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Dear Member of IOGOOS Family,

**Sub: Postponement of Integrated meetings of IOGOOS, IORP, SIBER, IRF and IIOE-2 SC –
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As you all are kindly aware that the integrated meetings of Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS) and its associated projects IORP, SIBER, IRF and IIOE-2 SC meetings were scheduled to be held at Goa, India during March 22 – 26, 2020 which are planned to held immediate after International Indian Ocean Science Conference 2020 (IIOESC-2020) scheduled to be held at Goa, India during March 16-20, 2020.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 and its spread in several countries caused major distress among several participants of the IIOESC-2020 and integrated meetings of IOGOOS. We received several requests from various participants across the world to postpone the conference amid rising safety and health concerns. IOC-UNESCO and SCOR also advised the same. In view of the adverse advisories, the International Indian Ocean Science Conference (IIOESC)-2020 and the integrated meetings of IOGOOS, IORP, SIBER, IRF and IIOE-2 SC meetings were postponed till further notice. After revisiting the situation on COVID-19 and after due consultation with all concerned leaders of these groups, new dates, later in 2020, will be announced.

However, to keep the spirit of interest of the experts working in Indian Ocean, individual groups will schedule electronic meetings via internet soon. The dates will be finalised through a doodle poll soon.

Thank you all for your overwhelming support.

Yours Sincerely,



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