Circular de la COI Nº 2531
(DISponible en español, francés, inglés y ruso)

A: Órganos de coordinación nacionales encargados oficialmente del enlace con la COI en sus Estados Miembros que participaron en el grupo de trabajo entre reuniones encargado de elaborar un plan estratégico de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI (2013–2014)

cc: Delegados Permanentes y Misiones de Observación ante la UNESCO de los Estados Miembros de la COI
Comisiones Nacionales para la UNESCO de los Estados Miembros de la COI
Presidente y Vicepresidentes de la COI y de sus principales órganos subsidiarios

Asunto: Designación de los miembros del grupo de trabajo entre reuniones encargado de elaborar un plan estratégico de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI

En su 27ª reunión, celebrada en 2013, la Asamblea de la COI estableció, en su decisión 5.5.1, un grupo de trabajo entre reuniones encargado de elaborar un proyecto de plan estratégico de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI (Circular de la COI Nº 2496). El grupo trabajó por correo electrónico y mantuvo una reunión presencial los días 10 y 11 de diciembre de 2013. El documento elaborado como resultado del trabajo se presentó al Consejo Ejecutivo de la COI en su 47ª reunión, en julio de 2014, durante la cual un grupo de trabajo de la reunión lo examinó en profundidad. Se acordó que sería necesario seguir trabajando para elaborar un plan estratégico exhaustivo que abarcara el periodo completo de la Estrategia a Plazo Medio de la COI para 2014-2021.

En la decisión 6.1 (que figura como anexo de la presente circular), el Consejo Ejecutivo decidió reconstituir el grupo de trabajo entre reuniones encargado de la Estrategia de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI, bajo la presidencia del profesor Adoté Blivi, con miras
a volver a someter a la aprobación de la Asamblea de la COI en su 28ª reunión, que se celebrará en 2015, el proyecto final de la Estrategia de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI y la documentación conexa.

Por la presente lo invito a designar o volver a designar miembro(s) de este grupo de trabajo entre reuniones, **a más tardar el 15 de septiembre de 2014**, y a enviar dicha información a p.pissierssens@unesco.org. En el correo electrónico deberán figurar el(los) nombre(s), la dirección completa y la dirección de correo electrónico de los expertos designados.

De conformidad con lo indicado en la decisión 6.1, el grupo llevará a cabo la mayor parte de sus actividades por correo electrónico (u otros medios electrónicos) pero se reunirá una vez, en función de la disponibilidad de fondos extrapresupuestarios.

El grupo comenzará su labor el 15 de septiembre de 2014 y presentará informes sobre sus progresos a las subcomisiones de la COI que se reúnan antes de la 28ª reunión de la Asamblea de la COI: IOCAFRIKA (8 a 10 de octubre de 2014), IOCARIBE (abril de 2015), WESTPAC (mayo de 2015), así como a los comités técnicos intergubernamentales (por ejemplo, IODE, marzo de 2015; IPHAB, abril de 2015).

Cuento con su apoyo y espero con interés los resultados de la labor del grupo.

Le saluda atentamente,

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Wendy Watson-Wright
Secretaria Ejecutiva de la COI

**Documentos adjuntos (2):**

Decisión IOC-XXVII/5.5.1– Elaboración de una nueva estrategia de desarrollo de capacidades (2013)

Decisión EC-XLVII/6.1– Estrategia de desarrollo de capacidades de la COI (2014)
Development of a New Capacity Development Strategy

The Assembly,

Taking note of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20 whereby the UNSD recognizes 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,

Having examined document IOC-XXVII/2 Annex 10,

Decides to set up an Intersessional Working Group for Developing a Draft Strategic Plan for Capacity Development with the annexed Terms of Reference;

Agrees that the regular budget for these activities will be considered as part of the overall IOC Programme and Budget resolution XXVII-2;

Requests:
(i) the Executive Secretary to include the Strategic Plan for Capacity Development as an item on the Agenda of the Executive Council at its 47th session in 2014; and
(ii) Member States to consider funding and supporting the activities leading to the formulation and adoption of the Strategic Plan for Capacity Development.

Annex to IOC-XXVII, Dec. 5.5.1

Draft Terms of Reference for the Intersessional Working Group for the Development of IOC Capacity Development Strategic Plan

PURPOSE

The Intersessional Working Group will develop a Capacity Development (CD) Strategic Plan for IOC. This plan will then be implemented through partnership with Member States, donors, UN Agencies, global financial institutions and the private sector.

TERM

The Intersessional CD Strategy Group will be constituted at the 27th IOC Assembly and will operate until the 47th IOC Executive Council in 2014.

FUNCTIONS

(a) Review documents given below to identify the relevant components that should be considered in an IOC CD strategy along with an outline of the strategy document

- IOC-XXVII/2 Annex 10 – Development of a New Capacity Development Strategy (2013);
- IOC/INF-1313 – Baseline Study for an Assessment of National Capacities and Needs in Marine Research, Observation and Data/Information Management (2013);
IOC/INF-1211 – IOC Principles and Strategy for Capacity Building (2005);
IOC/INF-1276 – Empowering Developing Countries to Sustainably Use Their Coastal Resources (Self Driven Capacity Building) Closure Report of the SIDA Funded Project (2010);
IOC/ABE-LOS VIII/8 – Practices of States in the Fields of Marine Scientific Research and Transfer of Marine Technology: an update of the 2005 analysis of Member State responses to Questionnaire No 3 (2008);
IOC/INF-612 – UNESCO/IOC Comprehensive Plan for a Major Assistance Programme to Enhance the Marine Science Capabilities of Developing Countries (1985);
Documents produced by IOC subsidiary bodies and sister organisations;
Other documents relevant to this exercise.

(b) Incorporate elements arising from the following considerations
- Recent UN Conference outcome documents, especially Rio +20’s Outcome document “The Future we Want” and resolutions requesting actions in capacity development;
- The present High Level Objectives of IOC and its mandate as well as existing IOC programmes;
- Lessons learned from previous CD plans of IOC (Success stories and implementation problems);
- Gaps identified through prior assessments and surveys of capacities and needs requirements;
- Regional priorities as identified through the different IOC sub-commissions and relevant bodies and other IOC regional subsidiary bodies;
- Existing capacity development initiatives of Member States, other UN agencies and competent international organisations, for example, POGO and SCOR, with a view to developing partnerships, create synergies and avoid duplication;
- The problem faced by developing countries in not being able to retain qualified staff because of inadequate research infrastructure;
- Gender Equality, Priority Africa, SIDS and LDCs;
- The regional requirement for capacity as priorities may not be global.

(c) Identify
- IOC’s existing CD strengths and IOC’s unique intergovernmental CD niche
- The essential elements/pillars of IOC’s CD draft strategy (IOC-XXVII/2 Annex 10), consistent with IOC’s Medium Term Strategy, that will complement international CD partner development contributions;
- The need for a consistent level of extra-budgetary funding;
- Priorities for actions in relation to available resources focussing on specific geographical areas and specific science areas for effective and efficient capacity development, and informed by IOC’s regional bodies;
(d) Prepare a report for consideration of the 47th IOC Executive Council in 2014

COMPOSITION

- The Vice-Chairperson of the IOC for Group V, Prof. Adoté Blim Blivi will serve as
  Chairperson and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Commission, Dr Mitrasen
  Bhikajee will be the Technical Secretary of the Intersessional Working Group;
- The Working Group will be open to all IOC Member States;

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

- The Working Group will conduct the majority of its business by electronic means;
- If appropriate, the Chairperson may convene a meeting in time, and for a long enough
  period, to prepare a report prior to the commencement of a session of the Executive
  Council;
- The Group will provide a report on all its activities to the 47th session of the Executive
  Council;
- Relevant documents would be made available before the Group meeting, in due time;
  and
- The Group will follow procedures for IOC Subsidiary Bodies, seeking to formulate its
  conclusions and recommendations through consensus.
EC-XLVII, Dec. 6.1
(adopted by the IOC Executive Council at its 47th session, Paris, 1-4 July 2014)

IOC Capacity Development Strategy

The Executive Council,

Having considered document IOC/EC-XLVII/2 Annex 7,

Takes note of the “Draft Capacity Development Strategy” presented in the document;

Decides to reconstitute the Intersessional Working Group for the IOC Capacity Development Strategy, with the Vice-Chairperson responsible for capacity development as Chairperson, and with the Terms of Reference as annexed to this decision;

Instructs the Chair of the Intersessional Working Group for the IOC Capacity Development Strategy to submit the final draft of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and associated documentation as referred to in the Annex to this decision to the IOC Assembly for adoption at its 28th Session in 2015;

Requests:

(i) the Executive Secretary to include the Draft Strategic Plan for Capacity Development on the agenda of the IOC Assembly at its 28th Session in 2015;

(ii) Member States to consider funding (as necessary) and supporting the activities leading to the formulation and adoption of the final version of the Capacity Development Strategy.

Annex to EC-XLVII, Dec. 6.1

Terms of Reference for the Intersessional Working Group for the IOC Capacity Development Strategy

PURPOSE

The Intersessional Working Group will develop the final draft of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and associated documentation. This strategy will then be implemented through partnerships with Member States, donors, UN Agencies, global financial institutions and the private sector.

TERM

The Intersessional Working Group for the IOC Capacity Development Strategy, constituted at the 47th IOC Executive Council in 2014, will operate until the 28th Session of the IOC Assembly in 2015.

FUNCTIONS

(d) To organize a review of the draft of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy document, as submitted to the 47th Session of the IOC Executive Council (2014), by IOC Sub-Commissions, Regional and Technical Committees and other (relevant) subsidiary bodies of the IOC, to seek their advice and input to further improve the document.
(e) To identify, through consultations with the IOC Member States and IOC Sub-
Commissions, Regional and Technical Committees and other (relevant) subsidiary
bodies of the IOC and major programmes, elements of a draft work plan to be
considered subsequent to the adoption of the Strategy.

(c) Prepare a document for consideration by the 28th IOC Assembly in 2015 including the
final draft of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and preliminary elements of a
draft work plan.

COMPOSITION

- The Vice-Chairperson of the IOC for Group V, Prof. Adoté Blim Blivi will serve as
  Chairperson;

- The Working Group will be open to all IOC Member States, IOC Secretariat members
  responsible for IOC Sub-Commissions, Regional and Technical Committees and other
  (relevant) subsidiary bodies of the IOC.

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

- The Working Group will conduct the majority of its business by electronic means;

- The Chairperson may convene a face-to-face meeting, funded by Member States
  and/or extra-budgetary funding;

- The Group will follow procedures for IOC Subsidiary Bodies, seeking to formulate its
  conclusions and recommendations through consensus.