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Subject: Launch of the New IOC Capacity Development Web Site
<http://www.ioc-cd.org>

It is my pleasure to announce the launch of the new IOC Capacity Development website on <http://www.ioc-cd.org> after the adoption by the IOC Assembly at its 28th session (June 2015) of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy, 2015-2021. Adopted through Resolution XXVIII-2, the text is published as IOC/INF-1332 – <http://www.iode.org/cdstrategy>. The Vision Statement of the Strategy reads:

“Through international cooperation, IOC assists its Member States to collectively achieve the IOC’s high-level objectives (HLOs), with particular attention to ensuring that all Member States have the capacity to meet them”.

Resolution XXVIII-2, *inter alia*, urges Member States to:

“mobilize the knowledge, personnel, infrastructural and financial resources to support IOC’s catalytic role in helping Member States achieve these goals”.

To fully document the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and its implementation, the IOC CD website provides concrete details of the Strategy, showcases approaches to capacity development in the IOC global programmes and in the regions, as well as initiatives of partner organizations.

Gradually the site will also build a repository of, and links to, sources of information on capacity development opportunities in the areas of activities of the Commission and a calendar of IOC CD-related events. The site should become the first place to go when searching for training or other capacity-development opportunities in Ocean sciences, services and observations. Through this website the Commission intends to promote networking between the global ocean research community. Soon it will also be possible to subscribe to receive announcements of opportunities

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from the IOC Capacity-development website. The website is in English at this initial stage. Language versions will be considered subject to fundraising.

In order to further develop the web site, and in particular the “Opportunities” section, we will be most grateful if you can provide us with URL links to relevant opportunities offered in your country.

My Secretariat looks forward to the successful implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy through the active participation of IOC Member States and partner organizations.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosure:

Resolution IOC-XXVIII-2: IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015-2021)

Resolution XXVIII-2

IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015–2021)

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

Noting that capacity development is a fundamental tenet of IOC’s mission, 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,

Noting further that the Vision Statement of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2015-2021) as contained in IOC-XXVIII/2 Annex 8 and its revised corrigendum, identifies capacity development as the primary catalyst by which IOC will achieve its four high level objectives in the current IOC Medium-Term Strategy (2014–2021),

Adopts the IOC Capacity Development Strategy, 2015–2021 (IOC/INF-1332);

Agrees that, by the 29th Session of the IOC Assembly, IOC Primary Subsidiary Bodies (global programmes and Regional Subsidiary Bodies) should take the following actions:

- (i) develop programmatic and regionally relevant capacity development work plans based on this strategy and related needs assessments conducted in a consistent manner, building on ongoing activities and making use of existing training and education facilities;
- (ii) mobilize resources in order to reinforce the Secretariat staffing of the regional Sub-Commissions, other subsidiary bodies and global programmes;
- (iii) catalyze capacity development through global, regional, and national programme development, including projects prepared in consultation with Member States with a view to raise extra-budgetary resources; and
- (iv) enhance collaboration and communication between its global programmes and Regional Subsidiary Bodies, to contribute to (i) and (ii) above;

Urges IOC Member States to:

- (i) identify needs and new opportunities to participate in, and benefit from, reinforced partnerships through the IOC to achieve their capacity development goals in marine science, early warning systems, and ocean governance;
- (ii) mobilize the knowledge, personnel, infrastructural and financial resources to support IOC’s catalytic role in helping Member States achieve these goals; and
- (iii) raise the visibility of IOC’s unique niche in capacity development.