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To: Executive Heads of UN Organizations
Executive Heads of non-UN Intergovernmental and Non Governmental Organisations co-operating with IOC
Executive Heads of Development Agencies Operating in Eastern and Southern Africa

Subject: Seventh Session of the IOC’s Regional Committee for the Western Indian Ocean (IOCWIO), Mombasa, Kenya, 18–22 July 2008

I take great pleasure in inviting you to attend, as Observer, the Seventh Session of the IOC Regional Committee for the Western Indian Ocean (IOCWIO), which will be held from 18 to 22 July 2008, Mombasa, Kenya.

The provisional Agenda of the session is sent to you for information. Practical arrangements for the Session and documents will be sent as soon as they are ready.

It would be greatly appreciated if the name(s), title(s) and official address(es) of your Observer(s) could be forwarded to the Secretariat by 2 June 2008 at the latest, in order to allow the preparation of a comprehensive List of Participants in advance of the Session. Please pay special attention to your email addresses.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary, IOC

Enclosures: IOCWIO-VII/1 Prov.
IOCWIO-VII/1 Add. Prov.
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

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

3. REPORT ON INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

4. PROGRAMME MATTERS ON IOC ACTIONS
   MAIN LINE OF ACTION 2: OCEANS AND COASTAL ZONES: IMPROVING GOVERNANCE AND FOSTERING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION THROUGH OCEAN SCIENCES AND SERVICES
   4.1 ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND VARIABILITY, INCLUDING SEA LEVEL RISE
      4.1.1. Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)
      4.1.2. Integrated marine observations and services
      4.1.3. Sea level science and observations
      4.1.4. Climate change research and assessment
   4.2 Safeguarding marine ecosystem health and integrated management
      4.2.1. Implementation of assessment phase of Global Reporting and Assessment of Marine Environment (GRAME)
      4.2.2. Fostering coastal research, monitoring and modelling
      4.2.3. Developing scientific approaches, tools and methodologies for integrated management of coastal areas
   4.3 Capacity-building, data and information services and procedures for marine scientific research
      4.3.1. Strengthening self-reliant research and observational capacities in marine science
      4.3.2. Developing services for data and information management
      4.3.3. Developing procedures and guidelines for marine scientific research and technology transfer, including extension of the continental shelf
MAIN LINE OF ACTION 3: PROMPTING SCIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION, AND ENHANCING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COPING CAPACITIES, INCLUDING THROUGH SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RISK REDUCTION NETWORKS AND MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT MEASURES, SUCH AS TSUNAMI EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

4.4 MITIGATING IMPACTS FROM TSUNAMI AND OTHER MARINE HAZARDS

4.4.1. Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWS)
4.4.2. Educating vulnerable communities
4.4.3. Guidelines for coastal hazards, Integrated Coastal Area Management and coastal mapping, including COASTMAP-IO

5. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AGENCIES AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

6. STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS

7. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

8. STRATEGY OF WORK 2008-2013

9. PROGRAMME OF WORK 2008-2009

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

11. DATE AND PLACE OF IOCWIO-VIII

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUMMARY REPORT

14. CLOSURE
# PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

**IOC WIO-VII/1 Add. Prov.**

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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (of UNESCO)

Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Regional Committee for the Western Indian Ocean (IOCWIO-VII)

Mombasa, Kenya, 18-22 July 2008

|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 09.00 – 11.00 | 1. Welcome and Opening  
2. Organisation and Arrangements of the Session  
3. Report on Inter-Sessional Activities  
4. Programme Matters on IOC Actions  
4.2 Ecosystem Health and Integrated Management  
- Fostering research monitoring & modelling  
- Tools & methodologies for ICAM | | | 5. Collaboration with Other Regional Subsidiary Bodies, Agencies and Regional Organisations  
6. Strengthening of National and Regional Coordination Mechanisms  
11. Date and Place of IOC WIO-VIII |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | TEA/COFFEE BREAK | | | | |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | 4.1 Climate Change and Sea Level Rise  
- Global Ocean Observing System  
- Observations & services | 4.3 Capacity-Building, Data and Information Services & Procedures  
12. Other Business |
| 13.00 – 13.15 | LUNCH BREAK | | | | |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | 4.1 Climate Change and Sea Level Rise  
- Sea level science and observation  
- Climate change research & assessment | 4.3 Capacity-Building, Data and Information Services and Procedures  
- Data & information services  
13. Adoption of Recommendations and Summary Report |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | TEA/COFFEE BREAK | | | | |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | 4.2 Ecosystem Health and Integrated Management  
- Assessments e.g. GRAME | 4.4 Tsunami and other Marine Hazards  
- IOTWS, COASTMAP-IO | | | |

**ODINAFRICA III Review & Planning Meeting**  
Monday - Wednesday 14-16 July 2008  
**ODINAFRICA III Symposium**  
Thursday 17 July 2008