



GOOS Regional Alliance Forum XI (GRF-XI)

In-person meeting [*optional remote participation*]

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The **Eleventh GOOS Regional Alliance Forum (GRF-XI)** Meeting will take place from **8 to 9 April 2024** at the **World Trade Center in Barcelona, Spain**

The **Key Objectives** of GRF-XI:

- Discuss the progress and challenges of the GOOS Regional Alliance (GRA) over the last two to three years;
- Examine and explore how GRAs are engaged and contributing to the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development, the GOOS Strategy 2030, the GOOS Programmes/projects, and other GOOS initiatives. Identify challenges, barriers, and opportunities to strengthen links and collaboration.
- Discuss strategies to strengthen and revitalize GRAs and improve how we each try to deliver data, products, and services to the benefit of partners and users;
- Discuss how to coordinate between GRAs to evolve capacity and sharing of knowledge
- Discuss how GRAs engage more effectively with other GOOS Structures, panels, new GOOS National Focal Points, as well as the private sector and industries;
- Discuss and agree on GRA priorities, actions, and leadership (chair and vice chairs) for the next two years.

Virtual Participation

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Logistics

- The location is in room A4 of the World Trade Center Barcelona, 1ª planta Edif. Este, Moll de Barcelona, s/n, 08039 Barcelona, Spain
- Coffee and Tea breaks will be provided, lunch and group dinner will be self pay
- [Weather forecast](#) for your daily comfort

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Material to review prior to GRF-XI

- GRA reports
- Ocean Obs report
- Actions list
- List of pre-questions

GRA updates **[due April 4]**

- [GRA updates template](#)

Meeting Guidelines

For in-person participants

- If you have a name tag from previous meetings please bring one to encourage reusing these.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- Please ensure that you are engaging with both in-person and online participants.
- Dress code: Business casual.

For online participants

- Keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking. We will try to use video, unless it presents a problem for bandwidth, so join with your camera on.
- If you have a question or comment, please use the chat box to type your question/comment or indicate by raising your hand in order to be called upon by the moderator.
- Please be succinct in both your questions and answers.
- At the end of each item, please expect to be called upon to ensure all GRF members have had the chance to comment.
- The sessions will be recorded for the purpose of writing the report, and the recordings deleted afterwards.
- We will be using Otter AI to record the notes of the meeting.

Roles and responsibilities

Chair

- Engage in the discussion
- Assist in guiding the discussion
- Conclude the session

Moderator

- Introduce the speakers
- Guide the discussion
- Wrap up the session with outcomes and actions
- Assist with the summary of the session
- Assist in action drafting

Rapporteurs

- Write a summary discussion paragraph
- Document the Actions for each session

Timetable Overview

<i>Location: World Trade Center, Barcelona, Spain</i>		
Time	Monday April 8	Tuesday April 9
9:00-9:30	Opening with Outcomes	GRA report outs
9:30 - 10:30	Reflection on past actions and strategy	
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break (30 mins)	
11:00-12:30	Reflections on past Forums and progress	Project and Panel Updates
12:30 - 13:45	Lunch break (75 mins)	
13:45 - 15:30	Roundtable discussion: Strengthening Connections -Evolving the GRAs to strengthen each other	Roundtable discussion: Strengthening Capacity -How do GRAs, networks, projects, and panels support each other/interact?
15:30-16:00	Coffee and Tea Break (30 mins)	
16:00 - 17:00	Report out from roundtables	Report out from roundtables
17:00-18:00	GRA Work Plan pt 1	GRA Work Plan pt 2
18:00-18:30		CLOSED SESSION: Election of chair and co-chairs
19:00	Group Dinner @ Mana75	

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Monday, April 8, 2024
[9:00 - 18:00 GMT +1]

Chair: Carl Gouldman
 Rapporteur: Otter Al
 Call in link:

#	Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Materials
1	9:00 - 9:30	Welcome by Carl Gouldman Including Adoption of agenda and Expected Outcomes	Carl Gouldman [in-person] Director, US, NOAA/ IOOS	Moderator:
2	9:30 - 10:30	GOOS Strategy 2030 and Implementation Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key Progress, Challenges and Opportunities ● Importance of GRAs 	Joanna Post [in-person] Head of Section, IOC/OOS	Materials:
Coffee break and group photo [10:30 - 11:00]				
3	11:00-11:30	Reflections on GRA IX and X actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcomes/Action items ● BOOC discussion 	Michelle Heuple/Denis/GRA Chairs Carl or SG fellow	Moderator: Emily Smith Materials:
4	11:30-12:30	Blue Economy Conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is Blue Economy? ● How to leverage Ocean GDP ● Global Ocean Accounts Partnership [virtual] 	Michelle Carl GOAP rep	Moderator: Materials:
LUNCH 75 mins [12:30 - 13:45]				
5a	13:45-15:30	Roundtable discussion #1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Strengthening Connections -Evolving the GRAs to strengthen each other 	Denis Chang [in-person] Secretariat	Moderator: Materials: Format: breakout groups 2 or 3

Coffee break [15:30-16:00]				
5b	16:00- 17:00	Report out from Roundtable discussions	Various breakout group leads	Moderator:Emily Smith Materials:
6a	17:00-18:00	GRA Work Plan Pt 1	GRA Chair and Vice chair Emily Smith	
Adjourn 18:00				
GRF-XI group dinner [19:00-21:00]				

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 [9:00 - 17:30 GMT+1]				
Chair: Rapporteur: Call in link:				
#	Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Materials
7	9:00 -10:30	Report out from GRAs	Denis Chang [in-person] Secretariat	Moderator:Denis Materials: Format: -7 mins each
Coffee break 30 mins [10:30 - 11:00]				
8	11:00 - 12:30	Panel and Project updates -current status and activities -How can GRAs engage?	Leads	Moderator:Emily Materials: Format: -10 mins each
LUNCH 75 mins [12:30 - 13:45]				

8a	13:45 - 15:30	Round Table Discussion #2 2) Strengthening Capacity -How do GRAs, networks, projects, and panels support each other/interact?	Denis	Moderator: Materials:
Coffee break [15:30-16:00]				
8b	16:00 - 17:00	Report out from Roundtable discussions	Various Group Leads	Moderator: Emily Smith Materials: Format:
5b	17:00 - 18:00	GRA Work Plan Pt 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action items ● Reactions/Recommendations to GOOS SC 	GRA Chair and Co-chair	Materials:
Official End of Meeting Closed Session				
9	18:00-18:30	Selection of Chair and Vice Chair Close of meeting	Emily Smith Joanna Post	
Adjourn 18:30				