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Introduction

• IOCINDIO back on rail
• Two successful sessions of intergovernmental meetings culminating to the development and adoption of a Work plan for 2017-2019
• This work plan is based on the six functions of IOC as a contribution to each of them
IOCINDIO contribution to the IOC Functions

• IOC Function A: Ocean Research: IOCINDIO project proposal on “Effects of human induced changes: Ocean acidification, eutrophication, hypoxia, harmful algal blooms (HABs) in coastal waters of the North-western Indian Ocean”

• IOC Function B: Observing Systems & Data: IOCINDIO project proposal on “Ocean observations, coastal zone management, circulations and fisheries”

• IOC Function C: Ocean Hazards: IOCINDIO project proposals including “Coastal vulnerability assessment for sea level rise and storm surges” and “Monitoring with Responsible Response of Oil Spill in inner ROPME Sea Area” respectively
IOCINDIO contribution to the IOC Functions

- IOC Function D: Assessments & information for Policy: IOCINDIO project proposals on “Coastal vulnerability assessment for sea level rise and storm surges”; “Monitoring with Responsible Response of Oil Spill in inner ROPME Sea Area”; “2050 Integrated Ocean Policy Advice for Proactive Planning and Managements for IOCINCIO Member States” “Blue Economy Business opportunities in the context of climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction”
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- IOC Function E: Governance: “2050 Integrated Ocean Policy Advice for Proactive Planning and Managements for IOCINCIO Member States” and “Blue Economy Business opportunities in the context of climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

- IOC Function F: Capacity Development: “IOCINDIO Networking Research Infrastructures, Facilities and Human Resources” project proposal is a direct contribution to this function taking into account specificities in needs and capacities of Member States.
Activities during the reporting period June 2017-June 2018

• Expansion of regional and international partnerships and reinforced fund raising for the implementation of the IOCINDIO Work plan

• Through proactive efforts of the IOC Secretariat, establishment of a funding Agreement with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is underway.
Activities during the reporting period June 2017-June 2018

- The 2018 International Indian Ocean Science Conference organised by the IOC-UNESCO Perth Office in Jakarta in Indonesia in March was a unique milestone, which brought together major stakeholders in ocean sciences and observations in the Indian Ocean Region with a series of programme meetings.

- The IOCINDIO Chairman and the Technical Secretary both participated in, contributed to the Conference, and organised the Side event, which attracted the interests of the above programme stakeholders on Tuesday, 20 March 2018.
Activities during the reporting period June 2017-June 2018

• Priorities were assigned in view of the limited resources and two activities were decided to be taken up immediately – “Coastal vulnerability assessment for sea level rise and storm surges” and “IOCINDIO Networking Research Infrastructures, Facilities and Human Resources”

• New partnerships were established with the Indonesian Badan Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG), the Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), the IIOE-2 networks of institutions and experts; the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University.
Activities during the reporting period June 2017-June 2018


- The IOCINDIO Technical Secretary participated and contributed to this Workshop with a presentation on the “IOCINDIO Networking Research Infrastructures, Facilities and Human Resources”.

- Partnerships with the Nansen Environmental Centers in Europe, Asia and Africa
Future activities


- Setting up a data base of all Oceanographic related infrastructure like lab facilities, research vessels and their capability etc. with member states as a web application.

- Initial implementation of the Communication packages including of web site for IOCINDIO

- IOCINDIO is fully committed to the success of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development through the mobilisation of IOCINDIO Member States and partners.
Place and dates of IOCINDIO-VII

- The Committee decided that the Officers in consultation with the IOC Secretariat should invite Member States to host the next Session at the lowest possible cost to the IOC regular budget.
- The host country is expected to support local logistics and expenses.
- The IOCINDIO-VII Session should be organized prior to the 30th Session of IOC Assembly in 2019.
- In order to reinforce synergy and regional cooperation, the session will be back to back with regional partners and programmes.
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