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To : IOC National Official Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC
IODE National Coordinators for Oceanographic Data Management
IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management
Directors of IODE NODCs
Focal points of IODE Associate Data Units
Focal points of IODE Associate Information Units

cc. : Co-Chairs of the IOC Committee on IODE
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Subject: Twenty-Seventh Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE-XXVII) and Scientific Conference, Paris, 20–24 March 2023

On behalf of the IODE Co-chairs, Dr Sergey Belov and Mr Taco De Bruin, I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the 27th Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE), from 22 to 24 March 2023 at UNESCO/IOC Headquarters (Paris, France). The IODE session will be preceded on 20–22 March 2023 by a scientific conference focusing on new developments in the field of oceanographic data and information management and exchange.

You are kindly requested to confirm the participation of your country in the above events and forward the names of your delegation. The provisional list of participants is available on the IODE web site <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3615> and is made up of the official lists of IODE national coordinators for data management and marine information management, ADU and AIU contact points. Note that even if you see your name on the list, your participation needs to be confirmed at the same time as the detail of the delegation is sent to the secretariat. Official communications will also serve as a letter of accreditation for the delegates who will vote on behalf of their country in the election of IODE Co-Chairs (if needed). For more information, please refer to [IOC Circular Letter, 2885](#) of 20 April 2022.

The scientific conference preceding the session will allow members of the IODE community (and invited guests) to present new challenges and opportunities in the area of oceanographic data and information management and exchange. A call for abstracts will be sent out shortly to the wider

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IOC community. Information on the conference and its programme will be made available through <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3614>.

The provisional agenda and the timetable of the session and conference are attached.

In order to enable us to make the necessary arrangements for the session your reply before 1 December 2022 will be appreciated. Responses should be sent to Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head of the IOC Project Office for IODE (e-mail: p.pissierssens@unesco.org). I kindly remind you that participation of national delegations to IODE sessions is self-funded and is part of the national contribution to the IODE programme.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2): IODE-XXVII Provisional Agenda
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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)**

**Twenty-seventh Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data
and Information Exchange (IODE-XXVII)
Paris, 20–24 March 2023**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. OPENING**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**
 - 2.1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - 2.2. DESIGNATION OF A RAPPORTEUR
 - 2.3. SESSION TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION
 - 2.4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS
 - 2.5. TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS
- 3. REPORT ON THE PAST INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD (2021–2022)**
 - 3.1. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IODE-XXVI WORK PLAN (IODE-XXVI ACTION SHEET)
 - 3.1.1 Outcome of IOC-31
 - 3.2. STATUS OF THE IODE NETWORK
 - 3.2.1. Reporting summary of NODCs, ADUs and AIUs
 - 3.2.2. Review of NODC health status within the IODE network
 - 3.2.3. Possible actions to further expand the network
 - 3.3. PROGRESS REPORTS OF IODE PROJECTS
 - 3.4. IODE QUALITY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION
 - 3.4.1. Data Centre/ Information Centre accreditation: status and way forward
 - 3.4.2. IODE Project and activity performance evaluation: status and way forward
 - 3.5. PROGRESS REPORTS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER IOC PROGRAMMES AND OTHER PARTNERS
 - 3.5.1. IOC global programmes
 - 3.5.2. IOC regional programmes (sub-commissions and regional committees)
 - 3.5.3. Post JCOMM: JCB
 - 3.5.4. Participation in European Commission Projects
 - 3.5.5. ICSU World Data System (WDS)
 - 3.5.6. Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA)
 - 3.5.7. Cooperation with IAMSLIC
 - 3.5.8. Cooperation of IODE in the UN Ocean Decade
 - 3.6. OUTCOME OF THE “INTERNATIONAL OCEAN DATA CONFERENCE - THE DATA WE NEED FOR THE OCEAN WE WANT” 2022 AND 2023
 - 3.6.1 International Ocean Data Conference 2022 – The Data We Need for the Ocean We Want”

- 3.6.2 International Ocean Data Conference 2023 – The Data We Need for the Ocean We Want”

4. IODE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1. CONTRIBUTIONS OF IODE TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
 - 4.1.1. OceanTeacher Global Academy project: Phase 2
 - 4.1.2. Other potential IODE contributions towards the CD strategy
 - 4.1.3. Reporting on the ODINs

5. IODE COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- 5.1. RE-DEVELOPMENT OF THE IODE WEB SITE

6. THE FUTURE OF IODE

- 6.1. IODE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
 - 6.1.1. The IWG-SODIS
 - 6.1.2. Establishment of the Decade Coordination Office (DCO for Ocean Data)
 - 6.1.3. Submission of, and participation in, Decade actions by IODE
 - 6.1.4. Other areas of cooperation with the Decade
- 6.2. REVISION OF THE IOC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (2022–2026)
- 6.3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IODE PARTNERSHIP CENTRE FOR ODIS
- 6.4. REVISION OF THE IOC OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA EXCHANGE POLICY
- 6.5. THE IOC OCEAN DATA AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (ODIS) – PROGRESS AND WAY FORWARD
- 6.6. RENEWAL OF THE MOU BETWEEN THE FLANDERS MARINE INSTITUTE AND IOC REGARDING THE IOC PROJECT OFFICE FOR IODE

7. INTRODUCTION TO WORK PLAN AND BUDGET (FINANCIAL RESOURCES 2023-2025)

- 7.1. UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAMME FINANCIAL RESOURCES REMAINING FOR THE BIENNIUM 2022–2023
- 7.2. UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAMME FINANCIAL RESOURCES EXPECTED FOR THE BIENNIUM 2024–2025
- 7.3. IODE HUMAN RESOURCES (CURRENT AND REQUIRED)
 - 7.3.1. UNESCO Regular Programme, Government of Flanders staff contribution and extra-budgetary project staff
 - 7.3.2. Internships and secondments
- 7.4. CONFIRMED EXTRA-BUDGETARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES
 - 7.4.1. Government of Flanders (through VLIZ)
 - 7.4.2. Others
- 7.5. OTHER RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2023–2025

8. PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD (2023–2025)

- 8.1. CURRENT PROJECTS
- 8.2. NEW INITIATIVES
- 8.3. IODE PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES 2023–2025
- 8.4. WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2023–2025

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (IODE-XXVIII, 2025)

11. ELECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS
12. IODE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2023
13. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
14. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT
15. CLOSURE

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Twenty-Sixth Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE-XXVII) and Scientific Conference
UNESCO Headquarters, 20-24 March 2023

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

	Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
08:00-0930				(Sessional working groups)	
09:30-11:00 (90 min)	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference: Panel discussion	4. IODE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT 5. IODE COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH 6. THE FUTURE OF IODE	10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION (IODE-XXVIII) 11. ELECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS 12. IODE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 13. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
11:00-11:30	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:30-13:00 (90 min)	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference: Conclusions	6. (CONTINUED)	14. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT 15. CLOSURE
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH (Sessional working groups)	LUNCH
14:00-15:30 (90 min)	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference	1. OPENING 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS 3. REPORT ON THE PAST INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD	6. (CONTINUED) 7. INTRODUCTION TO WORK PLAN AND BUDGET	(reserve)
15:30-16:00	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	
16:00-17:30 (90 min)	Scientific Conference	Scientific Conference	3. (CONTINUED)	8. PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD	
	RECEPTION		(Sessional working groups)		