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(Scientific, Technical and Regional)

C.c. : Permanent Delegates/Observers Missions to UNESCO and
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States

Subject: Development of a new IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management and deployment of user-needs survey

At the 32nd IOC Assembly last June, Member States examined document [IOC/A-32/4.7.Doc\(1\)](#) that guides the development of a new IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management. Through decision [A-32/4.7](#), Member States requested the Executive Secretary to collect further inputs on document IOC/A-32/4.7.Doc(1) from Member States and IOC programmes and technical bodies and to present a revised version of the document to the IOC Executive Council at its 57th session in 2024.

By this letter, the Secretariat is therefore seeking inputs in writing to the document available in four languages at <https://oceanexpert.org/document/32672>. Please kindly send your inputs focused on substantial aspects such as *scope, structure, process* in writing, preferably in English to Mr Julian Barbière at j.barbiere@unesco.org, with copy to Ms Isabel Chavez at i.chavez@unesco.org (Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section) by 1st December 2023 at the latest.

Furthermore, in order to develop the above-mentioned IOC-wide Strategy and efforts to design a Decade Programme on Sustainable Ocean planning under the coordination of IOC, a survey has been developed to better understand the existing landscape in terms of sustainable ocean planning and management and identify needs of stakeholders in terms of technical and scientific support. The purpose of the survey is to collect views from the IOC community and other stakeholders working along the whole value chain from research, observation, data, services, relevant information products to inform policy/management actions, and capacity development.

In this view, the IOC Secretariat kindly invites you to fill in the online survey by 24th November 2023, at the following links:

- https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5u1qPMjlk8BktKe (English version)

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This Survey will also be disseminated to partner organizations (UN and non-UN) and other relevant institutional stakeholders with interest in ocean planning and management. Please note that for easy reference, the full survey in pdf format can be downloaded [here](#).

I look forward for your active participation to the development of a new IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and initial design of a Decade programme on sustainable development planning.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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