IOC Circular Letter No 2582
(Available in English only)

To : Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States of Group V
cc. : Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States Region V

Subject : Nomination of expert to serve on GOOS Steering Committee for appointment by Member State Electoral Group V

This circular letter invites Member States from the Electoral Group V, Africa and Arab States, to nominate scientific experts to be considered for appointment by the Electoral Group to serve on the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee as the single appointed representative of Group V, reinforcing the request made in IOC Circular Letter 2570 (17 March 2015) with an original deadline of 30 April 2015.

The IOC Assembly at its 26th Session (22 June–6 July, 2011) established the governance structure of GOOS in Resolution XXVI-8. The GOOS Steering Committee (SC) exists to develop targets and work plans for GOOS, monitor its development and assess its performance, and advise on developing GOOS capacity in all Member States. The GOOS SC is “comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts are appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies.”

The IOC Officers have agreed upon a procedure to accomplish the nomination of candidates by Member States and the appointment of one expert from each Electoral Group, if possible by consensus (see Annex).

I therefore invite the Region V Member States to nominate experts in the field of observational oceanography and committed to working with the GOOS Steering Committee, for the term from 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2017.

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The present appointed expert from your Electoral Group, Dr Ashley Johnson, has served the maximum of two terms.

Nominations with the candidate’s CV should be submitted to the Secretariat, by e-mail to Tom Gross (t.gross@unesco.org).

[signed]

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Executive Secretary

Annex:

Procedure for Appointment of Five Experts by Member State “Electoral Groups” to GOOS Steering Committee

Agreed upon by IOC Chairs at IOC Officer’s Meeting, 14-15 Jan. 2013

From IOC Resolution XXVI-8:

"the GOOS Steering Committee will be comprised of up to 15 members. Five experts will be appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly, one from each group. These five experts will have, in addition to their technical expertise, the role of providing policy advice and guidance to the Steering Committee, consistent with that of the IOC Governing Bodies." [2 Decides Further (i)]

Proposed procedure for appointments of GOOS SC experts appointed by IOC Groups:

1. IOC secretariat will write to each Group separately asking them for nominations (with CVs), and reminding them of the expert status / needed expertise for the position. Deadline for nominations will be 6 weeks after letter. The Secretariat will compile and provide the list of nominees to the officers of the IOC.

2. IOC officer for the region tries by e-mail/calls with the IOC National Focal Points to come to a consensus appointment of expert from the Group before the Assembly.

3. If no consensus is reached before the Assembly, the IOC Officer for the region convenes a Group meeting outside of plenary to discuss candidates and try to arrive at consensus.

4. If no consensus can be reached through Group meeting, the Secretariat will conduct a vote, within each Group (only of Group Member States) at a meeting outside of the plenary, in English only*, according to the voting procedures in the IOC Rules of Procedure (Section XIV).

* possibly adapted to dominant Group language(s) based on secretariat ability and availability