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To: IOC National Official Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC
IODE National Coordinators for Oceanographic Data Management
IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management
Directors of IODE NODCs
Focal points of IODE Associate Data Units
Directors of World Data Centres Oceanography

cc.: Co-Chairs of the IOC Committee on IODE
Chairs of IODE Groups of Experts
Chairs of IODE Regional Sub-Commissions
Co-presidents of JCOMM
Chair of the GOOS Steering Committee
Permanent Delegations/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO in IOC Member States
Officers of IOC and of Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Twenty-Fourth Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE-XXIV), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28-31 March 2017 and Scientific Conference, 27 March 2017

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the 24th Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE), from 28 to 31 March 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The IODE session will be preceded on 27 March 2017 by a one-day Scientific Conference focusing on new developments in the field of oceanographic data and information management and exchange.

You are kindly requested to confirm the participation of your country in the above events and forward the names of your delegation. As data and information are now closely related in the IODE programme and its products and services, it would be appreciated if delegations would be composed of both experts in data management and experts in marine information management.

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We will be grateful if you can inform us of the names, contact addresses and e-mail addresses of your representatives so we can easily contact them and add their details to the IODE-XXIV web page at http://www.iode.org/iode24. If they have not done so already the members of your delegation should also register in the OceanExpert database (http://www.oceanexpert.net).

This 24th Session will, as usual, review of progress of the previous work plan, but will also need to make decisions and formulate recommendations regarding: (i) the re-structuring of IODE; and (ii) the revision of the IOC strategic plan for oceanographic data and information management.

The re-structuring of IODE started already at IODE-XXII in 2013 when the Committee re-defined its structural elements: (i) National Oceanographic Data Centres (NODCs); (ii) IODE Associate Data Units (ADUs); and (iii) IODE Global Data Assembly Centres (IODE GDAC). In addition IODE converted on-going programme activities into “projects” and their associated Steering Groups, in order to enable more action and result-oriented management of its activities.

The Scientific Conference preceding the session will allow members of the IODE community (and invited guests) to present new challenges and opportunities in the area of oceanographic data and information management and exchange.

Practical information on accommodation, venue, social events and accompanying-person programme will be made available through the session web site http://www.iode.org/iode24.

Participation of national delegations to IODE sessions is self-funded and is part of the national contribution to the IODE programme. The IOC is exploring possibilities of sponsorship to the benefit of participants from developing countries. Information on this option will be circulated later.

In order to enable us to make all necessary practical arrangements with the local host, we will appreciate your reply at your earliest convenience. Responses should be sent to Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head of the IOC Project Office for IODE (e-mail: p.pissierssens@unesco.org or fax: +32-59-79 52 20).

[signed]

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Enclosure: IODE-XXIV Provisional Agenda
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Twenty-fourth Session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data
and Information Exchange (IODE-XXIV)

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28-31 March 2017

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

2.1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2.2. DESIGNATION OF A RAPPORTEUR
2.3. SESSION TIME TABLE AND DOCUMENTATION
2.4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS
2.5. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS


3.1. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IODE-XXIII WORK PLAN

3.2. REPORTS OF THE IODE GROUPS OF EXPERTS
3.2.1. JCOMM/IODE Expert Team on Data Management Practices (ETDMP)
3.2.2. IODE/IAMSLIC Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GE-MIM)

3.3. IODE NETWORK PARTNER REPORTS
3.3.1. REPORTS OF THE NODCs
3.3.2. REPORTS OF THE ADUs
3.3.3. REPORTS OF THE GDACs

3.4. PROGRESS REPORTS OF GLOBAL IODE PROJECTS
3.4.1. Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS)
3.4.2. Global Oceanographic Data Archaeology and Rescue Project (GODAR)
3.4.3. World Ocean Database (WODB)
3.4.4. Global Temperature and Salinity Profile Programme (GTSPP)
3.4.5. Global Ocean Surface Underway Data Project (GOSUD)
3.4.6. International Coastal Atlas Network project (ICAN)
3.4.7. International Quality Controlled Database project (IQuOD)
3.4.8. IODE OceanDataPortal
3.4.9. IODE OceanDataPractices
3.4.10. IODE OceanDocs
3.4.11. IODE OceanExpert
3.4.12. IODE OceanKnowledge Platform Pilot Project
3.4.13. IODE OpenScienceDirectory
3.4.14. IODE Quality Management Framework project (QMF)

3.5. PROGRESS REPORTS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER PARTNERS
3.5.1. JCOMM
3.5.1.1. Ocean Data Standards and Best Practices (JCOMM/IODE)
3.5.1.2. Other JCOMM matters (CMOC, MCDS GDAC)
3.5.2. IOC
3.5.2.1. GOOS
3.5.2.2. MPR
3.5.2.2.1. SPINCAM
3.5.2.2.2. LME-Learn
3.5.2.3. Ocean Science
   3.5.2.3.1. GOSR
   3.5.2.3.2. HAEDAT
3.5.3. European Union Projects
   3.5.3.1. EMODNET
   3.5.3.2. ODIP
   3.5.3.3. SEADATANET
3.5.4. ICSU World Data System
3.5.5. Research Data Alliance
3.5.6. 2nd International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2)

3.6. PROGRESS REPORTS OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
   3.6.1. ODINAFRICA
   3.6.2. ODINBLACKSEA
   3.6.3. ODINCARSA-LA
      3.6.3.1. Caribbean Marine Atlas (phases 1 and 2)
      3.6.3.1.1. CLME+
   3.6.4. ODINCINDIO
   3.6.5. ODINECET
   3.6.6. ODINWESTPAC
   3.6.7. Other
      3.6.7.1. IIOE-2: see 3.5.6

4. IODE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
   4.1. THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
   4.2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BY IODE
      4.2.1. Progress Report on the IODE OceanTeacher Global Academy project
      4.2.2. Other IODE Capacity Development activities
      4.2.3. New IODE opportunities and initiatives related to Capacity Development

5. IODE COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH
   5.1. REPORTS ON COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD
   5.2. IOC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: see 6.3

6. THE FUTURE OF IODE
   6.1. REPORT OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP TO PROPOSE A RE-STRUCTURING OF IODE
      6.1.1. New IODE structural elements (AIUs)
   6.2. REPORT OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP TO REVISE THE IOC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE
   6.3. REPORT OF THE INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP TO CREATE AN IOC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

7. INTRODUCTION TO WORK PLAN AND BUDGET (FINANCIAL RESOURCES 2017-2019)
   7.1. UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAMME FINANCIAL RESOURCES REMAINING FOR THE BIENNium 2016-2017
   7.2. UNESCO REGULAR PROGRAMME FINANCIAL RESOURCES EXPECTED FOR THE BIENNium 2018-2019
   7.3. IODE HUMAN RESOURCES
      7.3.1. UNESCO Regular Programme staff
      7.3.2. Government of Flanders staff contribution
      7.3.3. Extra-budgetary project staff
      7.3.4. Internships and Secondments
   7.4. CONFIRMED EXTRA-BUDGETARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES
      7.4.1. Government of Flanders (VLIZ)
7.4.2. Government of Flanders FUST projects
7.4.3. Other
7.5. OTHER RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2017-2019

8. PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD (2017-2019)

8.1. CURRENT PROJECTS
8.2. NEW INITIATIVES

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

11. ELECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS

12. ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

13. CLOSURE