

Draft Agenda
IOC Electoral Group I Meeting
Utrecht, The Netherlands
26-27 May 2014

May 26th, Day 1:

0830-0900

Introduction

0900-1030 - Topic I:

The future of the IOC

Article 2.1 of the Statutes of the IOC state that “the purpose of the Commission is to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in research, services, and capacity-building” for a number of purposes. Does the IOC have the capacity to deliver on (and how can it accomplish) these functions; have the purposes and roles of the IOC changed; and, what should they be in the future.

1030-1045 – Break

1045-1215 - Topic II

Opportunities for the IOC

Is science the driving force of the IOC, where the IOC is its Member States? If it is, are the Member States doing all they can (e.g., supporting programs; outreach to other agencies and the private sector; education; developing partnerships) to insure the IOC is meeting its science objectives. If science is not the driving force, what is/are the driving force(s)? Are there too many? Are the governance and structure of the IOC (structure of the commission and officers) and the Secretariat fit for the purposes of the IOC?

1215-1330 – Lunch

1330-1500 - Topic III

The Scope of the IOC

Does the IOC have a clear vision of where it wants to be, for example, (a) core activities; (b) priorities amongst those activities; (c) priorities within those activities [e.g., how far along the continuum from observations to services should it go in terms of ability to deliver and deliver well].

1500 -1600 - Topic IV

Relationships

What is the nature (leadership, participant, observer, etc.) of the IOC's relationships with other intergovernmental bodies, oceanographic programs, and the scientific community. Which should and can be developed and how can the IOC go about developing relationships.

1600-1615 – Break

1615-1715 - Topic V

Funding

How can the IOC secure an adequate core budget? Are there sources other than UNESCO for sustained funding?

1715-1730

Conclusion

Dinner is at 1900

May 27th, Day2:

0830-1000

Discuss the results of each topic from Day 1 in detail (3 hours with a break)

1000-1030 - Break

1030-1200

Discuss the results of each topic from Day 1 in detail (Contd.)

1200-1300 - Lunch

1300-1500 - Discussion of the morning results, what to prepare and how to present the results to the Executive council (2 hours)

1500-1530 -Break

1530-1730 - Discussion of specific Group I items. Actual implementation of an observing system - putting things in the water, infrastructure (e.g., ships), data dissemination.

1730-1800 Wrap up