



# GOOS National Focal Point Forum

 Online

 25 October 2023 | 13:00 - 16:00 CEST

This will be the first 'all hands-on deck' meeting for the GOOS National Focal Points (NFPs) and an opportunity to establish two-way communication between GOOS and the NFPs, and between the NFPs. We will discuss the GOOS NFP role and interact around national ocean observing initiatives and priorities, support, communications and reporting, as well as the UN Ocean Decade.

## Meeting Objectives

- Discuss the role of GOOS NFPs in promoting the work of GOOS at the national level
- Support 2-way flow of information between GOOS and national interests and priorities
- Facilitate interaction among GOOS NFPs
- Discuss GOOS support to NFPs
- Highlight work to develop common communication messages and materials
- Developing the NFP role, next steps and way forward

## Meeting format

Virtual meeting. NFPs are encouraged to register in the registration form given [here](#).

Calendar invite and Zoom meeting link will be sent to those that register. Zoom link can also be accessed [here](#).

Meeting language: English

## Useful links

[Event website](#)

Updated [GOOS NFP Terms of Reference](#)

## Summarized agenda

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
12:45 - 13:00	Participants logging in	
13:00 - 13:40	Introduction and update from GOOS (20 min presentation + 20 min Q&A)	Toste Tanhua (GOOS Co-chair) and Joanna Post (GOOS Director)
13:40 - 14:10	Reflections on National observing system by NFPs (5 x 5 min presentations from NFPs + 5 min Q&A)	Moderator: Emma Heslop (GOOS Programme Specialist)
14:10 - 14:20	Health break	
14:20 - 14:55	Communication (15 min + 20 min discussion)	Laura Stukonyte (GOOS Junior Communications Consultant)
14:55 - 15:35	Developing the Role - GOOS and NFP	Emma Heslop (GOOS Programme Specialist)
15:35 - 16:00	Next steps, way forward and concluding remarks	Joanna Post (GOOS Director)