

**Inputs from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO
concerning IOC's mandate for cooperation with other
other instruments, frameworks and bodies**

1. Any relevant information concerning your organization's (including any subsidiary body's) mandate for cooperation with other instruments, frameworks and bodies;

With regards to item 1., we would like to refer to the statutes of the the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO ([IOC/INF-1148](#), 2000), and refer to specific Articles that defines the relationship of IOC with other instruments, frameworks and bodies, namely:

Article 2 – Purpose

1. The purpose of the Commission is to promote international cooperation and to coordinate programmes in research, services and capacity-building, in order to learn more about the nature and resources of the ocean and coastal areas and to apply that knowledge for the improvement of management, sustainable development, the protection of the marine environment, and the decision-making processes of its Member States.
2. **The Commission will collaborate with international organizations concerned with the work of the Commission, and especially with those organizations of the United Nations system which are willing and prepared to contribute to the purpose and functions of the Commission and/or to seek advice and cooperation in the field of ocean and coastal area scientific research, related services and capacity-building.**

Article 3- Functions, para (c) stresses that the IOC respond, as **a competent international organization, to the requirements deriving from the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), and other international instruments relevant to marine scientific research, related services and capacity-building;**

Furthermore Article 11 of the IOC Statutes defines the modalities of cooperation with other UN organisations, bodies and instruments:

Article 11 - Relations with other organizations

1. **The Commission may cooperate with Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and other international organizations** whose interests and activities are related to its purpose, including signing memoranda of understanding with regard to cooperation.

2. The Commission shall give due attention to supporting the objectives of international organizations with which it collaborates. On the other hand, the Commission shall request these organizations to take its requirements into account in planning and executing their own programmes.

3. The Commission may act also as a **joint specialized mechanism of the organizations of the United Nations system** that have agreed to use the Commission for discharging certain of their responsibilities in the fields of marine sciences and ocean services, and have agreed accordingly to sustain the work of the Commission.

2. A summary of cooperative arrangements with such instruments, frameworks and bodies, including their nature, scope, modalities, and other information that may be of interest to the BBNJ Preparatory Commission.

Currently IOC has several MoU with other UN organisations, these include the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), UN Environment Programme, the International Seabed Authorities, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agricultural Organisation.