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- To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with IOC/IOCARIBE
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- cc. : Other Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies
(Scientific, Technical and Regional)

Subject : Invitation to the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI), 3–6 May 2021 (online session)

On behalf of Mr Arnulfo Sanchez, IOCARIBE Chairperson, I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the online session of the Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI), which will be held from 3 to 6 May 2021. As agreed with the IOCARIBE Board of Officers, the session will be conducted online with three-hour daily meetings from 9.00 to 12.00 (UTC-5) to facilitate participation from various time zones.

The agenda for the session will focus on essential issues requiring attention, guidance, and collective actions of IOC Member States in the region. After briefly reviewing the Sub-commission progress over the last intersessional period, the session will hear the latest development at the global level on the UN Ocean Decade and IOC programmatic strategy and further deliberate on the Sub-commission's engagement in and contribution to the Decade. The Sub-commission will be expected to formulate its work plan and budget for 2022–2023 and elect its Officers.

Considering the intergovernmental nature of IOCARIBE, the session is primarily open to Member States of the Region. Other interested countries and regional partner organizations are welcome as observers. Member States are expected to: (i) nominate their national delegations to the session, taking into account the scientific and technical character thereof; and (ii) propose national commitments to the IOC programmes in the region and ensure that adequate resources and means are available to implement the decisions of IOCARIBE effectively. The Provisional Agenda (Document IOC/SC-IOCARIBE-XVI/1 Prov.) and Timetable (Document IOC/SC-IOCARIBE-XVI/1 Add. Prov.) are enclosed herewith.

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IOCARIBE Member States and observers are invited to urgently notify the secretariat (att.: c.toro@unesco.org; copied to p.wills-velez@unesco.org) of the composition of their delegation by 15 April 2021. Please clearly state the designated Head of Delegation and possibly one Alternate and indicate the Head of Delegation and Alternate's official email addresses to be used for their online connection. Guiding notes for connecting to the Zoom Platform will be sent later.

Plenary meetings will be organized in 'webinar' mode in Zoom. Designated Heads of Delegations and Alternates of IOCARIBE Member States (MS) will be registered by the Secretariat as panellists.

All other participants will register to the session as attendees as early as possible at the following link:

https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N51HNnbJQheDmSVBkO8UsA

Designated Heads of Delegations and Alternates of IOCARIBE Member States should not use this link to register to the plenary session as they will be registered by the Secretariat and will receive a personal Zoom link. This procedure is imperative for security reasons as well as organizational and procedural purposes.

Please note that all registered participants will be enabled to take the floor during plenary meetings, while immediate access will be given to Heads of Delegations and Alternates of IOCARIBE Member States registered as panellists by the Secretariat.

Further information and documentation will be made available online as soon as they are ready, on the IOCARIBE-XVI webpage at <https://oceanexpert.org/event/2992>.

At its forthcoming session, the Sub-commission will elect its Officers, namely one Chairperson, and three Vice-Chairpersons. Nominations must reach the IOCARIBE Secretariat (c/o Mr Cesar Toro (c.toro@unesco.org); copied to Mrs Patricia Wills (p.wills-velez@unesco.org)) as early as possible and not later than 3 May 2021 at 18:00 (UTC-5).

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures: Provisional Agenda
Provisional Timetable
Information on IOCARIBE elections and nomination forms



INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Sixteenth Session of the UNESCO IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE) – Online Session
(May 3-6, 2021)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. OPENING**
- 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
 - 2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - 2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR FOR THE SESSION
 - 2.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
 - 2.4 INTRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTATION AND TIMETABLE
- 3. IOCARIBE MATTERS AND REPORTS**
 - 3.1 STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON
 - 3.2 IOCARIBE SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE FIFTEENTH SESSION AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION
- 4. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT**
 - 4.1 IOC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2014–2021 AND DRAFT MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY 2022–2029
 - 4.2 NEW IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
 - 4.3 UPDATED IOCARIBE MEDIUM TERM STRATEGIC SCIENCE PLAN
- 5. IOCARIBE - WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC (WTA) COORDINATION MECHANISM AND CONTRIBUTION TO UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)**
 - 5.1 UN OCEAN DECADE WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC (WTA) REGIONAL PLANNING WORKSHOP. Regional Dialogue, setting priorities, defining needs and partnership building
 - 5.2 WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP to advance and coordinate strategic partnerships and actions for WTA engagement in the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)
 - 5.3 WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC WORKING GROUPS: ACTION PLAN. Catalyzing the UN Decade WTA Co-Design Process to facilitate and empower the emergence of inclusive partnerships for regional transformative Decade Actions and programme, project proposals.
 - 5.4 EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC ACTIVITIES
 - 5.5 UN OCEAN DECADE KICK-OFF REGIONAL CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS (OCTOBER 2021)

- 5.6 IOCARIBE, UN OCEAN DECADE AND SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ECONOMY
 - 5.6.1 Tourism and recreation opportunities in oceans and coasts
 - 5.6.2 Enhance the resilience of oceans, and coasts
 - 5.6.3 Climate change (e.g. carbon sequestration and conversion, renewable energy)
 - 5.6.4 Enhancing IOCARIBE exposure in Sustainable Ocean Economy

6. REVIEW AND REPORTING OF REGIONAL PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND WORKING GROUPS APRIL 2019–APRIL 2021

Due to time constraints, Programme Leads will report summarizing all achievements, highlighting strategic directions for the new biennium (2021–2022) and Programme links and contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030). Presentations under this Agenda item will be conducted in accordance to following themes: (i) Ocean Research; (ii) Observing and Early Warning Systems and Services; (iii) Assessment Information for Policy and Sustainable Management and Governance. The summary reports will be published in the event webpage.

7. INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 7.1 STATUS OF COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

8. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 REPORT BY FINANCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR JUNE 2021–MAY 2023
- 8.2 ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS OF THE SUB-COMMISSION [Rules of Procedure No.25(3) and Appendix I]
 - 8.2.1 Election of the Chairperson of the Sub-Commission
 - 8.2.2 Election of Vice-Chairpersons of the Sub-Commission
- 8.3 DATES AND PLACE OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

9. OTHER MATTERS

10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11. CLOSURE

Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the UNESCO IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE-XVI)
Decimosexta Reunión Intergubernamental de la Subcomisión de la COI UNESCO para el Caribe y Regiones Adyacentes (IOCARIBE-XVI)
(Online Session, 3-6 May 2021)

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE / CALENDARIO PROVISIONAL

Hrs. (UTC-5)	FRIDAY / VIERNES 30 April / Abril	MONDAY / LUNES 3 May/Mayo	TUESDAY / MARTES 4 May/Mayo	WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES 5 May/Mayo	THURSDAY / JUEVES 6 May/Mayo
08:00-09:00			Financial Committee (Budget & Programme) Meeting	Recommendations Committee Meeting	Recommendations Committee Meeting
09:00-10:30	IOCARIBE Board of Officers meeting	<p>1-OPENING</p> <p>2.ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION 2.1 Adoption Agenda 2.2 Designation Rapporteur 2.3. Establishment of sessional Committees and Working Groups 2.4 Introduction of Documentation and Timetable</p> <p>3. STATUTORY REPORTS 3.1 Statement of the Chairperson 3.2 IOCARIBE Secretary's Report</p>	<p>5. IOCARIBE- WESTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC (WTA) COORDINATION MECHANISM AND CONTRIBUTION TO UN DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021-2030)</p> <p>5.1 UN Ocean Decade Western Tropical Atlantic (WTA) Regional Planning Workshop 5.2 Western Tropical Atlantic Regional Planning Group</p>	<p>5.6 IOCARIBE, UN Ocean Decade and Sustainable Ocean Economy</p> <p>5.6.1 Tourism and recreation opportunities in oceans and coasts 5.6.2 Enhance the resilience of oceans, and coasts 5.6.3 Climate change (e.g. carbon sequestration and conversion, renewable energy) 5.6.4 Enhancing IOCARIBE exposure in Sustainable Ocean Economy</p>	<p>7. INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK</p> <p>7.1 Status of Cooperation with other Organizations</p> <p>8. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT 8.1 IOCARIBE Programme and Budget for June 2021-May 2023 8.2 Elections of the Board of Officers 8.3.Dates and Place for the Seventeenth IOCARIBE Session</p>
10:30-10:45		COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	
10:45-12:00	IOCARIBE Board of Officers meeting	<p>4. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>4.1 IOC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2014-2021 AND DRAFT MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY 2022 - 2029 4.2 NEW IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 4.3 UPDATED IOCARIBE Medium Term Strategic Science Plan</p>	<p>5.3 Western Tropical Atlantic Working Groups: Action Plan. 5.4 Eastern Tropical Pacific Activities 5.5 UN Ocean Decade Kick-off Conference preparations (October 2021)</p>	<p>6. REVIEW AND REPORTING OF REGIONAL PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>6.1 Ocean Research; 6.2 Observing and Early Warning Systems and Services; 6.3 Assessment Information for Policy and Sustainable Management and Governance.</p> <p>Deadline for draft recommendations</p>	<p>9. OTHER MATTERS</p> <p>10. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>11. CLOSURE</p>
12:00-12:15		COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK / CAFÉ	
12:15-14:00		Financial Committee (Budget & Programme) Meeting	Financial Committee (Budget & Programme) Meeting	Recommendations Committee Meeting	
18:00		Closing for Nominations for Officers			

*Hours for Cartagena, Colombia (UTC -5 hours)



**SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE IOC SUBCOMMISSION FOR THE
CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS IOCARIBE-XVI**
(online session, 3–6 May 2021)

ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE IOCARIBE BOARD OF OFFICERS

At its Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session, the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI, 3–6 May 2021), shall elect the Members of the IOCARIBE Board of Officers, namely, one Chairperson and three Vice-chairpersons, for the term 2021–2023.

The Chairperson shall declare the opening and closing of each session, direct the discussions and ensure observance of the Rules of Procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairperson shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules, shall control the proceedings and maintain order and shall strive to work by consensus (Rule 38).

The Vice-chairpersons assist the Chairperson in his/her functions and substitute him/her where and when necessary.

The Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of a Subsidiary Body shall not remain in his/her mandate more than two successive terms (as this is the limit established for an IOC Chairperson, Rule 17). The mandate of an Officer shall commence at the end of the IOCARIBE session during which the Officer has been elected and expire at the end of the next IOCARIBE session (usually two years in accordance with Article 7.A2 of the IOC Statutes).

Current composition of the IOCARIBE Board of Officers

Chairperson:	Mr Arnulfo Sanchez (2019) (Panama)	1 st term
Vice-chairpersons:	Mr Francisco Brizuela-Venegas (Mexico)	2 nd term
	Mr Marck Oduber (Aruba, Kingdom of Netherlands)	2 nd term
	Mr Arthur Paterson (USA)	1 st term

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 Head of Delegation to the SC-IOCARIBE-XVI Session, or through the IOC/IOCARIBE Focal Point in the Member State or the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the IOCARIBE Secretary using the standard **Form A** (Chairperson) or **Form B** (Vice-chairpersons) and must reach the Executive Secretary or his representative on the first day of the meeting by close of business (i.e. May 3, 2021 for this session). Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which he/she has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected. Each nomination shall also contain a CV with the profile of the candidate (**Form C**). Each candidate must be seconded by two Member States of the IOCARIBE Sub-Commission other than the nominating Member State. Nominations

should be called for in advance of each IOCARIBE session and the closing time for acceptance of nominations shall be two full working days before the date of elections.

Elections

The IOC general practice is working and deciding by consensus (Rule 38.2). Should voting be necessary, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting (Rule 43.1), by secret ballot.

IOC SUBCOMMISSION FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS (SC-IOCARIBE)

Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI)

Biennial Elections for Chairperson

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 IOCARIBE Sub-Commission and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee:

	<i>Seconder 1</i>	<i>Seconder 2</i>
Member State of the IOCARIBE Sub-Commission	_____	_____
Name in capitals	_____	_____
Position	_____	_____
Signature	_____	_____

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

IOC SUB-COMMISSION FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS (SC-IOCARIBE)

**Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and
Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI)**

Biennial Elections for Vice-Chairperson

Form B – Vice-Chairpersons

Name of Member State:

Name of Nominee:

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-Chairperson of the
IOCARIBE Sub-Commission and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee:

	<i>Secunder 1</i>	<i>Secunder 2</i>
Member State of the IOCARIBE Sub-Commission	_____	_____
Name in capitals	_____	_____
Position	_____	_____
Signature	_____	_____

Date sent to the IOCARIBE Secretariat

Date and time received by the IOCARIBE Secretariat

IOC SUB-COMMISSION FOR THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS (SC-IOCARIBE)

**Sixteenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Caribbean and
Adjacent Regions (SC-IOCARIBE-XVI)**

Biennial Elections for Members of the IOCARIBE Board of Officers

**Biennial Elections for Chairperson
Form C – CV of Nominee**

[NAME]

Date of birth:

Languages:

Address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Email:

CURRENT POSITION

[Please insert text]

EDUCATION

[Please insert text]

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Please insert text]