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Why a new strategy?

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We recognize the importance of building the capacity of developing countries to be able to benefit from the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and seas and their resources and, in this regard, we emphasize the need for cooperation in marine scientific research to implement the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, as well as for the transfer of technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology.
IOC’S VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT AT RIO+20

• Building Global Capacity for Marine Sciences, Observation and Transfer of Marine Technology

• Conducting a global and regional assessment of CD needs in the field of marine scientific research and ocean observation especially in developing nations and SIDS

• Formulation and implementation of a global strategy to implement these needs
Capacity Development Survey

- Survey completed.
- Results in IOC/INF-1313
- Will form the basis of a new CD Strategy to be formulated in consultation with Member States
- Two meetings of CD Sessional Working Group
- An Intersessional CD Working Group proposed
- Draft CD Strategy submitted to EC47 in June 2014 for consideration.
- Partners and Donors Meeting.
Why develop capacity in Member States?

Activities in the waters of one Member State (MS) impact on neighbouring ones and on the ocean globally.
Where does CD fit in the new IOC MTS?
The approach

- Team of highly qualified marine scientists who can advise the State concerned on the management of its ocean and coasts.
- Creation of awareness for policy makers on the need to support ocean science in order for the MS to have data for the development of their own ocean policy.
- Infrastructure development for scientific research
- Gender balance
The approach

- Regional needs
- Lessons learnt
- Prioritisation
- Cooperation with other organisation
- Dedicated staff - Secondment by MS
To contribute to the CD strategy

Delegates may join the Sessional Working Group on
- Tuesday 2 July from 13.30 to 14.30 in Room VI
- Wednesday 3 July from 13.30 to 14.30 in Room VI

If this Assembly decides to set up the Intersessional Working Group Member States will also be invited to join the Group which will develop the CD Strategic Plan and will submit it to the 47th Executive Council for consideration.
Thank you!

Merci !

¡Muchas Gracias!

Большое спасибо!

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