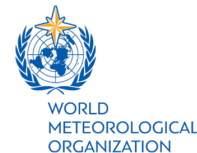




Global Ocean Observing System



Session 7: TT GOOS Projects

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Key updates: proposal for endorsed projects

- Proposal to evolve GOOS Projects to **GOOS endorsed projects** to ensure a more formalised collaboration with projects with clear criterias has been proposed to the Steering Committee.
- Two current GOOS Projects, TPOS and IMDOS, agree to be the first GOOS endorsed projects
- DOOS does not match the ToRs for GOOS endorsed projects and AtlantOS is going to be part of AAORIA
- Can they be Partners?
- Procedure for inviting new projects: open call through GOOS (and IOC and WMO if possible)

Endorsement process



Candidate/project apply for endorsement using the application form



Secretariate reviews application for completeness



GOOS Steering Committee (or designated subcommittee) evaluates against criteria



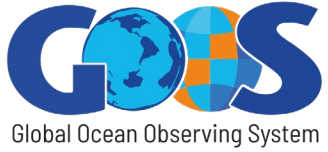
GOOS Steering Committee decides to endorse the project, request revisions, or decline endorsement

Next steps

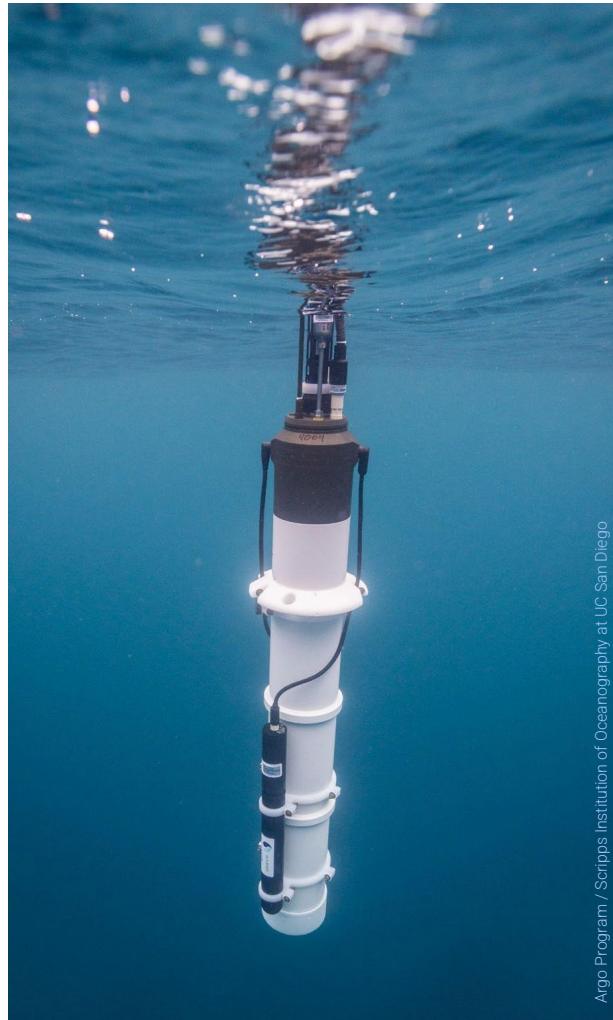
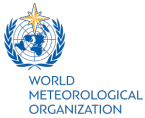
- Finalize endorsement of TPOS and IMDOS
- Align with final reform proposal
- Prepare call for projects? (Should be part of GOOS priority setting)
 - Ocean Indicators as new project?
- Investigate possibilities to keep DOOS in GOOS - partner? other?
- Investigate relationship with AAORIA - Partner?

Two key questions for the SC

- Can the Steering Committee adopt the [GOOS Endorsed projects proposal and application form](#) and agree to endorse TPOS and IMDOS to evolve from projects to GOOS Endorsed Projects?
 - This includes:
 - TT will review the project endorsement framework to align with GOOS reform proposal and present updated proposal at SC-16
 - Should projects be aligned with new GOOS objectives?
- Discussions in TT led to a deeper thinking on how we should identify key partners of GOOS and want to bring this issue to GOOS SC attention. Should DOOS and AAORIA (ATLANTOS) be considered partners?
 - Should DOOS be a partner?
 - Should AAORIA be a partner?
 - How should GOOS consider prioritising partnerships (e.g. evolve conversation within reform and conversations on users)



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