

## 8.4 IOC and Future of the Ocean Consultation Process

## 8.4.1 IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Phase 2 Consultation Process

Phase 2 of the consultation process will:

- Finalize a shortlist of priority issues and develop detailed evaluation methodology (based on Phase 1 consultation, UN80 process and the outcomes of the 33rd IOC Assembly, the Results Framework, and Ocean Decade priorities)
- Map key providers of ocean-related science, data, services, and tools in each priority area at global and regional levels /
- Undertake online regional dialogues with MS & in-depth partner interviews
- Assess IOC's current and potential scope of action in each priority area & identify strategic opportunities and challenges including in regions.
- Develop forward-looking options and scenarios for IOC engagement including focused analytics for each RSB and including consideration of 'optimal staffing' to inform reporting on 'Vision for strengthening IOCAFRICA and other IOC RSBs (Resolution A-33/DR.[3.3.1])
- Report periodically to IFAG and the 59th Session of the IOC Executive Council