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ABSTRACT

The IOC Ocean Best Practices System Steering Group (SG-OBPS) meets annually at a face-to-face/hybrid/online meeting. During the intervening months the SG-OBPS meets monthly online.

This report is the record of the online meeting for 11 Jan 2023

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the meeting

Rene Garelo (Co-Chair SG-OBPS) introduced the meeting by explaining that this SG was the first quarterly SG Panel Session for 2023. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I.. Apologies were received from Frank Muller-Karger and Peter Pissierssens. All participants agreed the session should be recorded (see link to recording below).

2. Panel Session:

Moderator: Rene Garelo

Rene Garelo introduced this panel session: and explained it was an opportunity to hear and learn from two very different successful projects, and their methods for community engagement.

How to foster user communities on best practices, as well as "commonalities" linked to parameters such as Regions, Directives (as we have from the EU), Regulations (different in different places of the World), etc. And what tools to use?

Panellists:

[Jose Moutinho](#) (AIR Centre) ([presentation](#)) provided a detailed description and methodologies of the **Atlantic International Research Centre** ([AIR Centre](#)).

[Hans-Peter Plag](#) (Old Dominion University/IEEE) provided a detailed description and methodologies of the social collaboration platform [Place4Us](#)

The Meeting recording of the Panel Session is available at:

<https://oceanexpert.org/document/31523> (253 MB)

4. Close of Meeting

Rene Garelo thanked the panellists and participants for an interesting discussion and for sharing their experiences.

The meeting closed at 21.05 UTC

ANNEX I

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