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IOTC CIRCULAR

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Dear Madam / Sir

REMINDER - 17TH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION CRITERIA 13 – 14 OCTOBER 2026

I have the honour to remind you that a notice regarding the 17th meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC17) was sent in Circular 2025-42 and the final days were confirmed in the report of the 30th session of the IOTC Commission.

As agreed, the meeting will be held virtually, with online links to be provided to members who provide letters of credentials.

Credentials

In accordance with Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2025), official credentials are required to participate in the meetings. For your convenience, a draft letter of credentials (from Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure, 2025) is available [here](#).

Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)

Rule III.1 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure states: "Such Letter of Credentials shall conform to the standard set out in Appendix I." Please also refer to [IOTC Circular 2021-49](#) on the content of Credentials.

The Credentials are requested to be sent no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org. Only credentialed individuals will receive a Zoom link to join the meetings.

Invited Experts and Observers

IOTC Observers and Invited Experts are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials. The credentials should also include the email address and contact phone number for each recipient. Credentials are requested no later than 15 days before each meeting to iotc-secretariat@fao.org.

Calendar of important dates for TCAC17

Dates	TCAC17	Who	Notes
13 October 2026	Opening of the meeting	All	

Further information

Information concerning the meeting, including the agenda and other meeting documents will be posted on the IOTC website at the TCAC17 meeting page [\[click here\]](#).

Yours sincerely

Quentin Hanich

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TCAC Chairperson