

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of Unesco)

PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNESCO AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (ICSU) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC COMPONENT OF THE WORLD CLIMATE RESEARCH PROGRAMME, THROUGH THE IOC AND SCOR

PREAMBLE

In the tradition of their close association, ICSU and Unesco have agreed to co-operate in the development of the oceanographic component of the WCRP through the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). To that effect, these bodies have established the Joint Committee on Climatic Changes and the Ocean (CCCO). The oceanographic component of the WCRP will be composed, as appropriate, of non-governmental and intergovernmental activities. Those activities requiring intergovernmental co-ordination, such as ocean monitoring and other ocean services, will be the responsibility of the IOC. In order to facilitate the preparation of the ICSU/Unesco Agreement and the SCOR/IOC Memorandum of Understanding on the Joint Committee, the following Principles have been agreed.

PRINCIPLES

1. The development of the oceanic component of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) comprises field projects or experiments, each of them divided into two phases - a planning phase and an implementation phase.
2. The Joint Committee is entrusted with the planning of the field projects or experiments part of the Scientific Programme and would also advise on organizational requirements for implementation.
3. Within the programme of work and budget approved by SCOR and IOC, the Joint Committee has authority and freedom of action to develop the planning phase of the field projects and experiments of the meetings, selection of experts, preparation of recommendations and reports, and other activities compatible with this objective such as facilitating co-operation in field projects or experiments not requiring intergovernmental co-ordination.
4. The Secretary of the IOC and the Secretary of SCOR may, at their discretion, review the operation of the Joint Committee (normally at the time of meetings of the executive/governing bodies of SCOR and IOC). Results of reviews undertaken at other times will be communicated to the Chairman of IOC and the President of SCOR with a copy to the Chairman of the Joint Committee. The Chairman of the Joint Committee would then address and resolve any problems identified. In the unlikely event that a problem cannot be solved, it would be referred to the appropriate authorities of IOC and SCOR for resolution.
5. The IOC will act as the intergovernmental body responsible for the overall co-ordination of the oceanographic component of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) and related supporting ocean services (e.g., ocean data exchange; training, education and mutual assistance; ocean monitoring) and other activities requiring international co-operation through the concerted action of Member States.

6. Some projects or experiments need intergovernmental co-ordination, especially to facilitate field activities through the concerted action of Member States, to establish the required logistic support and to mobilize adequate funding. The IOC will establish an intergovernmental subsidiary body for the overall co-ordination as indicated above, and will operate through existing or new subsidiary bodies (e.g., IOCARIBE, WESTPAC), as necessary, for the co-ordination of specific field projects or experiments. The Joint Committee will advise these bodies on these projects and will monitor their scientific progress.
7. Secretary of the Joint Committee shall be appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO taking into account the views expressed by IOC, SCOR and the Joint Committee or their appropriate representatives. The Secretary of the Joint Committee shall be a member of the IOC Secretariat and shall be under the authority of the Director-General of Unesco whose prerogatives as the Executive Head of the Organization shall be maintained. For scientific purposes he will be directed by the Chairman of the Joint Committee. On matters concerning the implementation phase which require intergovernmental co-ordination arranged by the IOC, or interaction between the work of the Joint Committee and other work of the Commission (e.g., IODE and TEMA), and on matters having institutional, operational or policy implications or of an administrative and procedural nature, he will be under the supervision of, and report to, the Secretary of IOC.
8. To facilitate the work and the required close interaction between the IOC and the Joint Committee, the Secretary thereof shall keep the Secretary of IOC adequately and currently informed. In all administrative matters he shall follow Unesco/IOC procedures.