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IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management

Cc. : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC  
Directors of National Oceanographic Data Centres  
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**Subject: Call for Candidatures for the Positions of IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) Co-Chair for the Inter-sessional period 2023–2025**

Both Mr Taco De Bruin, The Netherlands, and Dr Sergey Belov, Russian Federation, the current IODE Co-Chairs, will be stepping down from their position after the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the IODE Committee to be held in February/March 2023 (dates and venue to be decided). Both Co-Chairs will have completed two successive terms, the maximum duration allowed by the IOC Manual. In view of preparing elections of two new Co-Chairs at the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> session of IODE, I would like to kindly invite candidatures for the positions of IODE Co-Chair for the period 2023–2025, a term corresponding to an intersessional period of two years. The secretariat would appreciate receiving candidatures from experts of the IODE community, including National Oceanographic Data Centres, Associate Data Units and Associate Information Units.

Candidates are requested to submit a curriculum vitae and a short paper outlining their views on the future of IODE. Applications should be addressed by email to the Technical Secretary of the Committee and Head of the IOC Project Office in Ostend, Mr Peter Pissierssens ([p.pissierssens@unesco.org](mailto:p.pissierssens@unesco.org)), not later than 1 July 2022.

Voting will be required only if there are more than two candidates for the two Co-Chair positions. In the case of voting, I would like to kindly remind the IODE community about the importance of balanced geographical distribution and gender equality.

As part of their mandate, Co-Chairs are expected to guide and work with the Secretariat on implementation of the IODE work plan adopted by the Committee. This may consist of participating in relevant meetings, in on-line discussions, in drafting of documents or other activities in support of IODE. The Co-Chairs will also Chair meetings of the IODE Management Group and of the IODE

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Committee session during their term (in this case the 2028 session). They may be re-elected once, for a second term. Their participation in in-person meetings should be ensured on self-funded basis.

I take this opportunity to thank IOC Member States participating in the work of IODE and contributing to its important achievements for the IOC mission. I am grateful for the attention you will give to this call for applications and remain,

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

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