



The United States of America's Candidature for the Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) 2011-2013

As a candidate for the IOC's Executive Council, [the United States commits to:](#)

❖ **Strengthen the role of the IOC at UNESCO and support IOC objectives.**

As a founding member of the IOC, the United States has worked actively to develop the Commission's capacity to promote international cooperation and coordinate programs in ocean research, services and capacity building. The United States will continue to leverage and raise awareness of the IOC's network of experts on complex technical matters.



Dr. Larry Robinson, NOAA Deputy Administrator, with participants from the IOC-WMO JCOMM Western Indian Ocean Capacity Building Workshop in Mauritius (supported by NOAA and partners).

❖ **Maintain a strong partnership with the IOC, its regional subsidiary bodies, and its Member States.**

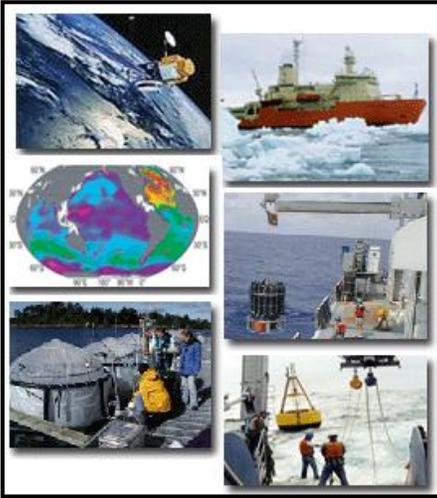
The United States will continue its strong support for the IOC and its work by sponsoring scientific research, supporting cooperative research projects and technical cooperation in ocean observations, climate science, tsunami warning systems, and capacity building programs, among others. If re-elected to the IOC Executive Council, the United States would continue to be represented by Craig McLean, Acting Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).



The United States is consistently among the major contributors of voluntary funds to the IOC.

Craig Mclean, the United States Representative to the IOC

Highlights of U.S. Contributions to and Engagement with the IOC:



The U.S. National Science Foundation supports the IOC's International Ocean Carbon Coordination project (IOCCP).

The United States makes significant budgetary and extra-budgetary contributions to the IOC for a variety of programs. The United States demonstrates its commitment to the IOC through active membership in and support for the IOC's intergovernmental groups, regional subsidiary bodies, and working groups. The United States is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of the IOC through reform measures with special emphasis on coherence, efficiency and high-quality program delivery.

❖ Supporting Tsunami Warning Services

The United States provides tsunami warning services in the Pacific (since 1965), and interim warning services in the Indian Ocean (since 2005) and Caribbean (since 2006), which are essential to saving lives and protecting property around the world. The United States also hosts the International Tsunami Information Center and annually provides substantial capacity building support including research expertise, ocean observing and seismic systems, preparedness and response, and communications.

❖ Supporting IOC's International Carbon Coordination Project

The United States, through the U.S. National Science Foundation, has directly supported the IOC's International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project (IOCCP) with \$851,728 over the past four years (and with two more years anticipated) to facilitate the management of the IOC's major efforts on ocean sequestration, ocean acidification, and the role of the oceans in the Earth's carbon cycle as part of the climate portfolio.

❖ Sponsoring the Young African Leaders Fellowship Program

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Department of State sponsored the IOC's Fellowship Programme for Young African Leaders for Long-Term Adaptation to Climate Change on Ocean and Coastal Zones of Africa. The Fellowship brought young scientists from Africa to the United States for a training program aimed at fostering capacity and leadership skills to develop strategies for adapting to climate change among coastal zones in their home countries.

❖ Recognizing the Important Role of the IOC: Past, Present, and Future

The United States remains a committed partner to the IOC, recognizing the important global role the IOC has played over the years and the role it will play in years to come. The United States is proud to have been a leading partner with the IOC over the past 50 years, including through Dr. Warren Wooster's service as IOC's first Executive Secretary. In honor of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, the United States published a special issue of the Oceanography Society's "Oceanography" magazine dedicated to highlighting the IOC's contributions to international cooperation and international scientific programs and activities.



Ambassador Killion and Dr. Ned Cyr of NOAA welcome guests at the reception in honor of IOC's 50th Anniversary.

