

AGENDA

- IOC Officers:** IOC Chair, Yutaka MICHIDA
Vice Chairs: Marie-Alexandrine SICRE (Group I); Nikolay VALCHEV (Group II); Juan Camilo FORERO HAUZEUR (Group III); Amr Zakaria HAMOUDA (Group V) and Ariel TROISI (former IOC Chair online)
- IOC Staff:** Vidar HELGESEN, Executive Secretary; Julian BARBIÈRE, Head IOC/MPR & Ocean Decade Coordinator (DCU), Bernardo ALIAGA, Head IOC/TSR; Henrik ENEVOLDSEN, Head IOC/OSS a.i. and Karen EVANS, Head IOC/OSS (online); Joanna POST, Head IOC/OOS; Peter PISSIERSENS, Head IOC/OST; Wenxi ZHU, Bangkok – IOC/WESTPAC; Ibukun J. ADEWUMI, Nairobi – IOCAFRICA; Lorna V. INNISS, Cartagena de Indias –Nimit Kumar, IOCINDIO; Xenia YVINEC, Head IOC/EO/AO; Alison CLAUSEN, IOC/MPR/DCU, Patrice BONED, IOC/EO/AO; Elena IASYREVA, IOC/EXS.
- Invitee(s):** Mizue IJIMA (assistant to IOC Chair); Charlotte SALPIN (UN DOALOS)

Monday and Tuesday 13–14 January 2025	Lead	Comments
Welcoming coffee		
Opening by the Chair & introductions	Chair	Redistribution of responsibilities since the withdrawal of the Vice-Chair for electoral group IV https://www.oceanexpert.org/document/35473
Adoption of the agenda for the Officers meeting, logistical details	Chair, Vidar	The agenda for this meeting (this document) was adopted without change. The meeting went on over two days and ended on Tuesday 14 COB.
Introduction by the Executive Secretary (Overview, Strategic Programmatic developments)	Vidar	The Executive Secretary addressed the changes required at three level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the IOC’s ability to deliver - Reinforce IOC governance and management - Facing the future of the ocean https://oceanexpert.net/document/35474
Regional developments from IOC Sub-Commissions	Wenxi Lorna Ibukun Nimit	<i>Brief Tour de table</i>
Preparation of the 33rd IOC Assembly (A-33) Expectations from the A-33 session	Vidar, Xenia, Patrice	1 st Draft Agenda + timetable presented. Addition of 1 item on the agenda: 3.4.3 IOC Data Architecture
Dates, overall presentation focusing on organizational matters; brief presentation of the structure of the draft Assembly agenda		Plenary room for the one-day EC-58 session: room XI Plenary room for the A-33 Assembly: room II: limited number of seats/delegation + webcast
• Rapporteur, Chairs of Committees, Working groups		A list of past rapporteurs was presented. Actions: Vice-Chair N. Valchev will seek a <u>Rapporteur</u> from Group II.

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		<p>The Secretariat will ask USA to propose a Chair for the Resolutions Committee. In 2024, Mr Joseph Naughton (USA) held this position. Julian will no longer be the secretary of the RC. The Secretariat will be looking for a replacement.</p> <p>Vice-Chair M.-A. Sicre accepted to chair the Nominations Committee.</p> <p>No sessional working group was proposed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOC A. Bruun Lecture, 2025 	Henrik	<p>60 mn with interpretation during the Ocean Science Day</p> <p>Two candidate lecturers were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Dato’ Dr. Aileen Tan Sau Hwai. Director Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies. Executive member of CoastPredict (an Ocean Decade endorsed programme) - Dr. Paula Sierra Correa. Head of Ocean Management Research and Information, INVEMAR, Colombia <p><u>Action</u>: Ocean Science Section will first contact Ms Aileen Tan Sau Hwai</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOC NK Panikkar, 2025 	Peter	<p>60 mn with interpretation during the Ocean Science Day</p> <p>Dr Atanas Palazov (Chair, Bulgarian National Oceanographic Commission) reiterated his willingness to deliver a lecture on the achievements of the Black Sea oceanographic research community.</p> <p><u>Action</u>: The proposal was accepted after having been rescheduled several times. Invitation sent to Prof. Palazov on 24 January 2025.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any additional Side events 		<p>Side meetings may be proposed by the Secretariat and Member States (Member States must inform the Secretariat of their intention and organize the event directly with the conference service if the general timetable for the session allows).</p> <p>The Secretariat provisionally propose side events on: BBNJ-CBD and GOOS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Regional Subsidiary Bodies Officers and Secretariat 	JB	<p>120 min, no interpretation on Tuesday 24 June p.m. The meeting is open ended.</p> <p><u>Actions</u>: IOC/MPR will prepare the agenda; Chair Michida will chair the meeting</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Assembly information session with Member States on elections 	Xenia	<p>There is a request from the Executive Council 58 to organize an information meeting prior to A-33 or by electoral Group as preparatory meetings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Science Day 	Henrik	<p>Proposed date: 30 June 2025: Note + presentation</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd IOC M. Ruivo Memorial Lecture 	Julian/Alison	<p>Applications from Early Career Ocean Professionals are due before 2 February 2025 (Ref; IOC Circular Letter 3011)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening of “Ocean” + roundtable 		<p>Proposed date: 30 June evening at 18.00 in room 1 (supported by Monaco). The Australian Embassy seems also willing to organize an event in that context. The Secretariat will clarify the arrangements with the sponsors.</p>

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Governance, Programming & Budgeting Update on IFAG work (Res. A-32/4, EC-57/2)	Vidar, Juan Camilo, Xenia	Vice-Chair Juan Camilo FORERO HAUZEUR introduced the work of IFAG through online meetings. https://oceanexpert.net/document/35478
Draft Programme and Budget for 2026–2027 (draft 43 C/5)	Vidar, Xenia	
External Assessment of IOC's Governance and Management Processes Proposal	Vidar, Xenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up to IOC Resolution EC-57/2 - 2026-2027 Programming & Budgeting cycles + proposed amendments - External Assessment of Governance & Management https://oceanexpert.net/document/35474
IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Consultation process	Vidar, Xenia, Alison	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35475
Programmatic Developments Draft IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management	Julian	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35479
Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Items		https://oceanexpert.net/document/35492 A single presentation covers the following (i-iii) items and the JCB item.
i) Governance	Joanna	
ii) GOOS Steering Committee Workplan	Joanna	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35492
iii) Progress report on Ocean Observations in areas under National Jurisdiction	Joanna	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35492
Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board (JCB) strategic advice on joint work to achieve common objectives	Joanna	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35492
IOC Report to the 43rd General Conference of UNESCO	Xenia	
IOC Contribution to UN Governance Processes		
(i) UN Ocean Conference, Nice 2025	Alison	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35477
Tuesday 14 January: Lunch at the UNESCO restaurant (MTM + Officers) offered by IOC		
IOC Contribution to UN Governance Processes (cont.)		
(i) BBNJ Preparatory Process	Julian	Dr Charlotte Salpin, DOALOS (salpin@un.org) was invited to deliver an online 10-15 mn presentation: https://oceanexpert.net/document/35504
(ii) CBD and IOC Biodiversity Agenda	Julian	No presentation
(iii) UNFCCC	Joanna	
Report on the Ocean Decade implementation and results of the mid-term evaluation	Julian/Alison	https://oceanexpert.net/document/35476
IOC elections	Chair/Vidar	Only electoral group 1 vice-chair will have completed her second term at A-33 and will not be eligible.

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		Electoral group 3 vice-chair announced that he will not be standing for a second term due to his retirement. Electoral group 4 vice-chairship is vacant. Nominations for GOOS-SC electoral group representatives will be called for with the invitation to A-33. The invitation to A-33 will launch the election process.
(cont'd) Preparation of the 33rd IOC Assembly Conclusion: Presentation of the revised draft agenda and timetable; calendar of preparation; misc. questions	Vidar, Xenia, Patrice	The revised draft provisional agenda and timetable were presented with the addition of agenda item 3.4.3 IOC Data Architecture and slight reorganization of the timetable. (The Secretariat can still refine this timetable before dissemination.)
Other matters / Conclusion	Chair	Chair Michida expressed his gratitude to Peter Pissierssens, Head of IOC/IODE Project Office in Ostend, who will retire before the next Officers meeting and Assembly.
Update on the International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS)	Vidar, Julian	This issue will be part of the Ocean Decade item during A-33.
Review of Expression of interests for hosting the 2027 Decade Conference	Officers, DCU, ES	<i>Private meeting</i>
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