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MACHC Letter 2/2023

To: Dr. Lorna Veronica Inniss, Head of IOC-UNESCO Regional Secretariat for IOCARIBE

Subject: Replacement of Coordinator to a project of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

Reference: Endorsement Letter of Decade Action No. 140.2 of July 18, 2022

Dear Esteemed Dr. Lorna Veronica Inniss,

I hope you are doing fine.


On behalf of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC), I would like to inform that Ms. Cecilia Z. Cortina Guzmán asked the Commission to step aside from the Coordination of MACHC to The Nippon Foundation-GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project and related matters for personal reasons and the Commission decided to replaced her with Mr. Diego Billings who was nominated by Jamaica.

Mr. Diego Billings took the 2019-2020 GEBCO Program and he certainly knows well the GEBCO community and the work being done in other regions and by other countries in this regard. This certainly would be of great help for this coordination.

In this way, if you have no objections to his name or suggestions for another name, I would like to suggest that Mr. Diego Billings be the new Coordinator of the Decade Action "No. 140.2 MACHC-IOCARIBE Seabed 2030 Project".

As this is a joint MACHC-IOCARIBE Decade Action and aiming at a better effectiveness in the conduction of this Decade Action, I would like to propose that IOCARIBE nominate a representative from one of the member countries of IOCARIBE to support the work of Mr. Diego Billings.

Sincerely,


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