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Key Strategic document, aligns with UNESCO overall MTS, and Biannual Programme & Budget

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IOC Vision

To bring together governments and science community in achieving the 'Ocean We Need for the Future We Want'



- Healthy ocean and sustained ocean ecosystem services;
- Effective warning systems and preparedness for tsunamis and other ocean-related hazards;
- Resilience to climate change and contribution to its mitigation;
- Scientifically-founded services for the sustainable ocean economy;
- And Foresight on emerging ocean science issues.





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• But also:

- Global Priority Africa
- Global Priority of Gender Equality
- Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Early Career Ocean Professionals

Working across six functions



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"The value chain of IOC": IOC should work as an end-to-end system, in which observations and research enable various services and assessments, leading to informed decisions and guidance to policy and culminating in multiple societal and economic uses. The capacity development will act as the catalyst of the whole system, working both at the cutting edge and leaving no one behind.

WORKING CLOSER TO THE WATER & PARTNERSHIPS

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- Building on Regional Subsidiary Bodies to deliver support to Member States
- RSBs efficient platforms for co-designing and co-delivering CD activities with Member States,
- For IOCARIBE specifically:
 - Assist the continental coastal Latin-American and the Caribbean SIDS Member States to achieve sustainable use of the ocean and coastal resources.
 - Focus on climate change, such as hurricanes, severe storms, coastal inundation, coastal erosion, and Sargasso beaching, occur on the background of generally low resilience of island countries.
 - Strengthening Member States' capacity of managing the ocean, in national and transboundary context, through an ecosystem-based management approach,
 - Formulating national and regional policies and plans to develop ocean science and technology as well as exchange mechanims
 - Regional hub for cooperation between organizations of the UN system, IGOs, NGOs, and the scientific community.



MUCHAS GRACIAS

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