

Steering Committee Virtual Call 04 December 2024

09:00-10:30 CET & 17:00-18:30 CET

Report:

Welcome and Official introduction of new co-chairs

The meeting was opened by Joanna Post, GOOS Director who introduced the new GOOS SC co-chairs, Balakrishnan Nair, INCOIS, India and David Legler, NOAA, US. Mr. Nair chaired the 09-10.30 meeting and Mr. Legler chaired the 17.00-18.30 meeting.

Steering Committee (SC) members welcomed the new co-chairs.

Updates

1. GOOS Update, Joanna Post

Document: [GOOS Reform Proposal](#)

Document: *IODE/GOOS Data workshop report, 30 Sep-2 Oct 2024 (in process)*

Presentation: [GOOS Reform Update](#)

Ms. Post (IOC/GOOS) provided an update on the GOOS reform, as requested by [Decision EC-57/4.1](#). This will follow a “double diamond” approach with the first diamond - the discover and define phase - to build on previous work and review and define GOOS scope and structure. Ms Post highlighted that, based on the proposal above and in consultation with the ES and the GOOS SC, terms of reference are now being prepared to hire a management change consultancy to lead this phase. As part of this work, a one day workshop will be held at the GOOS SC meeting in February. The short term goal is to have a draft proposal for a reformed GOOS by April for member states to comment on at the assembly and then to finalise the proposal by end Q2 2025. Longer term, the second diamond will then commence, which will develop and deliver the proposal alongside clear processes and lines of engagement as detailed in the document. The GOOS SC expressed their support for the work and the importance of GOOS in providing global coordination of the observing system and its implementation.

Decision: The GOOS SC welcomed the update and progress on GOOS' work

2. GOOS Projects, Emily Smith

Document: [Draft projects procedure](#)

Document: [Proposal for evolving approach to GOOS projects](#)

Presentation: [GOOS Projects Update](#)

SC-13 Action: “5.1 Revise the Project documentation
(with task team from GMT and GOOS SC)

Ms Smith (IOC/GOOS) presented on GOOS projects and partnerships, highlighting issues with the current definition and expectations. GOOS SC members noted that GOOS projects are not really “projects” and there is no clarity on the longevity and implementation of projects within GOOS. GOOS SC highlighted the need for clear criteria, statement of deliverables, budget/funding expectations and governance. Volunteers were sought to be part of a task team to provide a proposal for the GOOS SC meeting in February for revised GOOS project/partnership documentation. Ms. Smith will continue to lead this work on behalf of GOOS, although she is returning to NOAA as of Dec 2024.

Decision: The GOOS SC identified that the following SC members will support the writing of a proposal for revision of GOOS project/partnership documentation: Pooja Mahapatra; Matias Sifon, Lebogang Magkati and Véronique Garcon. The SC recommended this team also provide an assessment of current GOOS projects against the revised documentation to inform the SC deliberations going forward. Ms Emily Smith will coordinate the work on behalf of GOOS. The proposal will be presented to the GOOS SC at its in-person meeting in February.

3. Communication toolkit, Laura Stukonyte
Presentation: [Communications update](#)

Ms. Stukonyte (IOC/GOOS) presented on the GOOS communications toolkit and the upcoming brand update. The GOOS management team plan for the new GOOS logo and communications toolkit to be released in May 2025.

The communications toolkit will include a GOOS messaging guide. This guide is being developed by a company called “Research for Purpose” who will interview a number of GOOS SC members during the course of the work over the next 2 months. GOOS SC members were informed that the company will reach out to them to arrange interviews to help prepare the guide.

The messaging guide will support all GOOS representatives to provide clear and coherent messaging to reach different Member State and other audiences and position GOOS effectively.

Decision: The GOOS SC welcomed the approach to this work

4. New members of the OOPC and BioEco expert panels, Sabrina Speich, Gabrielle Canonico/Ana Lara Lopez

Representatives from the OOPC and BioEco panels provided updates of new members which were welcomed by the GOOS SC.

OOPC: Ronald Souza - Remote sensing and ocean modeling expertise. Working at INPE, Brasil; Bipen Prakash - Climate monitoring, coastal observations. From the Pacific Islands Ocean observing System, Fiji; Mélanie Juza - Physical ocean observations, specialized in marine heatwaves monitoring and forecasts, operational oceanography. Working at SOCIB, Spain.

BIOECO: See Annex 1 below

Decision: The GOOS SC takes note of the new members in the OOPC and BioEco panels

5. Karen Evans will step down as BioEco panel co-chair. Clive McMahon, Sydney Institute of Marine Science, IMOS Animal Tagging, ANIBOS, is nominated

A representative from the BioEco panel provided the update. The GOOS SC welcomed the nomination of Mr. McMahon as the new co-chair of the BioEco panel.

Decision: The GOOS SC thanks Karen Evans for her contribution as BioEco co-chair. The SC welcomes and approves Clive McMahon as the new co-chair on the Bioeco expert panel.

Next meeting












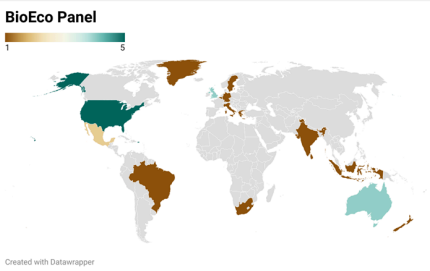
Ms. Post updated on the plans for the in-person GOOS SC meeting.

The in-person meeting will be 19-21 February 2025, ROOM IX, UNESCO HQ.

Limited funded for travel is available - please contact Weronika, w.kmiec@unesco.org, for travel assistance.

Annex 1

New BioEco Panel Members

 Eduardo Cuevas Sea turtles EOv	 Jarrett Byrnes Macroalgae EOv	 Julie Robidart Microbes EOv	 Rachel Przelawski Benthic inverts EOv	 Dimitris Poursanidis Seagrass EOv	 Svenja Halfter Zooplankton EOv	 Dipani Sutaría Marine mammals EOv
 Claire Davies Phytoplankton EOv	 Lucille Chapuis Ocean Sound EOv	 Erika Towle Corals EOv	 Clive McMahon Co-chair	 BioEco Panel Created with Datawrapper		