The Forum recognizes that the concept and design of the current IODP structure has proved highly successful and is appropriate to take forward into the next phase of scientific ocean drilling post-2023. This structure requires only minor adjustments in implementation to facilitate future developments such as the inclusion of additional platform providers.

The Forum endorses the development of a new and ambitious Science Framework to express our community's long-range vision for taking scientific ocean drilling into the mid-21st century. The Forum thanks the leaders and members of the working group for their hard work in developing this Science Framework for post-2023. The endorsed document can be found on iodp.org.

The Forum applauds the efforts of IODP and ICDP to streamline and simplify the Amphibious Drilling Proposal (Land to Sea Proposal) review process. This should be implemented as soon as possible after details have been worked out.

The IODP Forum strongly endorses China in its pursuit of providing a drilling platform and core repository for scientific ocean drilling. The enthusiasm of China to become a leader in scientific ocean drilling, exemplified by the offer of hosting an IODP workshop to introduce these new capabilities in the spring of 2020, is also applauded and encouraged.

The Forum expresses sincere thanks to Harue Masuda, Nobu Eguchi and their wonderful team for hosting the 2019 meeting in the beautiful city of Osaka. The Osaka International Convention Center provided the perfect environment for intense discussions and lively interactions between Forum delegates from across the global IODP community and our ICDP colleagues. The reception in Osaka Castle will be extremely memorable and it was a great honour to follow so closely in the footsteps of world leaders at the recent G20 summit.