



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(Of UNESCO)**

**EIGHTEENTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSION OF THE
UNESCO-IOC SUB-COMMISSION FOR THE CARIBBEAN
AND ADJACENT REGIONS (IOCARIBE-XVIII)
(Brasilia, April 23-25, 2025)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

- 2.1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- 2.2. DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR FOR THE SESSION
- 2.3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
- 2.4. INTRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTATION AND TIMETABLE

3. IOCARIBE MATTERS AND REPORTS

- 3.1. STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON
- 3.2. IOCARIBE SECRETARY'S REPORT

4. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1. SESSION ON IOC AND THE FUTURE OF THE OCEAN
- 4.2. DRAFT STRATEGY ON SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
- 4.3. DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

**5. IOCARIBE CONTRIBUTION TO UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)**

- 5.1. UN OCEAN DECADE: GLOBAL UPDATE
- 5.2. UN OCEAN DECADE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION
 - 5.2.1. Task Force for the TAC Region
 - 5.2.2. Roadmap for implementation in the Tropical Americas and Caribbean Region
 - 5.2.3. UN Ocean Decade Coordination Office for the Task Force for the TAC Region update

6. REVIEW OF REGIONAL PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS, WORKING GROUPS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

6.1. OCEAN RESEARCH

6.1.1. Harmful algal blooms (HAB/ANCA)

6.1.2. Ocean acidification

6.2. OBSERVATIONS, SERVICES, DATA AND INFORMATION, AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

6.2.1. IOCARIBE GOOS

6.2.2. International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE)

6.2.3. ADAPT Project

6.2.4. ICG CARIBE EWS

6.3. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE

6.3.1. Ocean Literacy

6.3.2. UNDP/GEF/UNOPS PROCARIBE+ Project

6.3.3. Marine Spatial Planning

6.3.4. Sargassum

6.3.5. Deep Sea and Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)

7. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

7.1. STATUS OF COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

7.1.1. Agreement with the Georgia Aquarium

7.1.2. MoU with GEO Blue Planet

7.1.3. MoU with One Ocean Hub

7.1.4. The Regional Ocean Coordination Mechanism (OCM)

7.1.5. MoU with AAORIA

8. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

8.1. REPORT BY IOC ON THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR NEW BIENNIUM (2026-2027)

8.2. ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

8.2.1. Election of the Chairperson of the Sub-Commission

8.2.2. Election of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Sub-Commission

8.3. DATES AND PLACE OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

9. OTHER MATTERS

10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11. CLOSURE