

Annex 1

Terms of Reference for the OCG Vice Chair WMO/WIGOS

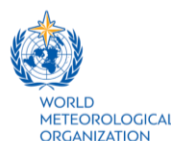
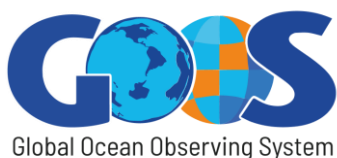
The OCG Vice Chair WMO/WIGOS will act as a bridge between the oceanographic and meteorological communities, and will undertake the following activities:

- Encourage and support the OCG ocean observing networks in becoming consistent with WIGOS principles and standards.
- Encourage and support the OCG ocean observing networks in delivering their observations data into the WMO Information System (WIS), and encouraging a shift from the Global Telecommunications System (GTS, being decommissioned by 2033) to the now-operational WIS 2.0.
- Encourage and support the OCG ocean observing networks in delivering their observational metadata to OceanOPS for synchronization with WIGOS metadata systems.
- Support EOVS based assessment and monitoring across the OCG networks and OceanOPS to encourage better cross-network coordination and design.
- Brings WMO and its Members perspectives into discussions within the OCG.
- Be the lead for OCG in discussions around other WMO and WIGOS initiatives (e.g. GBON, RRR), as required.
- Participate in various OCG meetings, its annual meeting, OCG Executive Calls, Roundtables and Task Team calls as appropriate.
- Represent OCG's intersectionality with WMO in various WMO and GOOS fora and events as appropriate.

The Vice Chair will work with other OCG members and representatives, WMO and IOC relevant groups (e.g. INFCOM's SC-ON, relevant JCB sub-groups, with OceanOPS and the OCG Vice Chair for Data and Information on matters relating to data and metadata).

Expertise required

- Familiarity with WMO policies and procedures.
- Experience with GOOS, the work of the OCG, and one or more of the GOOS observing networks.



- Expertise in national meteorological services' marine observations and familiarity with their modelling capabilities and services
- Familiarity with the global infrastructure of WIGOS, WIS, and the processing and prediction system WIPPS
- Experience or exposure to regional or international observing coordination would be advantageous.

Skills required

- Ability to communicate with diverse stakeholders.
- Analytical thinking and decision making.

Experience that would be advantageous

- Systems thinking and a system-wide perspective is important.
- Appreciation of private and public sector roles in advancing ocean observing.
- Knowledge of, and interest in, the application and impact of ocean observing for end users through value chains.

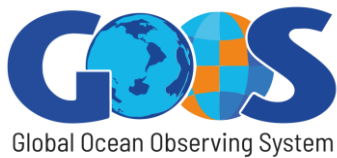
Annex 2

Commitments and practical information

The OCG includes the Co-Chairs, the Vice Chairs of Data Management, Standards and Best Practices, and WMO/WIGOS, the OceanOPS Manager, IOC and WMO secretariats, an ECOP/developing country focal point, and the leadership of the 13 mature global ocean observing networks and 4 emerging networks. See the OCG Terms of Reference, membership, governance, and operating principles [here](#).

Meetings:

- The OCG meets annually, generally in person, for 3.5 days to report on progress, discuss emerging topics, make decisions, and develop the annual work plan.



- There are also 3 OCG Roundtables (online) per annum, these are forums to evolve the OCGs work and interact on emerging issues.
- The OCG Executive Committee, which includes the Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs, OceanOPS, ECOP/developing country focal point, and IOC and WMO secretariats, meets biweekly online to evolve actions, Task Teams, plan meetings, respond to questions and issues as they arise, and track work plan.

Other commitments

- The Vice Chairs can also lead OCG Task Team/s as relevant/required, working with the secretariat and ensuring work is inline with long-term goals of OCG.

The role requires on average approximately 10% of a normal working week.