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To : IOC Chair and Vice-Chairs

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cc. : Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States
Permanant Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States

Subject: First Meeting of "Working Group on the Future of IOC", UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 19-20 February 2008 (Basic documentation)

Sir/Madam,

As announced in Circular Letter No. 2252 dated 8 January 2008, I am pleased to send you the Provisional Agenda and the main set of documents for the first Meeting of "Working Group on the Future of IOC". The meeting is scheduled:

19–20 February 2008
Opening on Tuesday 19 June at 10.00 in Room IV, UNESCO House, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris

I invite you to inform my secretariat of the detail of the members of your delegation at your earliest convenience but not later than 11th February 2008. The information is needed in advance of the Session in order to prepare a comprehensive List of Participants and facilitate security clearance in UNESCO. Please also indicate whether the assistance of the IOC Secretariat is requested for obtaining a visa to attend the Session. The Secretariat will send a letter directly to the French Consulate in your country with copy to the delegate(s).

The documentation of the session is also available on-line, on the IOC website at the following URL http://ioc.unesco.org/ ('News’ section).

Yours faithfully,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary, IOC
First Session of the IOC Working Group on the Future of IOC

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
19–20 February 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING SESSION
   1.1 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF IOC
   1.2 WELCOME BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE IOC

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION
   2.1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR
   2.3 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

3. REPORT ON PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES
   3.1 PREPARATION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING
   3.2 PROPOSED METHODOLOGIES AND WORKPLAN
   3.3 SYNTHESIS REPORT ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONSULTATION

4. Responding to Challenges and Opportunities Over the Coming Decade (2008–2017)
   4.1 IOC MANDATE AND FUTURE NEEDS
   4.2 STRUCTURAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
   4.3 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, OTHER RESOURCES AND MEASURES TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE AND STEADY PROGRAMME
   4.4 IMPROVING INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBER STATES
   4.5 RELATIONSHIP WITH UNESCO AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM
   4.6 FOSTERING COOPERATING WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS

5. Future Oceanography and the Role of IOC (50 years ahead)

6. CONCLUSIONS, WORKPLAN AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. CLOSING SESSION

Documents :  (Click on code to access the document)

IOC-WG Future of IOC/1 Prov: Provisional Agenda (this document)
IOC-XXIV/2 Annex 2: The Future of IOC: a proposal by the Officers to the Member States, June 2007
IOC-XXIII/2 Annex 8: Financing and ownership of IOC’s programmes: we have a problem (2005)
IOC/FURES-III/3 : Third Session of the ad hoc Study Group on Measures to Ensure Adequate and Dependable Resources for the Commission’s Programme of Work, Paris, 10-13 December 1990 (FSR versions)
IOC/FURES-II/3s: Second Session of FURES, Paris, 11-13 January 1990