

## Call for Nominations for the GEO Blue Planet Advisory Board

**The Group on Earth Observations Oceans and Society: Blue Planet Initiative (GEO Blue Planet) is seeking nominations of high level ocean data providers and user representatives (such as individuals affiliated with international non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, development banks, etc.) to serve on the Initiative’s Advisory Board.**

The Advisory Board will provide oversight and strategic direction to GEO Blue Planet. Serving on the Advisory Board will provide an opportunity to guide the direction of collaborative efforts related to ocean observations in the context of sustainable development and advocate for need for ocean observations and services for societal benefit.

The Advisory Board will meet quarterly via teleconference and, if possible, once yearly in person. Advisory Board members will serve a 2 year term, renewable once.

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Selection will be based on:

- Expertise in steering, coordinating and/or managing international ocean and coastal observation, management, policy or funding programmes.
- How the applicant complements GEO Blue Planet’s goal and objectives.
- The need for Advisory Board diversity (expertise, institutional background, gender and geographical balance).

For additional information about GEO Blue Planet, please see the:

- [GEO Blue Planet Brochure](http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Blue-Planet-Brochure-Letter-WEB.pdf)<sup>1</sup>
- [GEO Blue Planet Terms of Reference](http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Blue-Planet-TOR_Dec02_2016.pdf)<sup>2</sup>, and the
- [GEO Blue Planet website](http://geoblueplanet.com/)<sup>3</sup>.

**If you are interested in nominating a member to the GEO Blue Planet Advisory Board, please send the name and contact information of your nominee along with a brief statement on the nominee’s experience, expertise relevant to GEO Blue Planet and if the nominee would be officially representing their organization to [info@geoblueplanet.com](mailto:info@geoblueplanet.com) with the subject line “Nomination for GEO Blue Planet Advisory Board” before February 17, 2017. Self nominations are welcome.**

<sup>1</sup> <http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Blue-Planet-Brochure-Letter-WEB.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Blue-Planet-TOR\\_Dec02\\_2016.pdf](http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Blue-Planet-TOR_Dec02_2016.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://geoblueplanet.com/>