

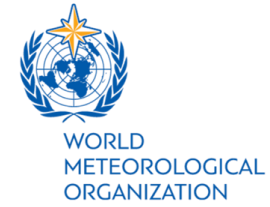
15th GOOS Steering Committee meeting

25-27 March 2026 | Hyderabad, India





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Session 1: Opening

Session chair: Co-Chair Bala Nair

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Dr. M. Ravichandran
Secretary to the Government of India in the
Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)

Vidar Helgesen

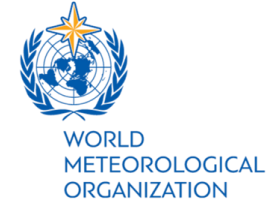
Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO

Dr. Balakrishnan Nair

Director, INCOIS



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Logistic announcements

Dr Nagaraja Kumar Masuluri

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Meeting goals and Agenda approval

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Proposed Meeting Objectives

GOOS Reform

- Revisit GOOS objectives/deliverables 2030 and be clear of new GOOS objectives/deliverables after reform
- Agree on the new mission, scope and accountability mechanism
- Agree revised structure and the challenges to address in implementing this revised structure, noting unresolved differences of opinion where further consultation is required over the next few months
- Agree on the new governance including role of GRAs and their governance
- Propose a suggested staged reform transition/ implementation plan with timeline

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GOOS Workplan

- Agree any updates/changes to GOOS 2025-2027 workplan and any relevant decisions in regards to ongoing GOOS work
- Adoption of GOOS Biodiversity Plan (Strategic level)

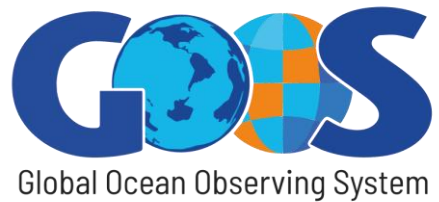
Preparations for governing body meetings

- Agree documents to present to IOC and WMO Executive Councils, June 2026 and content and timeline of reform proposal to present to IOC Assembly and WMO Congress for final sign off in 2027

Agenda

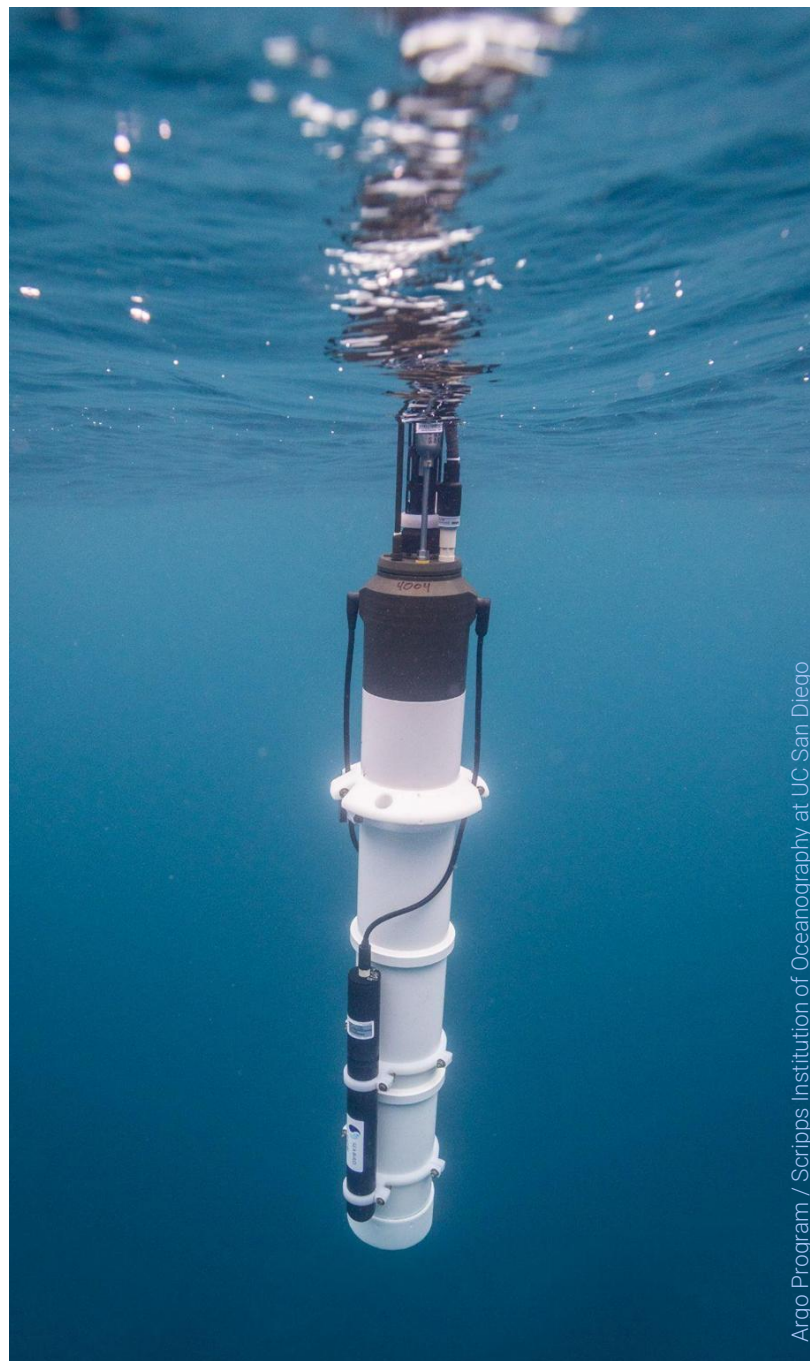
- Agenda available at OceanExpert: [GOOS SC-15](#)
- Suggested timetable
- The SC to approve agenda or suggest changes

	Day 1 (Wed March 25)	Day 2 (Thurs March 26)	Day 3 (Fri March 27)
09:00 - 10:30	1. Opening 2. GOOS reform - Big picture	Brief report back from GOOS SC discussion 5.3 Report back from Breakout Sessions 5.4 Final discussion	Brief report back from GOOS SC discussion 7. (cont) Progress on the 2025-2027 work plan
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30	3. GOOS reform - Mission, scope and accountability mechanism	6. Strengthening collaboration across GOOS, IODE communities	8. Finalising the reform proposal and next steps
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Close meeting
13:30 - 14:30	4. GOOS and its “users” with keynote from UNESCAP	7. Progress on the 2025-2027 work plan	
15:00 - 15:30	Break	Break	
15:30 - 17:30	5. Structure and governance 5.1 Introduction 5.2 Role of GRAs 5.3 Infrastructure Coordination Group - breakout groups	Visit to INCOIS Synergetic Ocean Observation, Prediction and Services (SYNOPS) Lab and ocean observation facilities	
17:30 - 18:30	GOOS SC only discussion	GOOS SC only discussion	



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