

## 7.1 IOC Contributions to UN Governance Process

### **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction – 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Conference (20 Feb – 2 March 2023)**

Draft agreement put forward by the President (Rena Lee, Singapore)

Negotiations focused around

- area- based management tools, including marine protected areas
- environmental impact assessments
- capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology
- marine genetic resources cross-cutting issues

Institutional arrangement

- Capacity-building and transfer of marine technology committee (Experts from MS)
- Scientific and Technical Body experts nominated by Parties and elected by the Conference of the Parties (ToR to be defined by COP), may draw on external expertise from relevant global/regional bodies
- Secretariat : Option 1: DOALOS; Option 2: New Secretariat (managed by DOALOS till it takes its function)
- Clearing House Mechanism (cross cutting function)  
“shall be managed by the secretariat, without prejudice to possible cooperation with other relevant organizations as determined by the Conference of the Parties, [including IOC of UNESCO, ISA, IMO and FAO

Many specific technical and scientific modalities and functions to be pushed to the COP (ie when Agreement is finalized and ratified)

### **Convention on Biological Diversity /COP 15**

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (**Post 2020**)

- **IOC participation – Ocean of Life event with UNESCO DG**

4 overall goals and 23 targets for the protection of the world’s biodiversity.

- adoption of a target to protect at least 30% of terrestrial and inland water, as well as 30% of coastal and marine areas by 2030. (Target 3)
- impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity (Target 8) – link to IOC SDG role
- all areas are under participatory integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management processes” by 2030 (Target 1) – link to MSP work

- at least 30 percent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems are under effective restoration” by 2030 (Target 2) – link to NBS/Blue Carbon

#### Next steps

- GBF Monitoring Framework approved, made up of Headline, Global level, Component and complementary indicators
- Establishment of an hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) on indicators to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework
- IOC to submit expert nominations (from GOOS, OBIS, and Science community)
- Contribution to a dedicated Programme of Work on Coastal and Marine Issues

#### UNFCCC – COP/ Ocean and Climate Dialogue

- ocean community strongly mobilised during the COP27 with the the hosting of the Ocean Pavilion
- IOC involved over 15 events related to Decade, Ocean Observation, Blue Carbon, Ocean Acidification, Ocean Literacy, SBSTTA, Earth Information Day
- growing inclusion of the ocean in the climate discussions **is also mirrored in the COP's final declaration and decisions**
- *Welcomes the outcomes of and key messages from the **ocean and climate change dialogue in 2022** and decides that future dialogues will, from 2023, be facilitated by two co-facilitators, selected by Parties biennially, who will be responsible for deciding the topics for and conducting the dialogue, in consultation with Parties and observers, and preparing an informal summary report to be presented in conjunction with the subsequent session of the Conference of the Parties” . (article 45~)*
- *encourages Parties to consider, as appropriate, **ocean-based action in their national climate goals** and in the implementation of these goals (article 46)*
- ***to address systematic observation gaps, particularly in developing countries and for ocean, mountain, desert and polar regions and the cryosphere** in order to improve understanding of climate change, climate-related risks and tipping points, and adaptation limits and to ensure enhanced delivery of climate services and early warning systems” (article 26)*
- **NEXT UNFCCC OCEAN CLIMATE DIALOGUE IN JUNE 2023 (no dates yet)**

#### World Ocean Assessment (WOA) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle 2021-2025

##### Output I: Assessment(s) of the state of the marine environment, including socioeconomic aspects

- Series of Regional Workshops (scoping
- Group of expert, Pool of Expert/Authors, review process

## Output II: Regular Process support for and interaction with other ocean-related intergovernmental processes

- Outputs prepared jointly with other mechanism (Agenda 2030, BBNJ, Ocean and Restoration Decades, CBD, UNFCCC)

## Output III: Capacity-building

- Develop the capacities of States in strengthening the ocean science-policy interface at national, regional, and global levels.
- Through regional workshops and organization of an international symposium at IOC/UNESCO on 12/13 December 2023
- Planned meeting between IOC and the WOA Group of Experts

## **UN Ocean Conference 2025 / Costa Rica & France**

- Adoption by UNGA of resolution setting up the organisation of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference in France (venue to be defined)
- Costa Rica to host high level event in 2024
- Opportunity for IOC and Decade (link to the 2024 Decade conference in Spain)
- Preparatory process not yet started (under UN DESA)