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INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

2026 Meeting of the IODE Management Group
IOC Project Office for IODE, Oostende, Belgium
28-29 January 2026

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Goals:

- Setting IODE Priorities for 2026-2027
 - IODE workplan (2026-2027)
 - Deliverables and resource needs
- Elaborate future approach to IODE work in response to IOC governance and programming

Wednesday 28 January

09.00-12.30 [coffee-break 10.30-11.00]

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**
- 3. UPDATES AND CONSIDERATIONS FROM 33RD MEETING OF THE IOC ASSEMBLY INCLUDING GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS**
- 4. BIG PICTURE FOR 2030**
 - IODE has come a long way – but are we fit for purpose for the future?
 - What do we want to achieve in the next 5 years vis a vis IOC and other UN multilateral processes and Member State decision making needs?
 - Staying relevant in the face of technological changes
 - Proposed priorities going forward and the IOC Medium-Term Strategy

Group photo and lunch break

13.30-18.00 [coffee-break 15.30-16.00]

5. PRIORITISED DELIVERABLES - DATA

- 2026-2027 - Data and Information (NODCs/ADUs, ODIS, OBIS, DCO-ODS, OE, Programme Activities)

6. IODE FUTURE - SHARED SUPPORT STRUCTURE

- Ensuring the IODE Structure (PCs/PAs) is fit for the future including a discussion in lieu of / to initiate IWG-for Ocean Data and Information System Activities
- World Ocean Database (WOD)

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7. PRIORITISED DELIVERABLES - CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTGA

- 2026-2027 - Capacity development and OTGA

8. FINALIZING THE WORKPLAN 2026-2027

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13.30-17.00 [coffee-break 15.00-15.30]

8. (CONT) FINALIZING THE WORKPLAN 2026-2027

9. PLANNING FOR IODE-29

- Virtual meeting in Q3/Q4 2026

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

close meeting