



The Global Ocean Observing System



# Session 4: Working Session on GOOS 2.0

**Terry McConnell:      Setting the scene**

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# Key Message

The Global Ocean Observing System of today was designed and built to answer the questions that we had about the Ocean yesterday.

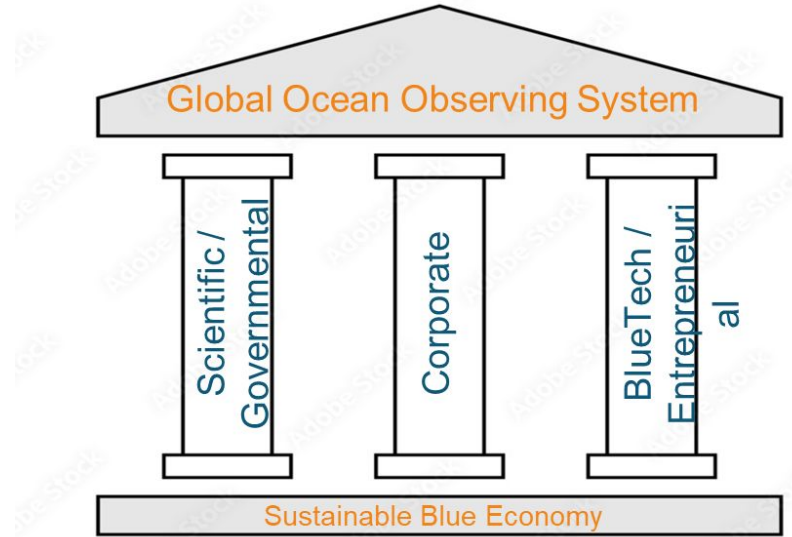
It is ill-equipped to answer the questions we have about our Ocean today, let alone tomorrow.



# The Three Pillars of Ocean Observing

“By bridging the gap between the public and private sectors, we can create a coordinated ecosystem that accelerates the collection, synthesis, and application of ocean data.”

DESIGNING FOR  
GLOBAL IMPACT WITH  
OCEAN OBSERVING  
[Possibility Ocean](#)

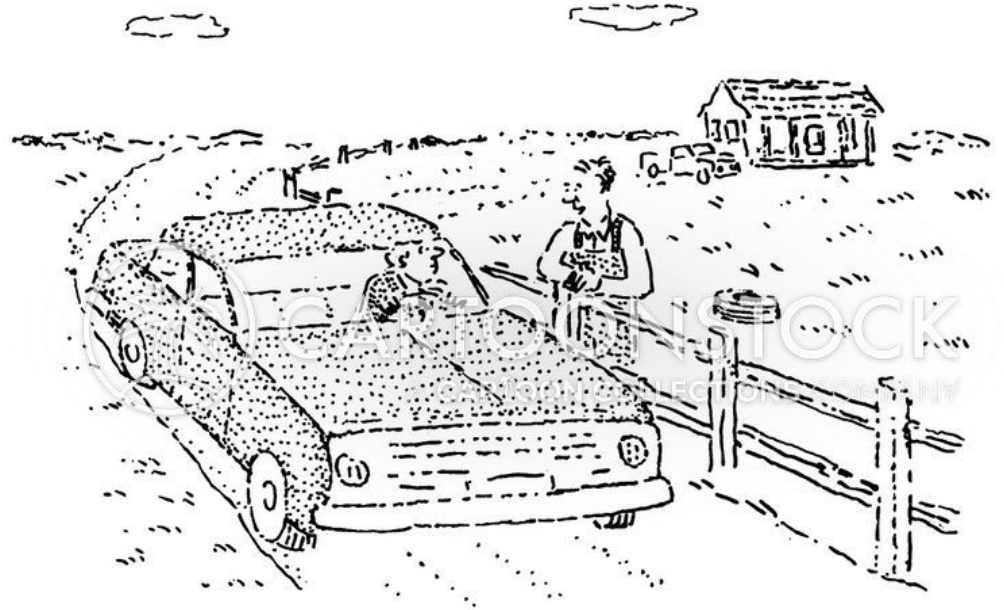


# Current status

An American on vacation got lost amongst the many small roads that weave through rural Ireland.

He stopped to ask for directions from a farmer leading a donkey-cart loaded with peat.

After thinking carefully on the matter, the farmer confidently stated, "I'm sorry, but you can't get there from here", before moving away down the road.



*You can't get there from here."*

# Desired Outcomes

It is NOT desired that the outcome of this session lead decisions on what happens today, tomorrow or next year.

Instead, this is an exploration of what GOOS might / should be in 2030 and beyond.



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# Thank you

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