



## **GOOS Regional Alliance Forum XI (GRF-XI)** **In-person meeting [ *optional remote participation* ]**

**8 to 9 April 2024**  
**World Trade Centre, Barcelona, Spain**  
**Room A4**

### **Virtual Participation**

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The **Eleventh GOOS Regional Alliance Forum (GRF-XI)** Meeting will take place from **8 to 9 April 2024** at the **World Trade Center in Barcelona, Spain in Room A4**

The **Key Objectives** of GRF-XI:

- Discuss the progress and challenges of the GOOS Regional Alliance (GRA) over the last two to three years;
- Examine and explore how GRAs are engaged and contributing to the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development, the GOOS Strategy 2030, the GOOS Programmes/projects, and other GOOS initiatives. Identify challenges, barriers, and opportunities to strengthen links and collaboration.
- Discuss strategies to strengthen and revitalize GRAs and improve how we each try to deliver data, products, and services to the benefit of partners and users;
- Discuss how to coordinate between GRAs to evolve capacity and sharing of knowledge
- Discuss how GRAs engage more effectively with other GOOS Structures, panels, new GOOS National Focal Points, as well as the private sector and industries;
- Discuss and agree on GRA priorities, actions, and leadership (chair and vice chairs) for the next two years.

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## Logistics

- The location is in room A4 of the World Trade Center Barcelona, 1<sup>a</sup> planta Edif. Este, Moll de Barcelona, s/n, 08039 Barcelona, Spain
- Coffee and Tea breaks will be provided, lunch and group dinner will be self pay
- [Weather forecast](#) for your daily comfort

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Material to review prior to GRF-XI

- GRA reports
- Ocean Obs report
- Actions list
- List of pre-questions

GRA updates [**due April 4**]

- [GRA updates template](#)

## Meeting Guidelines

For in-person participants

- If you have a name tag from previous meetings please bring one to encourage reusing these.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- Please ensure that you are engaging with both in-person and online participants.
- Dress code: Business casual.

For online participants

- Keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking. We will try to use video, unless it presents a problem for bandwidth, so join with your camera on.
- If you have a question or comment, please use the chat box to type your question/comment or indicate by raising your hand in order to be called upon by the moderator.
- Please be succinct in both your questions and answers.
- At the end of each item, please expect to be called upon to ensure all GRF members have had the chance to comment.

- The sessions will be recorded for the purpose of writing the report, and the recordings deleted afterwards.
- We will be using Otter AI to record the notes of the meeting.

#### Roles and responsibilities

##### **Chair**

- Engage in the discussion
- Assist in guiding the discussion
- Conclude the session

##### **Moderator**

- Introduce the speakers
- Guide the discussion
- Wrap up the session with outcomes and actions
- Assist with the summary of the session
- Assist in action drafting

##### **Online support and notes**

- Write a summary discussion paragraph (start from the Otter AI report)
- Document the Actions for each session

## Timetable Overview

<i>Location: World Trade Center, Barcelona, Spain</i>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday April 8</b>	<b>Tuesday April 9</b>
9:00-9:30	Opening with Outcomes	GRA report outs
9:30 - 10:30	Reflection on past actions and strategy	
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break (30 mins)	
11:00-11:30	Reflections on past Forums and progress	Project and Panel Updates
11:30-12:30	Blue Economy Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Blue Economy?</li> <li>• How to leverage Ocean GDP</li> </ul>	
12:30 - 13:45	Lunch break (75 mins)	
13:45 - 15:30	Roundtable discussion: Strengthening Connections -Evolving the GRAs to strengthen each other	Roundtable discussion: Strengthening Capacity -How do GRAs, networks, projects, and panels support each other/interact?
15:30-16:00	Coffee and Tea Break (30 mins)	
16:00 - 17:00	Report out from roundtables	Report out from roundtables
17:00-18:00	GRA Work Plan pt 1	GRA Work Plan pt 2
18:00-18:30		<b>CLOSED SESSION:</b> Election of vice chair
19:00	Group Dinner @ <a href="#">Mana75</a>	



## GOOS Regional Forum-XI (GRF-XI)

**Monday, April 8, 2024**  
**[9:00 - 18:00 GMT +1]**

Chair: Carl Gouldman  
 Rapporteur: *Otter AI*  
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#	Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Materials
1	9:00 - 9:30	Welcome by Carl Gouldman Including Adoption of agenda and Expected Outcomes	Carl Gouldman [in-person] Director, US, NOAA/ IOOS	Online Monitoring and notes: <b>Sarah Nickford</b>
2	9:30 - 10:30	GOOS Strategy 2030 and Implementation Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Key Progress, Challenges and Opportunities</li> <li>● Importance of GRAs</li> </ul>	Joanna Post [in-person] Head of Section, IOC/OOS	Moderator: <b>Carl Gouldman</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Alice</b>  Materials:
<b>Coffee break and group photo [10:30 - 11:00]</b>				
3	11:00-11:30	Reflections on GRA IX and X actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outcomes/Action items</li> <li>● BOOC discussion</li> </ul>	Emily Smith [in-person] Program Specialist IOC/OOS  Sarah Nickford [in-person] U.S. IOOS	Moderator: <b>Emily Smith</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Cami</b>  Materials: Updates PPT BOOC Presentation

4	11:30-12:30	Blue Economy Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Blue Economy?</li> <li>• How to leverage Ocean GDP</li> <li>• Global Ocean Accounts Partnership [virtual]</li> </ul>	Michelle Heupel [in-person] Director of IMOS  TBC	Moderator: <b>Emily Smith</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Sarah</b>  Materials: BE Discussion
<b>LUNCH 75 mins [12:30 - 13:45]</b>				
5a	13:45-15:30	Roundtable discussion #1 1) Strengthening Connections -Evolving the GRAs to strengthen each other	Denis Chang [in-person] IOC	Materials: Presentation  Online support and notes: <b>Alice</b>  Format: breakout groups 2 or 3 (one fully on-line)
<b>Coffee break [15:30-16:00]</b>				
5b	16:00- 17:00	Report out from Roundtable discussions	Various breakout group leads	Moderator: <b>Emily</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Laura</b>  Materials:
6a	17:00-18:00	GRA Work Plan Pt 1	GRA Chair and Vice chair Emily Smith	Online Monitoring and notes: <b>Denis</b>
<b>Adjourn 18:00</b>				
<b>GRF-XI group dinner at Mana75 [19:00-21:00]</b>				

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**  
**[9:00 - 17:30 GMT+1]**

Chair: Michelle Heupel  
 Rapporteur: Otter Al  
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7	9:00 -10:30 9-907  907-914 914-921  921-928 928-935  935-942  942-949 949-956  956-1003  1003-1010  1010-1017  1017-1024	Report out from GRAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIOOS- Shayla Fitzsimmons [in-person]</li> <li>• EuroGOOS-Inga Lips [in-person]</li> <li>• GOOS Africa-Affain Kouadio [in-peron]</li> <li>• IMOS-Michelle Heupel [in-person]</li> <li>• IOCARIBE-GOOS-John Cortinas [in-person]</li> <li>• IOGOOS-Srinivasa Kumar[in-person]</li> <li>• IOOS-Carl Gouldman [in-person]</li> <li>• MONGOOS-Vanessa Cardin [in-person]</li> <li>• NEAR-GOOS-Guimei LIU [in person]</li> <li>• OCEATLAN-Alvaro Santiago Scardilli [in-person]</li> <li>• PI-GOOS-Jerome Aucan [in-person]</li> <li>• SOOS-Alyce Hancock [in-person]</li> </ul>	GRA leads	Moderator: <b>Denis</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Sarah</b>  Materials:  Format: -7 mins each
<b>Coffee break 30 mins [10:30 - 11:00]</b>				
8	11:00 - 12:40  11-11:10  11:10-11:20  11:20-11:30	Panel and Project updates -current status and activities -How can GRAs engage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioEco Panel -Karen Evans [in-person]</li> <li>• OOPC Panel-Weidong Yu [in-person]</li> <li>• BGC Panel-Maciej Telszewski [virtual]</li> </ul>	Leads	Moderator: <b>Michelle</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Cami</b>  Materials:  Format:



	11:30-11:40 11:40-11:50 11:50-12:00 12:10-12:20  12:20-12:30 12:30-12:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AtlantOS</li> <li>• IMDOS-Artur Palacz [virtual]</li> <li>• Ocean Best Practices</li> <li>• Smart Cables -Bruce Howe [in person]</li> <li>• DOOS-Leslie Smith [in-person]</li> <li>• TPOS- Cheyenne Steinbarger [virtual]</li> </ul>		-10 mins each
<b>LUNCH 65 mins [12:40 - 13:45]</b>				
9a	13:45 - 15:30	Round Table Discussion #2 2) Strengthening Capacity -How do GRAs, networks, projects, and panels support each other/interact?	Denis	Materials: Presentation
<b>Coffee break [15:30-16:00]</b>				
9b	16:00 - 17:00	Report out from Roundtable discussions	Various Group Leads	Moderator: <b>Emily Smith</b>  Online monitoring and notes: <b>Denis</b>  Format:
6b	17:00 - 18:00	GRA Work Plan Pt 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action items</li> <li>• Reactions/Recommendations to GOOS SC</li> </ul>	GRA Chair and Co-chair	Materials:  Online Monitoring and notes: <b>Laura</b>
<b>Official End of Meeting Closed Session</b>				
10	18:00-18:30	Selection Vice Chair Close of meeting	Emily Smith Joanna Post	
<b>Adjourn 18:30</b>				

