IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD)



Proposed Revisions on GE-CD Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference Group of Experts on Capacity Development



- 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. develop an implementation plan for the current IOC CD Strategy 2023-2030 for submission to the 33rd Assembly of the UNESCO IOC in June 2025;
- iv. provide advice to global and regional programmes on the implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 and on relevant methods and tools to improve the quality and impact of CD efforts;
- v. advise the design and conduct the biennial CD survey in close collaboration with the regional secretariats, possibly including CD implementation impact monitoring/metrics, also taking into account other methods such as regional reviews, science conferences etc.;
- vi. ensure coordination of the work of the Group of Experts and its Task Teams with GOSR and CD aspects of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, including the Capacity Development Facility and Working Group 9 of the Vision 2030;
- vii. guide the further development and promotion of the Ocean CD-Hub by highlighting linkages of CD activities and collaboration opportunities between users and providers and among other global, regional and national organizations;
- viii. provide advice to Member States on the promotion of visibility and reach of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 to assist with the planning and implementation of their capacity development efforts.

Key Deliverables and Future Recommendations

Results 2015-2023:

- 2 CD strategies adopted and published
- GE-CD met 4 times



- Established a Clearing House Mechanism, that resulted in the Ocean InfoHub project, followed by ODIS (IODE)
- Establishment and conduct of regular biennial Capacity Development Needs Assessment Surveys
- Providing advice in forging potential collaborative CD initiatives with other organizations
- Development of the Ocean Capacity Development Hub

2024-2025

- Budget for IOC CD !! (approx. 200K\$/year, up from 7.5K\$/year)
- Proposal to establish **internship programme** (OceanTraining Internships to enhance global human capacity in the operationalization of information systems and delivery of specialized training)
- Further collaboration with regions to develop CD implementation plans
- Development of proposals for submission to donors to fund regional CD implementation plans
- Outreach on CD strategy at regional level (continued from 2023)