IOC’S CONTRIBUTION IN UNITED NATIONS INTER-AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 6.5

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IOC’S COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN UNITED NATIONS INTER-AGENCY ACTIVITIES

• UN-OCEANS

• Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

• Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

• Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

• World Ocean Assessment (WOA)

Information: IOC/INF-1317
IOC Contribution to United Nations Inter-Agency activities
Seeks the coordination, coherence and effectiveness of competent ocean related organizations
Adoption of Terms of Reference

UN- DOALOS : Focal Point

Meeting once a year at least

Annual Activity Report to UNGA

5th February 2014 Meeting

Online Calendar

Mandates and Priorities

2013-2014

Current membership : 22 UN entities and ISA
Sustainable Development Goals as Follow Up to the Rio+20 Conference

MDG → RIO+20 → OWG → SDG

Input from TST

TST Ocean

Lead

MDG

UNEP

FAO

IMO

UNIDO

World Meteorological Organization

UN

UNDP

UNDESA

IOC
IOC’s contribution to SDG: 8th session of the OWG

Side event:

- PSIDS, Timor-Leste, GOF, IOC
- 50 member States, 37 NGO, 9 IGO
- Outcome: Goals, targets, indicators making references to proposals previously submitted to SDK platform
IOC’s contribution to SDG: An Ocean SDG

• **Proposed goal 14** “Conserve and promote sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources”

  • Reduce marine pollution
  • Protect marine ecosystem
  • Address ocean acidification
  • Ensure **full implementation of existing regimes** by state parties
  • Protect 10% of **coastal and marine areas** based on the best scientific knowledge
  • **Increase scientific knowledge and transfer of marine technology**
  • Increase **economic benefits** to SIDS and LDCs from the sustainable management of resources from within their jurisdictions
  • Enforce **international law** on territorial waters.
Theme of the conference: «The Sustainable Development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships»

“The Conference will seek to achieve the following objectives:

• assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation;
• seek a renewed political commitment by focusing on practical and pragmatic actions for further implementation;
• identify new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and means of addressing them;
• identify priorities for the sustainable development of SIDS to be considered in the elaboration of the post-2015 UN development agenda.” Conference website
Theme of the conference: «The Sustainable Development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships»

Theme of IOC’s input to the Zero Draft:

- Climate Change
- Disaster preparedness
- Oceans and Seas
- Biodiversity

“Healthy, productive and resilient oceans are critical for poverty eradication, food security, livelihoods, and carbon sequestration, and represent an important element of identity and culture for the people of SIDS. 

(…)

SIDS are custodians of vast expanses of oceans and as such they must have ownership of strategies concerning the sustainable development of oceans.”

Preamble on Oceans and Seas Zero Draft version of 14 March 2014
IOC Side Event: “Coping with and adapting to ocean threats for resilient SIDS communities”

The event aims to address:

- SIDS participation in ocean observation networks and access to data
- Transformation of data into coastal adaptation measures
- Mitigation and management of the impacts of Tsunamis
- Efforts at regional and national level to address these challenges
- How to develop an ocean acidification observing network
- Capacity building of SIDS scientists
Conservation and sustainable use of marine Biodiversity in ABNJ: The process

• **2011**: States identified issues, through the Ad Hoc Open Ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (BBNJ)
  - Marine genetic resources including the sharing of benefits
  - Area Based management tools including Marine Protected Areas, Environmental Impact Assessments, Capacity Building, Transfer of Marine Technology

• **Rio+20**: States agreed to develop an Instrument before end of 69th Assembly (09/2014-08/2015)

  • **2014**: 3 meetings of the BBNJ planned (Resolution 68/70) to come up with recommendations on a new instruments focusing on:
  - **Scope**
  - **Parameters**
  - **Feasibility**

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Conservation and sustainable use of marine Biodiversity in Area Beyond National Jurisdiction

**IOC’s Tools for the ABNJ**

1. **Criteria an guidelines on Transfer of marine technology**
   - In the process, Transfer of Marine technology has become an emerging issue
   - IOC’s Criteria and guidelines provide a strong support for states

2. **Capacity building and data sharing**
   - Holds also data from non commercial and non target species
   - Deep ocean stewardship initiative (DOSI)
     - Field program and data repository
     - With ISA and IOC-UNESCO’s OBIS
   - For ocean data managers, marine information managers, marine researchers.
   - Development of a Global Academy component
     - Training course related to IOC field
     - In Various Regional Training Centers (RTC)
     - North-South, South-South, South-North model
Regular Process for Global Reporting Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment - World Ocean Assessment

- **UNGA**
  - **Ad hoc working group** (once a year)
  - **Group of experts**
    - **Represented by large pool of experts**
    - **Bureau for the intersessional period (15 states)**

- **Secretariat**: UN-DOALOS

- **UN Regular Process**
  - 2010
    - 2012: Adoption of the ToR and Methods for the group of experts and the outline of WOA-1
  - Summer 2014: Peer Review for WOA

- 2014: World Ocean Assessment (published)
Regular Process for Global Reporting Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment - World Ocean Assessment

IOC’s Support:

- **Communication:**
  - 2012-2014 financial contribution thanks to the support of [flags].
  - Which led to a communication portal and dedicated website executed by [logo].

- **Technical Support of the WOA:**
  - Marine assessment products available for GOERP
  - TWAP by the end 2014, report and web portal
  - Provision of Editorial support to GOERP/DOALOS

- **Capacity Building:**
  - Support organization of UN regional workshops (India, Belgium...)
  - Regional Scientific and Technical capacity building training Seminar (Bangkok/Abidjan)

- **Peer review (July-October 2014):**
  - Technical review will be conducted by experts nominated by GOERP
  - IOC and other agencies will provide comments on draft
  - IOC Member States will also be invited to review draft chapters
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Thank you for your attention