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**SG-OBPS-VI**  
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# Establishment of OBPS Advisory Board

- Dec 2023: It was proposed and agreed during the SG-OBPS-V Annual meeting the creation of an Advisory Board of experts to advise on OBPS further strategy and development.
- April 2024: Community call. 15 responses to the call + 8 personal invitations
- Applications were evaluated by a formed Advisory Board Selection group from the SG: PS, JP, F M-K., JB., EH., RG., and GP., by evaluating their expertise to the TORs
- Selection of 8 Advisory members announced in October News Flash issue
- October 2024: Inaugural Advisory Board meeting  $\frac{7}{8}$  participants from AB and 8 SG members

# TORs of the OBPS Advisory Board

- To provide advice and assessment on OBPS strategy and implementation
- To identify ocean research and applications needs for best practices and standards
- To provide advice to further regional and global interoperability in ocean and coastal science, applications, and capacity development
- To provide advice and assessment on OBPS development, application, and implementation of technologies
- To provide advice and assessment on OBPS Communication and Outreach activities

# Advisory Board

OBPS Advisory Board's countries of origin

Highlighted countries: USA, Brazil, Spain, Italy, Norway, South Africa and India

Craig McLean:  
ocean science,  
policy, and marine  
operations, NOAA



Jessica Sandoval:  
Founder and CEO  
of AquaVela



Fabio Nascimento:  
Electronics engineer at  
Coppe, Brasil



Joaquin Tintoré:  
Director at  
SOCIB, Spain



Peter Haugan: Policy director, IMR, &  
Professor at the Geophysical Institute,  
University of Bergen, Norway



Katrin Schroeder: Physical  
oceanographer at  
CNR-ISMAR, Italy



E. Pattabhi: Scientist  
and Director at  
ESSO-INCOIS, India



Marco Worship: Marine  
technician at DFFE,  
South Africa



# Key Recommendations from Advisory Board

- Continuing the bottom up approach in OBPS, which has led to a sustainable system
- Involve key stakeholders: Funding and Regional organizations (e.g. ICES, OSPAR), proving that OBPS can provide better and sustain value for their investments
- Building TRUST through verification mechanisms: 3rd party validation and Community engagement
- Expand the scope from ocean observing to other fields such as industry (e.g. Aquaculture, Fisheries)
- Guidelines on how to apply Best practices under suboptimal conditions
- Creation of side events in IOC Assembly to encourage
- Capacity development for training on creation of Best Practices
- Promote OBPS internally in IOC Programmes, projects and related “communities of practice” to identify, and develop IOC practices

# Next steps

- Nomination by the membership of Chair or Co-Chairs of the Advisory board, as indicated in the TORs
- Next meeting: when and what, (twice meetings per year, as per TORs)
- Include section of AB in OBPS website, what
- NewsFlash December issue with a summary of the meeting?
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