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*Annex 1*

Terms of Reference for the GOOS Steering Committee (Group of Experts)

Acting under the guidance and governance of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Governing Bodies, and with the active participation and support of Member States, the GOOS Steering Committee will carry out intersessional activities to:

(i) identify the essential ocean variables to observe, and develop and update as

necessary the scientific, technical and implementation plans and targets for GOOS, for

approval of the IOC Governing Bodies, co-sponsors and partners;

(ii) monitor, promote, and provide guidance on development and operation of GOOS in

accordance with agreed implementation plans;

(iii) regularly assess the performance of GOOS in providing users with fit-for-purpose data and information products;

(iv) identify and encourage research and operational programmes to enhance and improve GOOS;

(v) advise on developing the capacity of all Member States to participate in and benefit

from GOOS.

The GOOS Steering Committee will appoint a Chair from amongst its own membership.

The GOOS Steering Committee will produce a biennial Workplan for consideration by the IOC Governing Bodies and adoption by the Assembly. The Workplan will also be shared with other cosponsors. This Workplan will clearly identify dedicated resources and commitments necessary for each Workplan element. In executing the elements of the plan endorsed and resourced by the IOC Governing Bodies, and/or extrabudgetary sources, the GOOS Steering Committee will be supported by a GOOS Project Office within the IOC Secretariat.

The GOOS Steering Committee will have the authority to create and dissolve time limited panels according to the IOC rules of procedure within limits of resources available.

The chairs of appropriate coordinating and implementing bodies, both within and outside IOC, will be invited to participate in an ex-officio capacity. Such bodies would include, for example, subsidiary panels, the GOOS Regional Council, IODE and JCOMM.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The GOOS Steering Committee members can serve up to two consecutive two-year terms.

The GOOS Steering Committee may invite observers to its meetings.

Within the limits of resources available, the GOOS Steering Committee shall preferably meet annually face to face immediately preceding IOC Governing Body meetings.

*Annex 2*

Nomination Form

Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Steering Committee

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| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Profession (title) |  |
| Mobile phone number with country code |  |
| Email address |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Name of Employer |  |
| Gender |  |
| Career Level | * Early Career (Less than 10 years post higher education) * Mid-level * Senior level |
| Sector of work | * Government * Intergovernmental organization * Non-governmental organization * Research Institution * Private Sector * Philanthropy * Education * Other   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Please describe the relevant experience of the candidate and motivation for the role (max 400 words) |  |
| Please describe any previous involvement with the Global Ocean Observing System (max 200 words) |  |
| Please share an up-to-date CV |  |
| Please upload a statement from the employer stating the following. | *“I acknowledge in that in the case of Ms/Mrs/Mr/Mx \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is selected to serve as a member of the GOOS Steering Committee, he/she/they will be allowed to act in a personal capacity and will not be expected to represent in any way our organization or institution but act in the interest of the Global Ocean Observing System community*  *Name and signature of the representative of the employing structure”* |

**Nomination Submitted by:**

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| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Profession (title) |  |
| Name of your Employer |  |

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| Date |  |
| Signature |  |

Nomination Forms duly completed and signed along with the requested documents (nominee’s CV and signed statement from the employer) should be sent by **7 March 2024** to the ISC Secretariat by email to Katsia Paulavets ([katsia.paulavets@council.science](mailto:katsia.paulavets@council.science)).

1. Please note that the JCOMM has now been replaced by the WMO-IOC Joint Collaborative Board, WMO Resolution 9 (Cg-18) / IOC Resolution XXX-2 – Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board [↑](#footnote-ref-1)