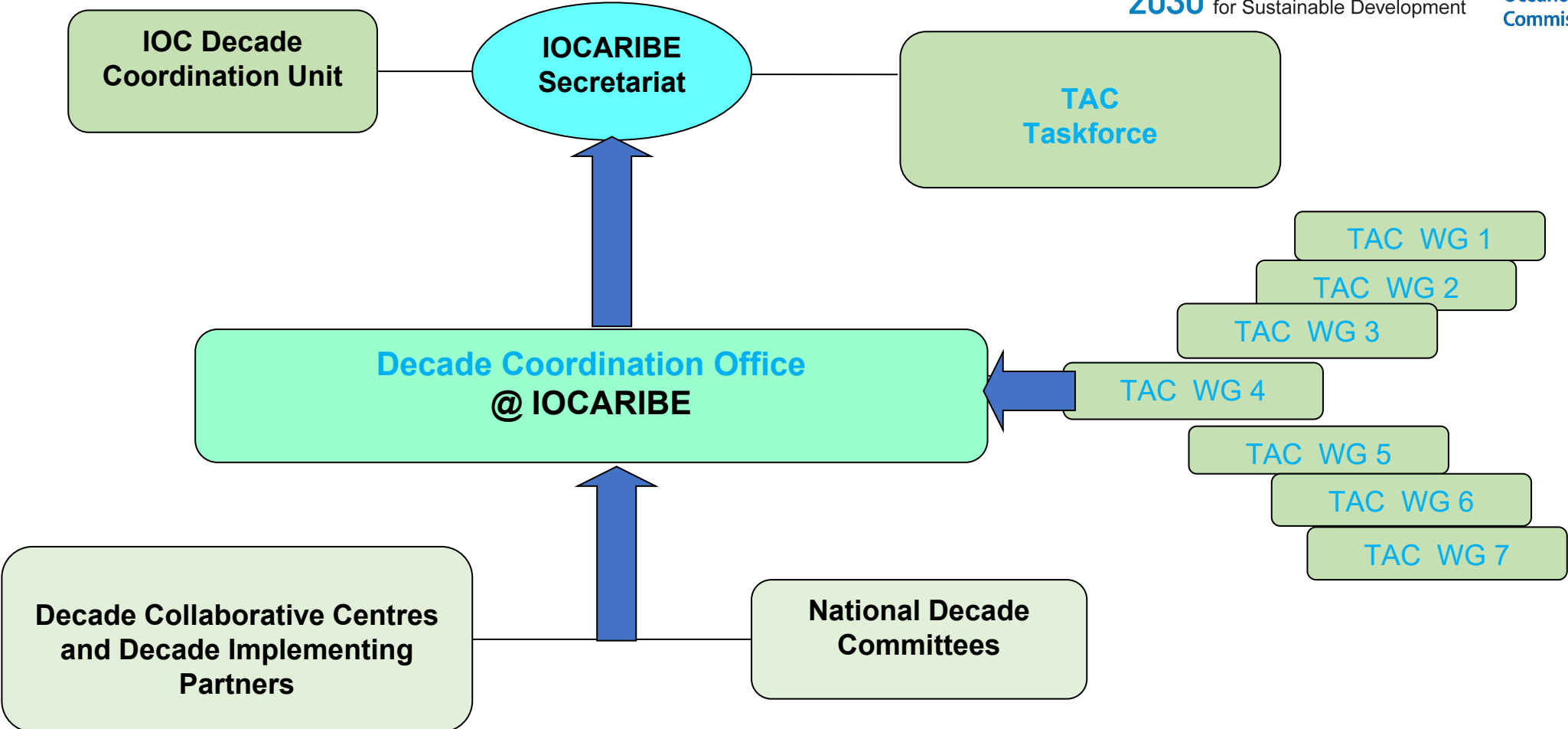


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How to resource a IOCARIBE DCO?



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The TAC DCO will be hosted at the IOCARIBE Secretariat in Cartagena Colombia. IOCARIBE will offer office space and utilities but cannot cover DCO costs from its current operating budget.

The TAC DCO should cover costs related to its operations, including meetings, workshops costs, interpretation, travel costs, communication and communication materials, and staff costs in order to be able to carry out its core functions => **in-kind and financial support from Member States and partners would be needed for the establishment and operation of the DCO**

A financing plan to finance the DCO at IOCARIBE should meet the principles of sustainable financing, reliable and sufficient allocations are as critical as a diverse combination of complementary sources of income to ensure financial resilience.

Different scenarios for required resources are presented in the INF document including low, medium and high scenarios and phased staffing over time.

Budget needs range from approx. 460k USD in Y1 to: (i) 550k USD (low scenario), (ii) 740k USD (medium scenario) or (iii) 900k USD (high scenario) in 2031.

BENEFITS FOR OCEAN DECADE AND IOCARIBE



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- **Enhanced coordination** by facilitating coordination among different initiatives and stakeholders, avoiding duplication of efforts and promoting synergies;
- **Increased funding opportunities** by providing access to new funding opportunities
- **Improved visibility** by being associated with the Decade, generating more support for its work and increase IOCARIBE's impact;
- **A wider access to global networks** of scientists, policymakers, and other stakeholders to build partnerships and collaborations.
- **Increased focus** on sustainable development;
- **Enhanced collaboration and networking opportunities** among different organizations;
- Increased visibility and recognition;
- **Access to funding and resources**, including new sources of financing, and
- **Increased staff capacity**

**Building a legacy for a strengthened and well positioned IOCARIBE in the region post 2030
in line with MTS and identified programmatic priorities**

NEXT STEPS



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- **Consultation with** Member States, stakeholders, Decade Actions, funders and partners, immediately after IOCARIBE XVII (8-11 May 2023) to discuss, scope, detailed TOR and resourcing needs of DCO.
- **Carry out interviews** with relevant potential partners and identify key recommendations for **DCO resource mobilisation**. Including among the participants / interviewees representatives from MDBs, International Development Agencies and **National Councils of Sciences**.
- **Invite Member States** to provide additional comments on a revised version that will be sent through IOC Circular Letter after IOCARIBE XVII.
- **Presentation** of the IOCARIBE DCO Terms of Reference and resource needs to the **IOC of UNESCO 32nd Assembly** 21-30 June 2023.
- Based on assessment of human and financial resources needed, provide a **DCO resource management strategy**.
- **Report** to Member States end July – beginning August 2023



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Thank you!