Subject : Nomination of Experts for the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (Decision IOC-XXIX/10.1)

During its 29th Session, the IOC Assembly adopted Decision IOC-XXIX/10.1 (attached) establishing the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development. In this regard, the Assembly referred to its adoption of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015-2021) which was published in 2015 as IOC/INF-1332. The main objectives of the Group of Experts are to assist the global and regional programmes with the implementation of capacity development (CD) needs assessments, the development of related work plans, mobilization of resources, and provide advice on relevant methods and tools to deliver CD.

The Group will also advise the Assembly on, and start implementation of, the Transfer of Marine Technology Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) as requested by the IOC Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology (IOC/INF-1203), making use, to the largest extent possible, of existing data and information systems already available at IOC.

The membership of the Group will include representatives of IODE global and regional programmes, as well as national experts with considerable experience in capacity development, nominated by Member States. In addition, the Group may invite representatives of Partner organizations involved in CD activities. The Group will elect its Chair (or Co-Chairs) during its first meeting.

Through this letter, I invite you to nominate suitable experts to serve on the above-mentioned group. We will appreciate receiving nominations not later than 1st September 2017 accompanied by a CV showing relevant expertise and experience in CD.
The first meeting of the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development is expected to take place between December 2017 and February 2018. It is expected that national experts have the support of their national authorities and institute to cover their mission and expenses to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Decision IOC-XXIX/10.1
ANNEX

Decision IOC-XXIX/10.1
IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development

The Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of Capacity Development as one of the six functions of the IOC Medium-Term Strategy (2014–2021), 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,

Recalling the adoption, at its 28th Session, of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021),

Welcoming the contributions of its Member States towards capacity development at the global and regional level through financial and in-kind contributions,

Stressing the need to share, across programmes and regions, experience and expertise in capacity development, and to coordinate efforts to increase efficiency and maximize impact,

Establishes the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development with the following terms of reference:

(i) assist global and regional programmes with the implementation of capacity development needs assessments in a consistent manner;

(ii) assist global and regional programmes with the development of programmatic and regionally relevant capacity development work plans based on the IOC CD strategy and related needs assessments, building on ongoing activities and making use of existing training and education facilities;

(iii) assist with the mobilization of financial and in-kind resources to enable the implementation of global and regional capacity development work plans;

(iv) provide advice to global and regional programmes on relevant methods and tools to improve the quality and impact of CD efforts;

(v) advise the Assembly on, and start implementation of, the Transfer of Marine Technology Clearing House Mechanism (CHM) as requested by the IOC Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology (IOC/INF-1203), making use, to the largest extent possible, of existing data and information systems already available at IOC;

Invites Member States to nominate suitable candidate members for the Group;

Instructs the Group to report to each session of the Assembly;

Decides to allocate resources in the IOC Programme and Budget draft resolution XXIX-(11.1) to cover a meeting of the group per biennium ($ 30,000).