

**Coastal observations for all**

Session	Date	Start time	End time
1	12-10-2022	4:00 PM UTC	6:00 PM UTC
2	13-10-2022	6:00 AM UTC	8:00 AM UTC
3	13-10-2022	11:00 AM UTC	13:00 AM UTC

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Access to the resources needed to properly observe and monitor the coastal ocean is a major challenge faced by many countries and institutes around the world particularly in the context of pressures on energy resources and raw materials.

A wealth of valuable information can be gained from many regions through basic/traditional coastal oceanographic studies when conducted in conjunction with fixed-point coastal observing systems that are a component of existing and/or planned international programs. However, identical equipment and methods are also of great value in their own right, with applicability to diverse scientific and applied research questions and to coastal environments ranging from wetlands to estuaries to nearshore and open shelf settings.

A working group has been established under the IODE/IOC/GOOS Ocean Best Practices framework with the goal of identifying common and accepted best practices already in use within the community for observations of physical, chemical and biological parameters of the coastal ocean.

The purpose of this 2-hour interactive session is to share the initiative with as many people as possible to gain knowledge on what is being done and what is needed. In the agenda, a moment will be dedicated to the presentation of inspiring initiatives and then a panel discussion will be opened to confront the experiences and build a community of interest.

Before, during and after the session, the participants are invited to share their experiences, initiatives and contacts on the following website:

<http://www.coastalobsforall.com/>

Start Time T+	Duration	Title
00:00	00:15	Welcome, introduction by the conveners and presentation of the interactive tools
00:25	00:45	Presentation of 3 low-tech / low-cost approaches for oceanographic observation (in course or to come) / <i>may vary by session</i>
00:45	00:15	Presentation of existing training and capacity building programs
01:00	00:30	Discussions with the audience: what other solutions should be highlighted, what other needs should be addressed?
01:30	00:15	Wrap up - closing remarks
02:00		End of session