



**Evolving and Sustaining Ocean Best Practices IV
OBPS Workshop 2020
18; 21-25 & 30 Sep 2020 (Online)
(01 Sep, 2020 version)**

Workshop Summary

This workshop engages the ocean research and applications community on the creation and use of best practices. It draws on the experience of Ocean Best Practices System (OBPS) user groups and stakeholders on how the system should evolve to better fulfil its vision and mission with respect to their community’s needs. The workshop will produce a set of documents on community-specific and general recommendations for OBPS development and expanded community engagement.

Due to the current environment, the workshop is a web-based “virtual” meeting. This has allowed a format for broader global participation. Community engagement is the key goal of this meeting and working groups dominate the agenda.

The programme consists of a plenary on 18 September to provide background and kick off the working groups. The self-organized working groups meet sometime(s) during the span of September 21 -24 as determined by the working group lead/participants. The second plenary on September 25 is a series of discussions around the reports of the working groups and their recommendations. These recommendations will be integrated into a multi-year plan and presented at the final “mini-plenary” on September 30. The second plenary and mini-plenary will have two instances to accommodate time zones of our global participants.

Framework of Workshop Sessions

Thu 17 Sep 2020	Fri 18 Sep 2020	Mon 21 Sep 2020	Tue 22 Sep 2020	Wed 23 Sep 2020	Thu 24 Sep 2020	Fri 25 Sep 2020	Wed 30 Sep 2020
ECOP	P1	WG/CCT	WG/CCT	WG/CCT	WG/CCT	P2	Mini P

ECOP = Early Career Ocean Professionals

P = Plenary; WG/CCT = *Community Consultation (CC)* and *Cross-cutting Themes (CCT)*

Working Groups. The CC and CCT WG meetings may occur any time during the four day period indicated.

Agenda

18 Sep: Plenary 1 (4.5 Hours)

Time	Topic	Presenter
	<i>Introduction</i>	
Main Room 18.00 UTC 20 mins	<i>Background and Capabilities of OBPS</i> Presentation	Johannes Karstensen Jay Pearlman
Main Room 18.20 UTC 40 mins	<i>Discussion:</i> <i>Decade Implementation with respect to Best Practices (and an action plan for us)</i>	Lead: Elva Escobar Co-lead: Fangli Qiao
19.00 UTC 10 mins	<i>Transition to BREAKOUT Sessions</i>	
19.10 UTC 60 mins	<i>BREAKOUTS</i> <i>Cross-cutting Theme and Community Consultation Working Groups</i> <i>(breakout discussions will start from white papers distributed prior to the workshop)</i>	
	<i>Cross-cutting Themes</i>	
Room 2	<i>Convergence of methods and endorsement of best practices</i>	Lead: Juliet Hermes Co-lead: Johannes Karstensen Co-lead: Jordan van Stavel* Co-lead: Rebecca Zitoun*
Room 3	<i>Developing training and guidance materials as well as mechanisms for the submission (to the OBPS) and use of OBPS best practices</i>	Lead: Johanna Diwa Co-lead: Peter Pissierssens Co-lead: Sheri Rahman Schwartz* Co-lead: Abbie Akinyi Allela*
Room 4	<i>Data and information management: towards globally scalable interoperability</i>	Lead: Pier Luigi Buttigieg Co-lead: TBA Co-lead: Cem Serimozu*
Room 5	<i>Ethics and best practices for ocean observing and applications</i>	Lead: Michele Barbier Co-lead: Frederick Whoriskey Co-lead: Tobias Hahn Co-lead: Mackenzie Mazur*
Room 6	<i>Ocean Uncertainty Quantification</i>	Lead: Mark Bushnell Co-lead: Donata Giglio Co-lead: Christoph Waldmann Co-lead: Regina Easley Co-lead: Kimberlee Baldry*

Room 7	<i>Ocean Partnership Building</i>	Lead: Andrea McCurdy Co-lead: Jon White Co-lead: Maya C. Delaney* Co-lead: Nelly Isigi Kadagi*
<i>Community Consultation</i>		
Room 8	<i>Fisheries</i>	Lead: Peter Haugan Co-lead: Cisco Werner Co-lead: Marino-O-Te-Au Wichman* Co-lead: Eurico Pereira Morais*
Room 9	<i>Sargassum</i>	Lead: Emily Smail Co-lead: Cesar Toro Co-lead: Shelly-Ann Cox*
Room 10	<i>Marine Litter/Plastics</i>	Lead: Artur Palacz Co-lead: Rene Garello Co-lead: Ngozi Margaret Oguguah* Co-lead: Frolence Jovinary Peter*
Room 11	<i>Surface Radiation</i>	Lead: Meghan Cronin Co-lead: Elizabeth Thompson Co-lead: Maria Teresa Guerra*
Room 12	<i>Omics/eDNA</i>	Lead: Neil Davies Co-lead: Kathleen Pitz Co-lead: Robyn Mairin Samuel* Co-lead: Raïssa Meyer*
20.10 UTC 20 mins	<i>BREAK</i>	
Main Room 20.30 UTC 45 mins	<i>CC & CCT WGs Presentations (3 minutes each)</i>	Moderator and WG Leads
Main Room 21.15 UTC 60 mins	<i>Discussion on WG reports, integration across WG inputs and other things</i>	Moderator: Emma Heslop
5 minutes	<i>Close</i>	

* indicates ECOP co-lead

21-24 Sep: CC/CCT WGs online working sessions
(detailed session schedule to be defined by Leads and working group members)

25 Sep: Plenary 2: (4 Hours)

There are two instances of Plenary 2 to accommodate global participation.

Discussions will cover working group recommendations and participant interventions

Plenary 2 Instance 1	Plenary 2 Instance 2	Topic	Presenter
Main Room 15:00 UTC 60 mins	Main Room 02:00 UTC 60 mins	Session 1: Reports from each CC and CCT WG	CCT and CC WG leads or representatives Instance 1 Moderator: Cora Hörstmann (15.00 UTC) Instance 2 Moderator: TBA (02:00 UTC)
15 minutes	15 minutes	BREAK	
60 minutes	60 minutes	Session 2: Reports from each CC and CCT WG. (cont.)	CCT and CC WG leads or representatives Instance 1 Moderator: Jordan Van Stavel Instance 2 Moderator: TBA
15 minutes	15 minutes	BREAK	
60 minutes	60 minutes	Session 3: Synthesis discussion	Panel of WG leads/delegates (1 panel for each time zone instance)
25 minutes	25 minutes	Plenary Recommendations	TBA
5 minutes	5 minutes	Close	

30 Sep: Mini-Plenary (2 Hours)

There are two time instances of the Mini-Plenary to accommodate global participation .

The Workshop Committee will present a synthesis of the collected Working Group documents, stressing the resonance across Working Group recommendations considering areas of key strategic focus. Discussions cover synthesized Working Group recommendations, interventions, and answers to questions.

The outcome of the Workshop is a Final Report on Recommendations and Synthesis for community development of best practices and strategy for OBPS.

Mini Plenary Instance 1	Mini Plenary Instance 2	Topic	Presenter
Main Room 15:00 UTC 45 mins	Main Room 02:00 UTC 45 mins	Information and feedback session on WG and CCT report synthesis	<i>Instance 1</i> Moderator: Albert Fischer <i>Instance 2</i> Moderator: TBA
70 minutes	70 minutes	Consensus for priorities for three year planning	<i>Instance 1</i> Moderator: TBA <i>Instance 2</i> Moderator: TBA
5 minutes	5 minutes	Close	

Registration is open! Please register [HERE](#) using a gmail account. Registration will be required to participate in the OBPS Workshop IV. There is no registration fee. **Please note due to unanticipated popularity registration will be closed Sunday 13 Sep 2020 @ 12 Noon UTC.**

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