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**Oceans of Potential:
a UN Perspective on Canada's Leadership Opportunities**

with

Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright

On the occasion of the visit to Canada of Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright,
Assistant Director-General and Executive Secretary,
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO,

the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
is pleased to invite you to a presentation and discussion session on

**October 25, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
350 Albert Street, Ottawa,
12th floor (Massey-Lévesque Room).**

Headquartered in Paris, the IOC is the United Nation's focal point for oceans sciences and services. It coordinates programmes in marine research, observation systems, hazard mitigation and capacity development to better manage oceans and coastal areas.

International cooperation in IOC-supported programmes have led to achievements such as the International Tsunami Warning System, the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), IDINAFRICA, which provides access to oceanographic data to African countries, and training in monitoring harmful algal bloom. It is often referred as UNESCO's best kept secret.



Prior to her current functions, Dr. Wendy Watson Wright was Assistant Deputy Minister, Science, at Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) from 2001 to 2009. Her career in the Canadian public service began as a research scientist in Halifax, followed by various positions at DFO and as Director General of Strategic Policy of Population and Public Health, Health Canada. She holds a Ph.D. in Physiology from Dalhousie University and is or has been a member of a number of boards including the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Science, ArcticNet, Ocean Networks Canada and the European Union's Joint Programming Initiative on Healthy Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans).

For more information: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/ioc-oceans/>
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/ocean_compact/oceans_compact.htm

This event will be an opportunity to be briefed on latest developments in ocean issues in the UN system, including the Oceans Compact recently launched by Secretary-General of the UN, Ban Ki-Moon. Dr. Watson-Wright will also offer her privileged perspectives on upcoming priorities, challenges, and opportunities for both the IOC and Canada with respect to sustainable development of the ocean and coasts.

Space is limited, so please confirm your attendance by contacting Michelle Roy at michelle.roy@unesco.ca or (613) 566-4414, ext. 4551 before October 19th, 2012.

We look forward to seeing you on October 25.

David A. Walden
Secretary-General

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