



**Integrated meetings of IOGOOS and its projects and programs under the central theme of International Indian Ocean Science Conference (IIOSC) -2025**

**May 5-9, 2025**

**Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Port Louis, Mauritius**

**Information Booklet for Participants**



**Hosted by Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration of Prime Minister's Office, Republic of Mauritius**

**IIOSC 2025 comprises:**

**IIOE-2 International Steering Committee (8<sup>th</sup> major meeting)**

**IOGOOS (20<sup>th</sup> major meeting)**

**IORP (21<sup>st</sup> major meeting)**

**IRF (19<sup>th</sup> major meeting)**

**SIBER (16<sup>th</sup> major meeting)**

**IOCINDIO**

**KUDOS**

**May 5-9, 2025**

## **1. Introduction**

The Integrated annual meetings of IOGOOS and its allied programs (Indian Ocean Regional Panel (IORP), Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research (SIBER), IndoOS Resource Forum (IRF), International Indian Ocean Expedition-2 (IIOE-2) Steering Group) meetings, IOCINDIO and KUDOS will take place during May 5-9, 2025 under the central theme of “International Indian Ocean Science Conference (IIOSC)-202” at Port Louis, Mauritius. These integrated meetings aim to review the progress and scientific knowledge gained due to concerted efforts of these regional bodies and to plan and discuss about the action plans to address the issues leading to UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

This IIOSC 2025 brings members and secretariats of IIOE-2, IOGOOS, IORP, IRF and SIBER back to Port Louis, Mauritius to meet again together in an integrated collegiate format in at Waterfront Hotel, Port Louis, Mauritius.

*IIOE-2 (2015-25) - Second International Indian Ocean Expedition of UNESCO IOC, SCOR and IOGOOS*

*IOGOOS - Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (a GOOS Regional Alliance)*

*IORP - Indian Ocean Region Panel of CLIVAR/IOC-GOOS*

*IRF - Indian Ocean Observing System Resources Forum of IOGOOS*

*SIBER - Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research of IMBeR and IOGOOS*

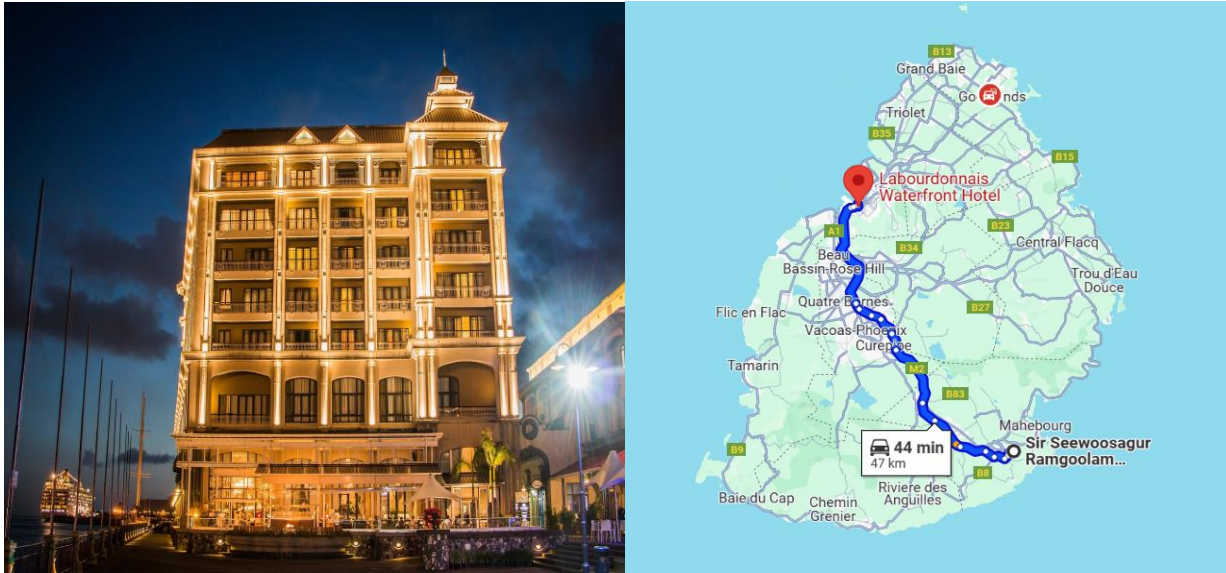
*The meeting weblinks are given below:*

## **2. Hosts and Conference Venue**

The conference is being hosted by “**Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration of Prime Minister’s Office, Republic of Mauritius**”.



The Venue for the integrated meetings is scheduled to be held at Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis, Mauritius, during **May 5-9, 2025**.



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7vu5F7ShXLZJDgNt7>

### **3. Principal Coordinators for the conference:**

#### **Local Organizers:**

- Dr. Rezah Badal, Director General, **Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration & Exploration of Prime Minister's Office, Republic of Mauritius**  
Email: [mrbadal@govmu.org](mailto:mrbadal@govmu.org)

#### **IOGOOS Secretariat:**

- Mr. M Nagaraja Kumar, Co-Secretary, Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System, Scientist F & Division Head, Operational Ocean Services (OOS) - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, India.  
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#### **IIOE-2 Project Office, SIBER International Programme Office:**

Dr. Aneesh Lotliker, Coordinator, IIOE-2 Project Office and Executive Director, SIBER, Scientist F & Division Head, Ocean Observation Network (OON) - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, India.  
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#### **Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR):**

- College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment 003 Robinson Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716, U S A, Phone: +1-302-831-7011, E-mail: [secretariat@scor-int.org](mailto:secretariat@scor-int.org), Web site: [www.scor-int.org](http://www.scor-int.org)

#### **IORP Secretariat:**

- Dr. Agus Santoso, Director, International CLIVAR Project Office (ICPO), Qingdao, China. Email: [agus.santoso@clivar.org](mailto:agus.santoso@clivar.org)

#### **Korea-US Indian Ocean Science (KUDOS) Research**

- Dr Dong-Jin Kang, Ph.D, Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology (KIOST), Busan 49111, Korea. Email: [djocean@kiost.ac.kr](mailto:djocean@kiost.ac.kr)

#### **4. Meeting Schedules & Agenda**

<b>PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE, TO BE FINALISED PRIOR TO CONFERENCE IIOSC 2025</b>					
<i>Annual meetings: IIOE-2 Steering Committee No 8, IOGOOS-20, IORP-21, IRF-19, SIBER-16</i>					
<b>Meeting rooms will be advised in due course</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday May 5</b>	<b>Tuesday May 6</b>	<b>Wednesday May 7</b>	<b>Thursday May 8</b>	<b>Friday May 9</b>
<b>09.00-11.00</b>	<b>IIOE-2, IORP, SIBER Science Talks</b>	<b>IIOE-ST/W G/ National Committee Reports</b>	<b>IIOE-2 SC Meeting  IORP-SIBER Joint Session</b>	<b>IRF Meeting</b>	<b>KUDOS</b>
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>				
<b>11.30-13.00</b>	<b>IIOE-2, IORP, SIBER Science Talks</b>	<b>IIOE-ST/W G/ National Committee Reports</b>	<b>IIOE-2 SC Meeting  IORP-SIBER Joint Session</b>	<b>IRF Meeting</b>	<b>KUDOS</b>
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>				
<b>14.00-15.30</b>	<b>IIOE-2, IORP, SIBER Science Talks</b>	<b>IIOE-ST/W G/ National Committee Reports</b>	<b>IORP Business Meeting  SIBER Business Meeting</b>	<b>IOGOOS Annual Meeting</b>	<b>IOCINDI O</b>
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>				
<b>16.00-17.30</b>	<b>IIOE-2, IORP, SIBER Science Talks</b>	<b>IIOE-ST/W G/ National Committee Reports</b>	<b>IORP Business Meeting  SIBER Business Meeting</b>	<b>IOGOOS Annual Meeting</b>	<b>IOCINDI O</b>
<b>17.30-19.00</b>	<b>Evening informal meetings / Yet to be planned</b>				

#### **5. AGENDAS & PRESENTATIONS**

Detailed agendas for all meetings will be circulated to participants via the respective group secretariats of IIOE-2, IOGOOS, IORP, IRF and SIBER responsible for their own meetings. Refer questions on agendas to the relevant co-chairs/secretariats.

Please note that all co-chairs/secretariats will be required to provide their own laptop from which to run their meetings.



Please note that it is intended that all presentations given at the conference will be made available to participants (in PDF format) following the conclusion of the conference and subject to the approval of authors.

It is intended, as customary for these IIOSC events, for the IIOSC 2025 to be a fully in-person conference.

## **6. REGISTRATION**

Thanking the host institute for agreeing to cover the expenses for tea/coffee, lunch, etc. and hence there will be no registration fees.

## **7. Conference Facilities**

### **Power :**

For Mauritius there are two associated plug types, C and G. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and type G is the plug which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Mauritius operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



### **Wi-Fi:**

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## **8. Accommodation**

### **Le Suffren Hotel & Marina:**

Le Caudan Waterfront,

PO Box 91,

Port Louis, Mauritius

Tel: (230) 202 4900

Fax: (230) 202 4999

Web: <http://www.lesuffrenhotel.com/>

The Le Suffren Hotel & Marina is a 4-star hotel Situated on the waterfront node in Port Louis next to the Caudan Waterfront and the Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel, Le Suffren Hotel & Marina offers both business travellers and holiday makers alike a unique location

in the capital of Mauritius. Ideally located within walking distance of the central business district and close to the Pailles International Convention Centre and the Cybercity, Le Suffren is also within easy reach of the various cultural and tourist sites in Mauritius.

The hotel is readily accessible from the airport

- Airport 44 km
- Curepipe 25 km
- Grand Baie 24 km.



**The host has negotiated with Hotel Le Suffren and arranged for a discounted price for our integrated IOGOOS meeting Guests.**

**The booking code is “Continental Shelf\_May2025”., and reservations should be sent via email to [reservations@ninetysixhotels.com](mailto:reservations@ninetysixhotels.com)**

**COST:** All booking must be confirmed via email with full payment settled to secure reservation. Rate for the room Le Suffren is **MUR 7900 including Taxes.**

Alternatively, we can also opt for Hotel Labourdonnais for accommodation and the rates are a bit expensive and the rate for the ‘Classic Room’ in Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel is MUR 11,900.

The rates are per room per day quoted in Mauritian Rupees (MUR) and include the prevailing taxes and breakfast.

## Supplement for half board basis.

- Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel: MUR 2250 incl VAT per person per day
- Le Suffren Hotel & Marina: MUR 1500 incl VAT per person per day

## 9. Transport

### Nearby Airport

The distance between Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and Le Suffren Hotel & Marina, Port Louis is 48 km. The road distance is 46.6 km.



From between Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport to Le Suffren Hotel & Marina, Port Louis - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tRSdtzrJ4wSvRkZQ7> and meeting venue Labourdonnais Waterfront Hotel - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HhjBhb4zcggf4zda9>

### Related transport suggestions:

All the guests need to make their own arrangements to reach to their respective Hotels / accommodation. *The distance between Hotel Le Suffren and Hotel Labourdonnais is 1.0 Km and a 14 min walk*

## 10. Exchange rates

On Jan 25, 2025, 1 USD = ~ 46.51 Mauritian Rupees

## 11. Visa

The complete information on Visa & Application for travel to Mauritius can be obtained from the web page [https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page\\_id=605](https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=605) under the Section “Passport and Visa Requirements in Mauritius” and related visa fee information available at [https://hcimauritius.gov.in/pdf/Visa\\_Fees\\_for\\_other\\_nations.pdf](https://hcimauritius.gov.in/pdf/Visa_Fees_for_other_nations.pdf)

S/No	COUNTRY	REQUIREMENT
1	Afghanistan	Visa required prior to travel.
2	Albania	Visa for sixty days on arrival
3	Algeria	Visa for two weeks on arrival
4	Andorra	Visa for sixty days on arrival
5	Angola	No visa required
6	Antigua and Barbuda	No visa required
7	Argentina	No visa required
8	Armenia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
9	Australia	No visa required.
10	Austria	No visa required.
11	Azerbaijan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
12	Bahamas	No visa required.
13	Bahrain	No visa required.
14	Bangladesh	Visa required prior to travel.
15	Barbados	No visa required.
16	Belarus	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
17	Belgium	No visa required.
18	Belize	No visa required.
19	Benin	No visa required
20	Bhutan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
21	Bolivia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
22	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
23	Botswana	No visa required.
24	Brazil	No visa required.
25	Brunei	No visa required.

	Darussalam	
26	Bulgaria	No visa required.
27	Burkina Faso	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
28	Burundi	No visa required.
29	Cambodia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
30	Cameroon	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
31	Canada	No visa required.
32	Cape Verde	No visa required.
33	Chad	No visa required.
34	Chile	No visa required.
35	China	No visa required.
36	Colombia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
37	Comoros	Visa for two weeks on arrival.
38	Congo (Brazzaville)	No visa required
39	Central African Rep.	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
40	Democratic Rep. of Congo	No visa required
41	Costa Rica	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
42	Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
43	Croatia	No visa required
44	Cuba	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
45	Cyprus	No visa required.
46	Czech Republic (ex Czechoslovakia)	No visa required.



47	Denmark	No visa required
48	Djibouti	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
49	Dominica	No visa required.
50	Dominican Republic	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
51	Ecuador	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
52	Egypt	No visa required
53	El Salvador	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
54	Equatorial Guinea	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
55	Eritrea	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
56	Estonia Republic	No visa required.
57	Ethiopia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
58	Fiji	No visa required.
59	Finland	No visa required.
60	France	No visa required.
61	Gabon	No visa required.
62	Gambia	No visa required.
63	Georgia	No visa required
64	Germany	No visa required.
65	Ghana	No visa required.
66	Greece	No visa required.
67	Grenada	No visa required.
68	Guinea	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
69	Guinea Bissau	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
70	Guatemala	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
71	Haiti	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
72	Honduras	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
73	Hong Kong	No visa required
74	Hungary	No visa required.
75	Iceland	No visa required.
76	India	No visa required.

77	Indonesia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
78	Iran	Visa for two weeks on arrival.
79	Iraq	Visa required prior to travel.
80	Ireland	No visa required.
81	Israel	No visa required.
82	Italy	No visa required.
83	Jamaica	No visa required.
84	Japan	No visa required.
85	Jordan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
86	Kazakhstan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
87	Kenya	No visa required.
88	Kiribati	No visa required.
89	Korea (South Republic)	No visa required.
90	Korea (North)	Visa required prior to travel.
91	Kuwait	No visa required.
92	Kyrgyzstan Rep.	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
93	Laos	Visa required prior to travel.
94	Latvia	No visa required.
95	Lesotho	No visa required.
96	Lebanon	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
97	Liberia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
98	Libya	Visa required prior to travel.
99	Liechtenstein	No visa required.
100	Lithuania	No visa required.
101	Luxemburg	No visa required.
102	Macau SAR	No visa required.
103	Macedonia (ex Yugoslav	Visa for sixty days on arrival.

	Rep.)	
104	Madagascar	Visa for two weeks on arrival.
105	Malawi	No visa required.
106	Malaysia	No visa required.
107	Maldives	No visa required.
108	Mali	Visa required prior to travel.
109	Malta	No visa required.
110	Mauritania	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
111	Marshall Island	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
112	Mexico	No visa required.
113	Micronesia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
114	Moldova	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
115	Monaco	No visa required.
116	Mongolia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
117	Morocco	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
118	Mozambique	No visa required
119	Myanmar (Burma)	Visa for two weeks on arrival
120	Namibia	No visa required
121	Nauru	No visa required.
122	Nepal	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
123	Netherlands	No visa required.
124	New Zealand	No visa required.
125	Nicaragua	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
126	Niger	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
127	Nigeria	Visa for two weeks on arrival.
128	Norway	No visa required.
129	Oman	No visa required.
130	Pakistan	Visa required prior

		to travel.
131	Palau	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
132	Palestinian State	Visa required prior to travel.
133	Panama	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
134	Papua New Guinea	No visa required.
135	Paraguay	No visa required.
136	Peru	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
137	Philippines	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
138	Poland	No visa required.
139	Portugal	No visa required.
140	Qatar	No visa required.
141	Romania	No visa required.
142	Rwanda	No visa required.
143	Russian Federation (Russia)	No visa required.
144	Saharawi Republic	Visa required prior to travel.
145	Samoa (Western)	No visa required.
146	San Marino	No visa required.
147	Sao Tome & Principe	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
148	Saudi Arabia	No visa required.
149	Senegal	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
150	Seychelles	No visa required.
151	Sierra Leone	No visa required.
152	Serbia	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
153	Singapore	No visa required.
154	Slovenia	No visa required.
155	Slovakia	No visa required.
156	Solomon Islands	No visa required.
157	Somalia	Visa required prior

		to travel.
158	South Africa	No visa required.
159	Spain	No visa required.
160	Sri Lanka	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
161	Saint Kitts and Nevis	No visa required.
162	Saint Lucia	No visa required.
163	Saint Vincent & Grenadines	No visa required.
164	Suriname	No visa required.
165	Sudan	Visa required prior to travel.
166	South Sudan	Visa required prior to travel.
167	Syria	Visa required prior to travel.
168	Swaziland	No visa required
169	Sweden	No visa required.
170	Switzerland	No visa required.
171	Tajikistan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
172	Taiwan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
173	Tanzania	No visa required.
174	Thailand	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
175	Timor Leste	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
176	Togo	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
177	Tonga	No visa required.

178	Trinidad & Tobago	No visa required.
179	Tunisia	No visa required.
180	Turkey	No visa required.
181	Turkmenistan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
182	Tuvalu	No visa required.
183	Uganda	No visa required.
184	Ukraine	No visa required.
185	United Arab Emirates	No visa required.
186	United Kingdom	No visa required.
187	United States of America	No visa required.
188	Uzbekistan	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
189	Uruguay	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
190	Vanuatu	No visa required.
191	Vatican	No visa required.
192	Venezuela	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
193	Vietnam	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
194	Yemen	Visa required prior to travel.
195	Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro)	Visa for sixty days on arrival.
196	Zambia	No visa required.
197	Zimbabwe	No visa required.

## 12. Other general information:

**Weather: General Info on Port Louis and the Weather Conditions may be obtained through the web -----**