



Global Ocean Observing System



## 2.1 Action items updates

Tracking the progress of actions from GRA Forum XI and GOOS SC-14 (20 mins)

# Actions from GRA Forum XI - Communications

Actions	Responsible party	Status	Progress (updated on 1 Oct 2025)
ACTION1: Think about how we can communicate better - including a tool kit for communicating the importance of GOOS but also for improving capacity sharing across the GRAs.	Secretariat with support from GRAs	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GOOS Communication toolkit and messaging guide are being developed and will be completed by Christmas.</li> <li>No progress has been made for improving capacity sharing across GRAs. Possible interaction with OTGA.</li> </ul>
ACTION2: Increase communications across the GRAs and GOOS components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more frequent calls for the purpose of information sharing. Meet intersessionally to advance GRA activities</li> <li>- what is the best way to evolve these conversations from the Forum?</li> <li>- Creation and development of a <b>LinkedIn group</b> for the GRAs and/or GOOS community would be part of the current GNFP one</li> </ul>	Secretariat Communications	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">October 24, 2024 - GRA Council Leadership (Carl and Alvaro) attended the GOOS National Focal Point Meeting and participated in a discussion on the role of GRAs and opportunities for GOOS NFPs to engage with GRAs.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to strength the connection between NFPs and GRAs</li> <li>Opportunities for NFP and GRA joint sessions at the regional level.</li> </ul> </li> <li><a href="#">May integrate NFPs and GRAs together in the LinkedIn Group. However, according to the NFP survey, the NFP LinkedIn Group is not functioning as we expected. Some people cannot access to LinkedIn in their office.</a></li> </ul>
ACTION3: Updating the GRA GOOS website - currently documents and contact information is uploaded to Ocean Expert and linked.	Secretariat with support from GRAs	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All GRAs were requested to provide updates for their webpages on GOOS website, and the following GRA webpages have been updated: EuroGOOS, IOCARIBE GOOS, IMOS, OCEATLAN, IOGOOS and PIGOOS, upon their requests through emails.</li> <li>Two new webpages created for <a href="#">CIOOS</a> and <a href="#">ArORA Task Team</a>.</li> </ul>

# Actions from GRA Forum XI – Strengthening GRAs

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ACTION4: Check to see if it is still a GRA function to propose emerging technologies to be endorsed as a GOOS network by the GOOS OCG eg HF Radar, gliders and AniBOS and if it is then to ensure that the GRAs are clear of this and aware of what networks are proposed in advance.	Carl, Alvaro, and Secretariat	Starting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider something to have as an ongoing way to share and communicate emerging technologies</li> <li>This needs to be jointly discussed with OCG.</li> <li>Emma also mentioned that OceanOPS wants to engage more with GRAs in their new 5-year plan.</li> </ul>
ACTION 5: Revise and update the GOOS Regional Policy (ToR)	Inga, Carl, Alvaro, Michelle...	Starting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">This action is being addressed as part of GOOS Governance reform.</a></li> </ul>

# Actions from GRA Forum XI – Collaboration among GRAs

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ACTION 7: Identify specific collaboration opportunities between GRAs addressing shared challenges, particularly for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Representatives from various GRAs [Throughout] Regular agenda item (update a spreadsheet as a living document)	Chair	Not Started	No progress.
ACTION 8: Meeting frequency—quarterly at first to see if it works with rotating times (secretariat to plan times) with a focus area for each NEXT MEETING WILL BE early Sept 90 mins	Secretariat	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held intersessional call November 2024 and April 2025.</li> <li>Next virtual meeting will be 16 Oct 2025.</li> <li>Next in-person meeting will be 23-25 March 2026, Hyderabad, India.</li> </ul>
ACTION 9: Consider providing a different update method than at the quarterly meetings / possibly in connection with a regional meeting / if people are already planning to meet somewhere to try and gather GRAs together	Secretariat	Starting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRA reporting template has been drafted and current solicit comments from GRA Council members. GRA reporting will be implemented by the end of 2025.</li> </ul>

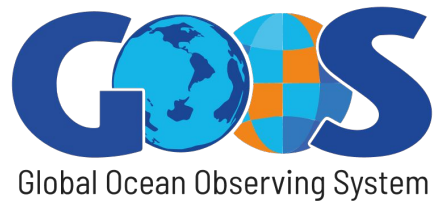
# Actions from GOOS SC-14 (1)

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Encouraged the GRA council to propose some <b>application areas</b> (and leverage these to their alliance members and wider GOOS components) to support data access and delivery to GOOS at regional and national level as well as report increases in data flow and national-level engagement to GOOS.	Secretariat, in collaboration with IODE	Starting	A list of GRA databases/data portals has been prepared and sent to Kevin for his suggestion on how to link the existing data with GOOS.
Recommended a virtual meeting (in 2025) between members of the GRA council and the GOOS co-design and Coast Predict programmes and then a subsequent GRA council call to discuss opportunities for strengthened engagement and data sharing.	Secretariat	Ongoing	Emma Heslop from GOOS Secretariat made a presentation on ' <a href="#">Operational requirements: RRR, Co-Design, GBON</a> ' at GRA Council Virtual Meeting in April 2025. Follow-up meeting needs to be organized to further discuss this ().
Recognised that, long-term, a mechanism to optimise and facilitate NFP and GRA engagement with, and reporting to, GOOS needs to be established.	Secretariat	Ongoing	A <a href="#">GRA Reporting Template</a> is drafted, and solicit for comments from GRAs.
Requested the GOOS SC Regional Experts to connect with GRAs and NFPs in their regions to optimise and enhance engagement with other GOOS components by these GRAs and NFPs as much as possible.	Secretariat, SC Regional Expert	Ongoing	Emma and Jing organized a workshop between IOCARIBE GOOS and OCG during OCG-16 in April 2025, trying to support the mapping and connection with OCG networks.

# Actions from GOOS SC-14 (2)

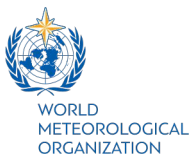
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Recommended that GRA representatives upload their meetings onto Ocean Expert, and request reports after GRA meetings	Secretariat	Ongoing	NEAR GOOS CC-22 was updated on OceanExpert: <a href="https://oceanexpert.org/event/4792">https://oceanexpert.org/event/4792</a>  <b>Challenge:</b> we are not aware of the GRA meetings/events, though we have a <a href="#">GRA event tracking sheet</a> .
Encourage participation of GOOS SC regional experts and GRA Council in the GRA annual/periodic meetings.	Secretariat, SC Regional Expert	Ongoing	Secretariat staff and SC Regional Experts are invited in GRA meetings, e.g. Jing Li and Alvaro were invited to NEAR GOOS CC-22 in March 2025; Jing Li attended GOOS Africa meeting in May 2025. <b>More?? OCEATLAN and GRASP??</b>
Recommended to hold a stakeholder meeting including with GOOS SC, expert panels, GRA, NFP, other IOC focal points and other relevant stakeholders.	Secretariat and SC	Ongoing	A GOOS Conference (100-200 people) provisionally scheduled for 2027 is included in the GOOS 2025-2027 workplan: <a href="https://oceanexpert.org/document/36646">https://oceanexpert.org/document/36646</a>





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