



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
IWC.CCG.1532
c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC

Reminder on arrangements and deadlines for IWC68

Pre-registration for delegates

To ensure an efficient registration process we ask that all delegates to IWC68 register [here](#) as soon as possible. Each individual participating at IWC68 must complete the form in order to gain access to the event. Once registration has been completed and approved, you must provide a passport-sized photo (minimum 500px wide) to the [Secretariat](#) in order to receive your security badge and clearance. Confirmation of registration approval will be sent by email to the address you provide during registration.

If you have registered but not provided a photo, please could you forward the photo to secretariat@iwc.int as soon as possible as failure to provide a photo before the meeting will result in delays when collecting your badge at onsite registration.

Credentials

All national delegations and observer organisations are required to supply a hard-copy of their credentials in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rule of Procedure D as stated in Circular Communication [IWC.CCG.1510](#). The hard copy of the credentials can be either sent to the Secretariat before the meeting or handed in at registration. It would, however, help to have a copy of the credentials sent electronically to the Secretariat before for the meeting to help with the registration process.

Documents

Please check the IWC68 web page regularly as documents are being added frequently or revised and can be found [here](#).

Financial Contributions

Contracting Governments are reminded to check that their financial contributions have been received by the Secretariat. Voting rights will not be available to Contracting Governments in arrears of contributions.

Opening Statements

Contracting Governments and accredited observer organisations are welcome to provide opening statements. Excepting for Governments which have recently adhered to the Convention, time is insufficient during plenary for allowing statements to be read out. Instead, statements should be submitted to secretariat@iwc.int no later than 17:00Hrs local time on **Monday 17 October 2022**. They will be numbered and placed on the Meeting website. Following the meeting they will be retained as part of the Commission's archives.

Opening statements should not exceed three pages in length and their content shall be relevant to matters under consideration by the Commission.

Media contact details

Contracting Governments and observer organisations are requested to provide the Secretariat (kate.wilson@iwc.int) with the name and contact details for their nominated media liaison point during the meeting. This enables the Secretariat to pass on interview and information requests as efficiently as possible.

COVID-19

There are currently no Covid-19 entry restrictions into Slovenia - please [visit here](#) for more information. However, for the safety of all, facemasks will be provided for those that wish to use them and daily rapid-testing will be a prerequisite to entering the meeting area upon the production of a negative test. Test kits will be provided for all registered participants - more details to follow in due course.

Details of COVID-19 Measures in place at the venue hotel can be found [here](#). All participants must ensure they have appropriate travel and medical insurance in place before travelling.

We look forward to seeing you in Portoroz.



Dr Rebecca Lent
Executive Secretary