

14th GOOS Steering Committee meeting (SC-14) | 19-21 February 2025 (Paris)
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Session:

5. Outreach: Projects and Partners

Agenda item:


5.1 Revised approach and procedures for projects

Introduction/Background

Including links to relevant documents, mandates etc.

GOOS has had Projects for many years with varying degrees of responsibilities for reporting to the GOOS SC. A review of the requirements and roles of the GOOS SC and Projects was undertaken during 2024. This review produced several recommendations to strengthen the role of GOOS and the Projects. After discussion with the SC in Dec. 2024, a further recommendation was made to have a small group review the work completed and draft a terms of reference for GOOS Projects.

This discussion also brought up the idea of GOOS endorsing Projects rather than labeling them as Projects. This would allow GOOS to offer support without the role of having Projects report out to GOOS SC annually.

 Past documentation on GOOS Projects:

Current status

A small group from the SC has met to go over the current criteria for GOOS Projects and has developed a new Terms of Reference for GOOS Endorsed Projects. This would call for all current projects to move under this title if the new criteria is met.

Proposed Terms of Reference:

1. Current GOOS Projects will be reviewed by the SC in 2025 to determine if they will transfer to being endorsed by GOOS.
 - a. Current projects: AtlantOS, DOOS, TPOS, OBPS, IMDOS, Smart Cables
2. Criteria for being endorsed:

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- a. Project has funding from an external source
 - b. Project meets one of the goals of GOOS to support ocean observing via:
 - i. Infrastructure
 - ii. Data management
 - iii. Products using ocean data
 - c. Project addresses a gap or need in the GOOS system
 - d. Project engages in activities to support under-served communities (such as capacity development for under-resourced communities, observation needs for SIDS etc)
3. GOOS Endorsed Projects will undergo review by the GOOS SC once every three years to determine eligibility to remain Endorsed.
4. Projects are encouraged to have a GOOS SC, panel, or GRA member on their Project planning team.
5. If Projects are endorsed then they agree to:
- a. Project leads agree to:
 - i. Have the GOOS logo on any presentation or printed materials
 - ii. Use the term “GOOS Endorsed Project” when discussing their project in addition to other requirements from other sponsors
 - iii. Agree to provide a written update report annually to the SC giving an update on how the project contributes to GOOS
 - iv. Promote the GOOS Endorsed Project to their Member State representative(s) when appropriate
 - v. Promote GOOS work whenever possible
6. GOOS agrees to:
- a. Publish a short article about the new GOOS Endorsed Project and publish on website with annual updates following the SC.
 - b. Keep up to date links on their website to the Endorsed Project main website
 - c. Promote all GOOS Endorsed Projects when representing GOOS at functions
 - d. Promote GOOS Endorsed Projects among the GOOS components, users, and Member States

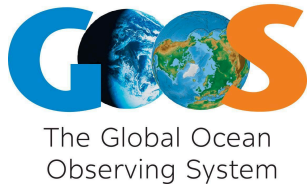
Work/Project plan

Including Deliverables (e.g. Activities/Actions/ KPIs) and Budget / Resource needs

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Expected outcomes for GOOS

Considerations for the GOOS Steering Committee

Review of the proposed ToR to move GOOS forward in a more transparent and clear direction of expectations for the GOOS community.

After reviewing GOOS Projects, partners were brought up as part of the discussion and should be considered to have formal ToRs developed as well.

Proposed decisions/recommendations

- New ToR endorsed by SC and enacted
- Small group continues to discuss having Endorsed Partners of GOOS