

### **Terms of Reference of the IOC Group of Experts on Ocean Literacy**

- (i) The Group will be composed of 20 experts from diverse and relevant disciplines and interested parties reflecting the multi-stakeholder nature of ocean literacy and taking into consideration geographical and gender balance. Experts will be selected following a call to Member States and partner organizations and suggestions from the IOC Secretariat. The Group of Experts will elect its Chair and Vice-chair;
- (ii) The Group of Experts will provide guidance in the scoping, implementation and monitoring of the IOC Ocean Literacy portfolio of activities, specifically in relation to:
  - a. the definition of good practices in Ocean Literacy based on lessons learned in Member States;
  - b. the development of Ocean Literacy global and regional programmes guided by the IOC Ocean Literacy Plan of Action ([IOC/A-31/3.5.4.Doc](#)) and the Ocean Literacy Framework of Action for the UN Decade of Ocean Science (IOC/INF-1400);
  - c. the coordination of Ocean Literacy networks at global, regional, national and local levels;
  - d. the identification of modalities for the mobilization of financial and in-kind resources to enable the implementation of global and regional Ocean Literacy activities;
  - e. the identification of synergies with relevant UNESCO Sectors, international organizations, academic institutions, NGOs and private sector associations;
  - f. the coordination of Ocean Literacy research activities relevant to the development of tools and methodologies and the assessment of impact of Ocean Literacy initiatives;
- (iii) The Group of Experts will produce regular reports and communications to the Ocean Literacy international community through newsletters, side events, etc.;
- (iv) The Group of Experts will provide guidance on the application and possible evolution of the Ocean Literacy Framework of Action for the UN Decade of Ocean Science in coordination with the Decade Advisory Board and the Decade Coordination Unit;
- (v) The Group of Experts will be established for an initial period of four years and will report to the IOC Assembly at its 33rd session, which will decide on its continuation or termination.