IOC Circular Letter No 2751
(Available in English and French)

To: Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC

cc. Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO and National Commissions for
UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies
(Scientific, Technical and Regional)
Partner Organizations in the region

Subject: Fifth Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA-V), Nairobi, Kenya, 25–27 March 2019

On behalf of Mr Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Said, IOCAFRICA Chairperson, I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the Fifth Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States, which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya on 25–27 March 2019.

The session will bring together the IOC national focal persons/institutions, and national, regional and international organizations working in the fields of marine science and management of ocean and coastal resources and environment with the aim of advancing regional and international cooperation towards the understanding and management of the African oceans and coastal ecosystems. The Sub-Commission aims at building conditions for ensuring sustainable development and safety of coastal populations in the region taking into account priorities expressed by Member States.

At its forthcoming session, Member States will review the implementation status of the current IOCAFRICA work plan (2017–2019). They will deliberate on priorities and activities to be implemented over the period 2019–2021, as well as develop elements for the IOCAFRICA Strategic Plan for 2022-2029 in the context of both the Decade of African Seas and Oceans (2015–2025) and the UN Decade for Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development (2021–2020).

Member States are expected to propose national commitments to the IOC programmes in the region and ensure that adequate resources and means are available to effectively implement the decisions of the IOC Sub-Commission.

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The Secretariat would greatly appreciate receiving confirmation of attendance through communication of the contact detail of your delegation (names, official addresses and designations (i.e., Head of Delegation, Alternate, Representative or Adviser) by 15 February 2019 at the latest (c/o Mr Mika Odido via e-mail: m.odido@unesco.org, cc: Ms Isabel Chavez, i.chavez@unesco.org), in order to allow preparation of a comprehensive list of participants in advance of the session.

The election of the Officers of the Sub Commission (one Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons for a period of two years) will take place during this session. Relevant information and forms, and the list of geographical groups are attached. Candidatures must reach the IOCAFRICA secretariat not later than 25 March 2019 at the closure of business of the opening day.

We would also like to request the Member States of the IOCAFRICA to provide:

(i) Updated information on the national IOC focal point (name, institutional affiliation and address—including email) to facilitate efficient communication (please consult the current list online);

(ii) Details of the national ocean programmes and plans. This should include an outline of one key issue that IOCAFRICA should address in the country. Common activities will then be collated to form the basis of the IOCAFRICA work plan for 2019–2021, in order to ensure linkages to national priorities and plans.

The above information should be submitted to Mika Odido (m.odido@unesco.org), Head of the Sub-Commission Office, not later than 15 February 2019 to enable the secretariat to collate, translate and circulate summaries before the session.

The Provisional Agenda (document IOCAFRICA-V/1 Prov.) for the session is annexed to this letter. Further information and documents will be made available online at the meeting website as soon as they are ready (http://www.ioc-unesco.org/iocafrica-5). The working languages for the session will be English and French, but the draft report, to be adopted during the session, will be available in English only. IOCAFRICA Officers will report to the IOC Assembly later in June at Headquarters Paris.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures: Provisional Agenda (IOCAFRICA-IV/1 Prov.)
IOCAFRICA Election Nomination forms
IOCAFRICA Electoral Groups
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING
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   2.2 DESIGNATION OF RAPPORTEUR
   2.3 CONDUCT OF THE SESSION

3. INTERSESSIONAL REPORTS
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   3.2 REPORT ON IOCAFRIKA ACTIVITIES 2017–2019
   3.3 NATIONAL OCEAN PROGRAMMES AND PLANS
      3.3.1 Highlights of National Ocean programmes and plans and potential linkages to IOCAFRIKA work plans
      3.3.2 Mainstreaming Ocean Sciences in the UN National Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) and related framework documents

3.4 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN UNESCO AND IOC AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO IOCAFRIKA
   3.4.1 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)
   3.4.2 IOC Draft Medium Term Strategy for 2022–2029

4. DEVELOPMENT OF IOCAFRIKA WORK PLAN FOR 2019–2021
   4.1 OCEAN OBSERVATIONS AND MONITORING
      4.1.1 African Ocean Observing System
      4.1.2 Second International Indian Ocean Expedition
      4.1.3 Ocean forecasting and Modelling
   4.2 OCEAN SCIENCES AND ASSESSMENTS
      4.2.1 Climate Change and variability
      4.2.2 Ocean Acidification
      4.2.3 Oxygen Depletion and the IOC Global Ocean Oxygen Network
      4.2.4 Marine Biodiversity
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   4.3 OCEAN DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
      4.3.1 African Ocean Data and Information Portal
      4.3.2 African Coastal and Marine Atlas
4.4 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
   4.4.1 IOC Capacity Development Strategy
   4.4.2 Ocean Teacher Global Academy
   4.4.3 IOCAFRICA Capacity Development priorities for 2019–2021

4.5 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE
   4.5.1 Celebration of World Ocean Day and African Day of Oceans and Seas
   4.5.2 Ocean Literacy for Africa
   4.5.3 Pan African Conference on Marine Science and Technology - 2020

5. MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION
   5.1 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
   5.2 PARTNERSHIP AND LINKAGES
   5.3 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY
   5.4 STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISMS
   5.5 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

6. ADDRESSING OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES ON THE AGENDA
   OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE IOC ASSEMBLY

7. ELECTION OF IOCAFRICA OFFICERS

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. DATES AND PLACES OF THE 6th SESSION OF THE IOCAFRICA SUB COMMISSION

10. ADOPTION OF THE IOCAFRICA WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2019–2021

11. ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUMMARY REPORT

12. CLOSURE
CORRIGENDUM

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

ELECTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE IOC SUB COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
AND THE ADJACENT ISLAND STATES

Nominations

Nominations of individuals to either the post of Chairperson or the posts of Vice-chairpersons shall be submitted by Member States through the officially designated national coordinating body specified for liaison with the Commission (Rule 26.2), namely through the IOC Focal Point in the Member State or the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing using Form A (Chairperson) or Form B (Vice-chairperson), and must reach the Nominations Committee not later than 17:30 on 25 March 2019.

Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected.

Each candidate for chairperson must be seconded by two Member States of the IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States, from different electoral groups than that of the nominating Member State. In the case of nominations for Vice-Chairperson, the two seconders should be of the same Electoral Group as that of the nominee’s Member State.

Elections

Should voting be necessary, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the valid votes cast (Technical arrangements 20(iv)), by secret ballot.

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### Elections

#### Form A – Chairperson

Name of Member State: ………………………………………………………………………

Name of Nominee: ………………………………………………………………………

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of the IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Sub Commission.

Signature of the Nominee: …………………………………………………

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Elections

Form B – Vice-chairperson

Name of Member State: ………………………………………………………………………

Name of Nominee: ……………………………………………………………………………

Electoral Group: …………………………………

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-chairperson of the IOC Sub Commission for Africa and the Adjacent Island States and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of the Sub Commission.

Signature of the Nominee: ………………………………………………….

Seconder 1*  Seconder 2*

Member State of the IOCAFRICA ……………….  ……………….   

Name in capitals ……………….  ……………….

Position ……………….  ……………….

Signature ……………….  ……………….

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* should be of the same Electoral Group as that of the nominee’s Member State.