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To: IODE National Coordinators for Data Management  
IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management

cc.: Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC  
Directors of National Oceanographic Data Centres  
Contact points of IODE Associate Data Units (ADUs)

Subject: Call for Candidatures for the Position of IODE Co-Chairs  
(2019–2021 inter-sessional period)

As you know Ms Cynthia Chandler (USA) and Prof. Yutaka Michida (Japan) were elected during IODE-XXIII (Brugge, Belgium, 17–20 March 2015) as Co-Chairs of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange. They were both re-elected for a second term at IODE-XXIV (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28–31 March 2017). As Ms Chandler and Prof. Michida have now completed two successive terms they will, in accordance with the IOC Manual, step down at the end of the 25th session of the IODE Committee (planned to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 18 to 22 February 2019). It is therefore the responsibility of the Committee to elect new IODE Co-Chairs. We would appreciate receiving candidatures from experts of the IODE data and information community (including ADUs).

In order to enable the Committee to select the best experts for these important positions, we would like to invite candidates to submit their names as well as a curriculum vitae and short paper outlining their views on the future of IODE. In order to enable us to distribute the candidatures well ahead of the forthcoming 25th session of IODE, we would appreciate receiving candidatures not later than 15 November 2018. Please provide also an e-mail address through which we can contact the candidate. Nominations should be sent to Mr Peter Pissierssens, Head of the IOC Project Office for IODE via email to p.pissierssens@unesco.org.
Candidates are reminded that Co-Chairs are expected to assist the Secretariat in implementing the work plan adopted by the Committee. This may consist of participating in relevant meetings, in online discussions, in drafting of documents or other activities in support of IODE.

Looking forward to receiving candidates,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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