



# 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](#)

NFP [presentation recordings](#)

## Detailed agenda

Time	Agenda item	Speaker
12:45 - 13:00	Participants logging in	
13:00 - 13:35	<p><b>GOOS, NFP role &amp; key initiatives (20 min presentation + 15 min Q&amp;A)</b></p> <p>The IOC-led Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) builds on and adds value to national sustained ocean observing efforts, focused on delivering information for climate, operational services, and ocean health. NFPs play a vital role in bringing national needs and gaps to the attention of GOOS, highlighting key GOOS initiatives, with time for questions.</p>	Toste Tanhua (GOOS Co-chair), Joanna Post (GOOS Office Director)
13:35 - 14:20	<p><b>NFPs across the world (5 min presentation each + 20 min Q&amp;A)</b></p> <p>Ocean observing is mainly funded through national investment. We will hear about the national systems from five NFPs across the world (5 IOC regions).</p>	Dr Sebastien Legrand, Dr Agnieszka Beszczynska-Möller, Capitán de Fragata Alvaro Santiago Scardilli, Dr Nelly Florida, Dr Tarron Lamont)
14:20 - 14:30	Virtual group photo + Health break (10 min)	
14:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Communication (15 min presentation + 15 min discussion + poll)</b></p> <p>Introducing the new NFP specific messaging and GOOS communications</p>	Laura Stukonyte (GOOS Junior Communications Consultant)
15:00 - 15:40	<p><b>Developing the Role - GOOS and NFP (10 min presentation + 30 min Q&amp;A + poll)</b></p> <p>As the recognition of the need for ocean observations across climate, weather and hazard warnings and ocean health has expanded so has the need and recognition of national coordination. What are the benefits, pathways and support to develop this vital role?</p>	Emma Heslop (GOOS Programme Specialist)
15:40 - 16:00	<p><b>Next steps and way forward</b></p> <p>Next steps, including the next meeting date and time.</p> <p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <p>Feedback questionnaire upon exit</p>	Joanna Post (GOOS Director)