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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION**  
(of UNESCO)

**Joint Meeting of the IOC Group of Experts  
on Capacity Development and Group of Experts on Ocean Literacy**  
Room VII UNESCO and online, 18 November–20 November 2025

**REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**TUESDAY 18 November (14:00 – 17:00 CET)**

**1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS (14:00-14:30)**

Address by the IOC Deputy chair Dr Park Hansan  
Address by the co-chairs of the Groups of Experts for Capacity Development and Ocean Literacy  
Tour de table  
Adoption of the agenda

**2. Background to the IOC and its capacity development and ocean literacy programmes and tasks assigned to the Groups of Experts by the IOC Assembly (14:30-17:00)**

- 2.1 The IOC and the role of Groups of Experts (10 mins)
- 2.2 The IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 and the associated implementation plan (10 mins)
- 2.3 The IOC Plan of Action for Ocean Literacy and draft update (10 mins)
- 2.4 Joint tasks assigned to the Groups of Experts by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IOC Assembly (10 mins)
- 2.5 Q & A session (20 mins)

**AFTERNOON BREAK: MALL (15:30-16:00)**

- 2.6 Preliminary assessment of areas where overlaps and similarities can be identified in the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2025-2030 and the draft IOC Ocean Literacy Plan of Action 2026-2030 (30 mins)
- 2.7 Address by the IOC Executive Secretary on the work of the Groups of Experts within the broader priorities and planning for the IOC and Q&A. (30 mins)

**WEDNESDAY 19 November (09:00 – 17:00 CET)**

**3. Aligning capacity development and ocean literacy activities and identifying opportunities (09:00 – 15:30)**

- 3.1 Working processes, assignment to break-out groups, identification of roles in breakout groups (30 mins)
- 3.2 Breakout group discussions Part 1: Identification of overlaps and similarities across the priority areas (60 mins)

MORNING BREAK: MALL (10:30-11:00)

- 4.2 Report back of breakout groups to plenary and group discussion (60 mins)
- 4.3 Breakout group discussions Part 2: Identifying opportunities where efforts can be combined/leveraged to achieve progress against priority areas (60 mins)

LUNCH: MALL (13:00-14:00)

- 4.4 Report back of breakout groups to plenary and group discussion (60 mins)

**5. Assisting the IOC Secretariat in developing a longer-term mechanism for coordinating ocean literacy and capacity development activities across the IOC**

- 5.1 Working processes, assignment to break-out groups, identification of roles in breakout groups (30 mins)

AFTERNOON BREAK: MALL (15:30-16:00)

- 5.2 Breakout group discussions: Potential mechanisms for facilitating coordination and leveraging opportunities for progressing priority areas (60 mins)

**THURSDAY 20 November (09:00 – 13:00 CET)**

DAY 2 RECAP (30 mins)

**5. Assisting the IOC Secretariat in developing a longer-term mechanism for coordinating ocean literacy and capacity development activities across the IOC (09:30 – 12:30)**

- 5.3 Report back of breakout groups to plenary and group discussion (60 mins)

MORNING BREAK: MALL (10:30-11:00)

- 5.4 Development of a joint workplan and timeline – key activities and ways of working (90 mins)

**6. Next steps and closing (12:30-13:00)**

LUNCH: MALL (13:00-14:00)