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IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2015–2021)

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

1. Noting that capacity development is a fundamental tenet of IOC’s mission, enabling all Member States to participate in, and benefit from, ocean research and services that are vital to sustainable development and human welfare on the planet,

2. Noting further that the Vision Statement of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021) as contained in IOC-XXVIII/2 Annex 8 and its revised corrigendum, identifies capacity development as the primary catalyst by which IOC will achieve its four high level objectives in the current IOC Medium-Term Strategy (2014–2021),


4. Agrees that, by the 29th Session of the IOC Assembly, IOC Primary Subsidiary Bodies (global programmes and Regional Subsidiary Bodies) should take the following actions:

   (i) develop programmatic and regionally relevant capacity development work plans based on this strategy and related needs assessments conducted in a consistent manner, building on on-going activities and making use of existing training and education facilities;

   (ii) mobilize resources in order to reinforce the Secretariat staffing of the regional Sub-Commissions, other subsidiary bodies and global programmes;

   (iii) catalyze capacity development through global, regional, and national programme development; and

   (iv) enhance collaboration and communication between its global programmes and Regional Subsidiary Bodies, to contribute to (i) and (ii) above;

5. Urges IOC Member States to:

   (i) identify new opportunities to participate in, and benefit from, reinforced partnerships through the IOC to achieve their capacity development goals in marine science and ocean governance;

   (ii) mobilize the knowledge, personnel, infrastructural and financial resources to support IOC’s catalytic role in helping Member States achieve these goals; and

   (iii) raise the visibility of IOC’s unique niche in capacity development.

Financial implications:
No direct financial implications (financial implications will be carried by global and regional programmes within existing resources).