

GOOS Regional Alliance Forum XII

23-24 March 2026, INCOIS, Hyderabad, India, Hybrid

Agenda

Meeting link:

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Objectives:

1. GRA work plan 2026-2027
2. Proposal for GRA position and role in GOOS as part of GOOS reform

Monday 23 March

09:00 - 09:30 | 1. Welcome and introduction by co-chairs and host (30 mins)

- Welcome by co-chairs and introduction of the GRA Forum (co-chairs)
- Remarks from INCOIS (Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair)
- GOOS Updates (Dr Joanna Post)
- Logistic notes from INCOIS (Nagaraja Kumar)

09:30 - 10:15 | 2. Update from GRAs - summary of reports (Alvaro Scardilli) (45 mins)

10:15-10:45 Coffee break (30 mins)

10:45-11:30 Discussion about the format of reporting - is this the right template going forward? (45 mins)

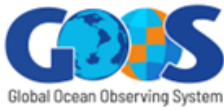
11:30-12:30 | 3. Areas of joint collaboration opportunities based on user needs (Gabrielle, introduce the topic, 5 mins)

- a. Data exchange (30 mins)
 - PIGOOS (Bipendra Prakash)
 - CIOOS (Anne-Sofie Ste-Marie)
- b. Technical advancement sharing (30 mins)
 - SAEON (Tammy Morris, remote)
 - IOOS (Gabrielle Canonico)

12:30 -13:30 Lunch (60 mins)

13:30-14:00 | 3. Areas of joint collaboration continued

- c. Capacity development (30 mins)
 - OCEATLAN (Alvaro Scardilli)
 - IOGOOS (Brett Molony, remote)



14:00 - 15:00 Questions and Discussion: opportunities to leverage and exchange approaches across multiple GRAs (60 mins)

15:00-15:30 Coffee break (15 mins)

15:30-16:30 | 4. BGC EOVS Specification Sheet Mini Workshop (60 mins)

Background: The BGC panel seeks GRA input for the review and improvement of BGC EOVS specification sheets. There are two targets for the discussion: Target 1: Assessment of the level of awareness about BGC EOVS and elements of the specification sheets; discussion of potential gaps identified by GRAs; Target 2: Initial identification of a non-Atlantic region for trans-continental stress-testing of a couple of updated EOVS specification sheets. A questionnaire will be shared prior to the workshop to facilitate the discussions.

- Introduction: BGC EOVS Specification Sheets (Maciej Telszewski)
- Discussions

16:30 - 17:00 | 5. Introducing ArORA proposal (Craig M. Lee)

Tuesday 24 March

09:00-10:00 | 6. Priorities and Workplan for 2026-2027 (co-chairs)

- Review of [action items list](#)

10:00-10:30 | 7. GRA Co-chairs Election (Chair: Joanna Post)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 | 8. GOOS Reform and GRAs (Chair: Gabrielle)

Participants should be familiar with the GOOS Reform deliverable from Accenture as background for this discussion (<https://oceanexpert.org/document/37899>).

- Overview of GOOS Reform (Joanna, 15 mins)
- Plenary discussion to prepare for GRA meeting with GOOS SC (75 mins)
 - Discuss in assigned breakout groups for 20 min before returning to plenary - assign a rapporteur to share a summary of the group perspectives in plenary:
 - What are the general strengths of the GRA community and value to GOOS, and why should GRAs remain a part of GOOS?
 - What benefit or value does GOOS offer to the GRAs? How can we improve the alignment and interaction between GRAs and GOOS? Are there opportunities to increase engagement from the GRAs with GOOS components?
 - How might GRA structure, governance and processes need to evolve to deliver both the GRA mission and the GOOS mission, including necessary

components and observing priorities, standards based data recommendations, and engagement with key stakeholders and member states? Are GRAs in the right form to advance GOOS priorities?

Group discussion in plenary (55 min)

- Discuss the future role and level of integration of GRAs in GOOS.
- Suggest approaches to strengthen GRA contributions to GOOS priorities and activities.
- Discuss how GOOS can strengthen its interactions with the GRAs.

12:30 -13:30 Lunch (60 mins)

[13:30 - 14:00 Alvaro and Gabrielle meet with David and Bala to prepare for the joint session.]

14:00 - 16:30 | 9. GOOS Reform: Joint session with the GOOS SC (Chair: Alvaro and David)

- Co-chairs report back on the morning's discussion: the future of the GRAs and role with GOOS.
- Discussion:
 - a. Do you agree that GRAs should be part of the GOOS structure? Yes
 - On the reporting structure diagram- is this the right place for GRAs? Yes
 - b. Do you agree that there should be some level of reporting to GOOS SC?
 - On the check box p26 - which key results should GRAs be responsible for?

Attributes questions:

- c. What should be the minimum requirements that are set by GOOS (Member States) that GRAs commit to?
 - All GRAs should agree to the vision of GOOS?
 - In 5 years where do you see your GRA connecting to GOOS?
- d. What should be the minimum requirements that are expected of GOOS from GRAs?

* Expected outcomes: to capture a set of recommendations for presentation to the SC later in the week on role, level of integration and governance of GRAs with GOOS.

16:30 - 17:30 | 10. Site visit in INCOIS