ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

The Committee will be requested to develop a work plan and budget for 2013-2015 taking into account the funds available from UNESCO’s regular programme and extra-budgetary sources. The purpose of this paper is to provide information on funds already known to be available for the period 2013-2015.

DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is requested to:

1. prepare a work plan and budget for 2013-2015 taking into account available financial resources;

2. consider ways and means to mobilize human and financial resources to complement available resources and to ensure full implementation of the work plan

APPENDIX: DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUMMARY REPORT OF IODE-XXII

This agenda item was introduced by the Co-Chairs. They informed the Committee that the available budget for the next inter-sessional period was still largely unknown. This had several reasons: (i) the US decision on November 2011 to cease payment of its assessed contribution had an immediate impact on the planning process for the UNESCO biennium 2012-2013 but it was yet unclear whether this problem would continue in 2013. If it did continue then the budget from UNESCO’s regular programme would continue at its 2012 level (US$ 30,000/year); (ii) all IODE projects funded by the current Flanders-UNESCO Trust Fund for Science would end by December 2013. New project proposal could be submitted in 2013 but their success could of course not be assured. In this regard it was mentioned also that the ODINAFRICA-IV project had been transferred (with Mr Mika Odido, project coordinator) to the UNESCO Office in Nairobi. It therefore no longer operated under IODE management.
The Chairs further informed the Committee that the Flanders Government had decided to renew the MoU with IOC until 31 December 2016. The conditions of the new MoU remained essentially the same: use of Offices and meeting rooms, an annual financial contribution of not less than €250,000/year and not less than three full-time staff equivalents.

The Chairs noted with concern that the call for funding for OBIS through IOC Circular Letter 2441 resulted in only one contribution (by Canada). For other activities of IODE no voluntary contributions were made. NMDIS (China) and US-NODC (USA) provided short-term secondments (local costs covered by the Project Office). The US-NODC offered, in addition, staff time (virtual secondment).

The Chairs informed the Committee that the size of the IODE programme in terms of projects has made that the Secretariat was no longer in a position to manage all projects and activities by itself. In this regard it was noted that IODE now counted 4 Groups of Experts (GE-MIM, GE-BICH, JCOMM/IODER ETDMP and GE-OBIS), 6 Steering Groups (SG-GTSPP, SG-GOSUD, SG-OceanTeacher, SG-ODP, SG-OceanDocs and SG-OBIS) dealing with 15 global projects/activities and 6 regional projects/activities. It was noted further that each of the groups need to meet at least once during every biennium (i.e. 10 meetings/biennium for GEs and SGs + 2 meetings of the Officers + 1 IODE Session + meetings of JCOMM DMCG and JCOMM MAN + Session of the IOC EC + Session of the IOC Assembly + 16 training courses OTA/biennium) or a total of 33 events per biennium which the Secretariat either fully organizes or needs to participate in and prepare for. This does not include additional staff travel for events organized by other organizations.

Member States would need to provide assistance to manage these groups and projects to ensure full and effective management. If such support could not be provided then some projects/activities might need to be terminated or postponed.
ANNEX

EXPECTED REVENUE FROM UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAMME AND SECURED EXTRA-BUDGETARY SOURCES 2013-2015

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Unearmarked contributions
Canada (2012) for OBIS 20000

Staffing available to IODE:

1. P. Pissierssens – Head, IOC Project Office for IODE (IODE overall management, liaison with IODE Officers, GE-MIM, GE-BICH, ETDMP, ODIN regional programmes, project management OceanDocs, data publication, GTSPP, GOSUD, GODAR, GTSPP, JCOMM DMCG, OceanExpert, Ocean Data Standards, ICAN) [UNESCO position]

2. W. Appeltans – Programme Specialist (OBIS project management, SG-OBIS, GE-OBIS, ODP project manager, iMarine project manager) [funded by extra-budgetary sources until 1/4/2014]

3. A. Naik Kakodkar – IT software support (OceanTeacher platform, OceanDocs, Aquatic Commons, IOC Joomla/Paperclip, OceanExpert) [funded by extra-budgetary sources until 31/12/2013]

4. M. Van Crombrugge – IT systems manager (hardware maintenance, training room equipment setup and maintenance) [Funded by Flanders until 31/12/2016]

5. C. Delgado – Training Coordinator (OceanTeacher Academy, liaison with IOC capacity development) [Funded by Flanders until 31/12/2016]

6. K. de Lichtervelde – Administrative manager [Funded by Flanders until 31/12/2016]

7. L. Groen – Administrative Assistant [Funded by Flanders until 31/12/2016]

Remarks:

1- The UNESCO Regular Programme budgets for 2014-2015 are current estimates based on the US funding situation remaining unresolved. In that case the budget may be reduced further.
2- The funding provided to the IOC Project Office for IODE by the Government of Flanders is earmarked for training courses, meetings, operational expenses and some staff travel. The budget shown reflects only the funds available for training courses, meetings and staff travel. It is noted also that there is an annual cost for cleaning of approx. $10,000.

3- The funding for the OceanTeacher and Caribbean Marine Atlas projects are largely earmarked and cannot be used for other purposes. These projects end on 31/12/2013 and all funds must be used up by that date.

4- The funding obtained from the iMarine project is not shown as it is fully earmarked (staff cost and staff travel).

5- It is noted that a data manager for OBIS was being recruited when this document was prepared [funded from extra budgetary sources until end of 2013]. This person is not yet included in the staffing list shown above.

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