

Article V**Functions of the Governing Council**

1. The scientific functions of the Council shall be, inter alia:
 - (a) to identify research priorities and problems pertaining to the area concerned, as well as appropriate methods for their solution;
 - (b) to recommend coordinated research programmes and related activities pertaining to the area concerned, which shall be undertaken through the national efforts of the participating Contracting Parties;
 - (c) to promote and facilitate the exchange of scientific data, information, and personnel;
 - (d) to consider requests to develop scientific advice pertaining to the area concerned;
 - (e) to organize scientific symposia and other scientific events; and
 - (f) to foster the discussion of problems of mutual scientific interest.

2. The administrative functions of the Council shall be, inter alia:
 - (a) to adopt and, if necessary, to amend the Rules of Procedure and financial regulations of the Organization;
 - (b) to consider and recommend amendments to the Convention;
 - (c) to adopt the annual report of the Organization;
 - (d) to examine and adopt the annual budget and final accounts of the Organization;
 - (e) to determine the location of the Secretariat;