

Call for Nominations for the GEO Blue Planet Steering Committee

The Group on Earth Observations Oceans and Society: Blue Planet Initiative (GEO Blue Planet) is seeking nominations of ocean and coastal observing experts and ocean and coastal-related service users, ocean and coastal social science and policy experts, industry representatives, non-governmental organization representatives, non-profit organization representatives and intergovernmental organization representatives to serve on the Initiative's Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is the main decision-making body of GEO Blue Planet and is responsible for coordinating GEO Blue Planet's activities. Serving on the Steering Committee will provide an opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders in ocean observing, ocean management, ocean policy and sustainable development, and to identify priorities and projects that link ocean observation providers with users.

The Steering Committee will meet in person once yearly and monthly via teleconference. Steering Committee members are expected to cover their own travel costs, though limited funding may be available to support representatives from developing countries. Steering Committee members serve a 3-year term with the potential for two one-year extensions. The expected time commitment is 5 to 10 hours per month.

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Selection will be based on:

- Expertise in ocean and/or coastal observation data collection, processing, dissemination or use.
- How the nominee complements the expertise of the existing Steering Committee members.
- The need to strengthen Steering Committee diversity (expertise, institutional background, gender and geographical balance).

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

- [GEO Blue Planet Brochure](#)¹,
- [GEO Blue Planet Terms of Reference](#)², and the
- [GEO Blue Planet website](#)³.

If you are interested in nominating a member to the GEO Blue Planet Steering Committee, please send the name and contact information of your nominee along with a brief statement on the nominee's experience and expertise relevant to GEO Blue Planet to info@geoblueplanet.com with the subject line "Nomination for GEO Blue Planet Steering Committee" before February 17, 2017. Self nominations are welcome.

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

² http://geoblueplanet.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Blue-Planet-TOR_Dec02_2016.pdf

³ <http://geoblueplanet.com/>