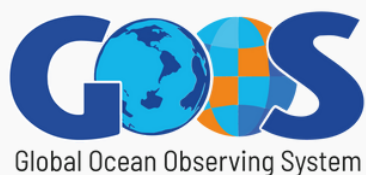


# MEETING REPORT

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3 DECEMBER 2025  
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**Date:** 3 December 2025

**Time:** Session 1 at 09:00-10:30 and session 2 at 17:00-18:30 (CET)

**Format:** Online meeting

**Participants:** See annex I

**Webpage:** <https://oceanexpert.org/event/4924>

## Agenda

1. Opening (5min)
2. Approval of OCG co-chairs (10min)
3. Focus and feedback on GOOS reform proposal (75min)
4. Date for next meeting

# Meeting Report

## 1. Opening

The Co-Chairs welcomed the GOOS Steering Committee and opened the meeting. The agenda was introduced and approved without any further adjustments or comments.

## 2. Approval of OCG Co-Chairs

The GOOS Observations Coordination Group (OCG) was pleased to present the nominations for OCG Co-Chairs, Dr. Juliet Hermes and Prof. Edmo Campos, and to seek approval from the GOOS Steering Committee to appoint the new Co-Chairs.

The GOOS Steering Committee enthusiastically welcomed the two OCG Co-Chairs and officially approved their appointment.

## 3. Focus and feedback on GOOS reform proposal

The main focus of the meeting was the presentation of the status of the GOOS Reform to the GOOS Steering Committee and for the Steering Committee to provide feedback and discuss solutions. Reform proposal slides presented at the meeting can be found [here](#).

Lovisa Bergman, Thomas Liu and Weronika Kowalewska, from Accenture, were invited to the meeting by the co-chairs and engaged actively with the Steering Committee.

The co-chairs provided a brief presentation on three of the key aspects of the reform proposal which have received the most comments from the review process by the GOOS SC and Member States. Also highlighted were the suggestions in the proposal for establishing a Donor Coordination Group as well as broadening the mandate of the OCG to an “infrastructure coordination group” that centralizes the coordination of networks and other observing communities.

The Q&A with the GOOS SC focused on:

- Clarification of mandates across GOOS components;
- GRAs position in the GOOS landscape and discussion on their functionality and importance;
- NFP’s role and interaction model with GOOS and at national level.

Accenture will take on board the discussions from the GOOS SC meeting when revising the proposal.

Joanna Post closed the discussion by explaining the next steps: The proposal from Accenture, will be finalized at the end of December and shared with the GOOS SC. There will be a dedicated session to discuss the proposal at the SC meeting in March, which will also look at the required staged implementation for the proposal.

#### **4. Date for next GOOS Steering Committee meeting**

The secretariat proposed to have the next GOOS Steering Committee meeting on February 5 2026. The meeting will be carried out virtually with a morning session at 09:00 - 10:30 (CET) and an afternoon session at 17:00 - 18:30 (CET).

The meeting agenda will consider GOOS updates and preparation for the fifteenth session of the GOOS Steering Committee meeting.

## **Annex I: Participants**

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Emma Heslop

Enrique Alvarez

Gabrielle Canonico

Joana Akrofi

Joanna Post

Julien Narros

Laura Stukonyte

Lionel Bodin

Lotta Fyrberg

Lovisa Bergman

Maciej Telszewski

Mathieu Belbeoch

Matias Sifon

Olena Titorchuk

Orens Pasqueron De Fommervault

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Patrick Heimbach

Pierre Bahurel

Pooja Mahapatra

Sabrina Speich

Signe Lemcke

Thomas Liu

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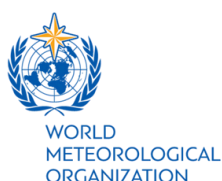
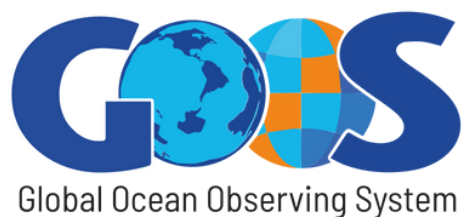
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