

# 2<sup>nd</sup> POGO Directors' Meeting Agenda

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21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**Radisson Blu Hotel**  
301 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G2 8DL, UK

*Background information:*

See <https://pogo-ocean.org/about/pogo-meeting/2nd-directors-meeting/>

- Report from last Directors' Meeting and session outcome reports
- Other activity reports
- Reading materials on partner organisations and member initiatives.

<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026</b>		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Notes/speakers</i>
<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	<b>Introductory session (Francisco Arias)</b>  <b>9:00 Meeting opening &amp; welcome</b> <b>9:05 Format of meeting and expected outcomes</b> <b>9:10 Overview of POGO activities 2025/26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General overview</li> <li>- Regional Node update</li> </ul>	Sophie Seeyave/Francisco Arias Hui Zhou
<b>9:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Innovation in ocean observing</b>  <b>Presentations:</b> <i>Existing POGO Programmes:</i>  <b>9:35 International Quiet Ocean Experiment (IQOE)/ Ocean Sound EOVI Implementation</b>  <b>9:45 Ocean Biomolecular Observing Network (OBON)</b>	<b>Chair: Fei Chai</b> Leads: Technology WG  Karolin Thomisch (pre-recorded)  Margaret Leinen

	<p><i>Emerging POGO initiatives:</i></p> <p><b>10:00 POGO Technology WG</b></p> <p><b>10:15 Quantum Ocean</b></p> <p><b>10:30 Discussion:</b> <i>Direction and core activities for POGO Technology WG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industry engagement</li> <li>- Horizon scanning/information sharing among members</li> <li>- Low-cost technology development</li> </ul>	<p>Fei Chai/Tony Knap</p> <p>Steve diMarco</p>
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:30 - 13:00</b>	<p><b>Towards Environmentally Sustainable Ocean Observations</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <p><b>11:35 Update from WG</b></p> <p><b>11:50 Presentation on IMO GHG emissions regulation</b></p> <p><b>12:05 Discussion:</b> <i>Proposed road map for POGO (to be implemented under the WG's leadership)</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Kate Hendry</b> Leads: Environmentally Sustainable Ocean Obs WG</p> <p>Kate Hendry</p> <p>Yasuhiro Namba</p>
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<p><b>Policy engagement</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <p>14:05 Update from Advocacy WG</p> <p>14:15 G7 FSOI</p> <p>14:30 G20/Oceans 20</p> <p>14:45 Presentation on BBNJ status and plans for implementation</p> <p><b>15:00 Discussion:</b> <i>How to strengthen POGO engagement with intergovernmental organisations (including</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Margaret Leinen</b> Leads: Advocacy WG</p> <p>Margaret Leinen</p> <p>Jean-Marc Daniel</p> <p>Tammy Morris/Kilaparti Ramakrishna</p> <p>Kilaparti Ramakrishna</p>

	IOC/GOOS), through POGO as an organisation as well as via its members?	
<b>16:00 -16:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:30 - 17:30</b>	<p><b>Advocacy for funding of ocean observations</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <p>16:35 Update from Advocacy WG</p> <p>16:45 Presentation on the intersection between ocean observation, GOOS, and sustainable finance/private-sector mobilisation</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> <i>Engagement/membership opportunities for OOF and SBE FI and other avenues/partnerships to advocate for funding</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Katja Matthes</b> Leads: Advocacy WG</p> <p>Katja Matthes</p> <p>Martin Koehring (online)</p>
<b>19.00 - 22:00</b>	<p><b>"No host" dinner</b> <b>Green Gates, 285 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3HQ</b></p>	

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026</b>		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>9:00 - 11:00</b>	<p><b>Partner and guest organisations</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b>            9:00 GOOS            9:15 Ocean Obs' 29            9:30 GESAMP            9:45 Mission Neptune            10:00 Starfish barometer</p> <p><b>10:15 Discussion:</b>  <i>Next steps for strengthening engagement with partner organisations in the context of advancing priorities discussed on Day 1.</i></p>	<p><b>Chair: Francisco Arias</b></p> <p>Joanna Post (online)            Fei Chai            Peter Kershaw            Ashok Adiceam/Margaret Leinen/Vladimir Ryabinin/Jean-Marc Daniel            Mahe Butel (online)</p>
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:30 - 12:30</b>	<p><b>POGO member presentations</b></p> <p>11.30 New member introduction: Voice of the Ocean            11.40 GEOMAR -FUTURO programme            11.50 FIO ocean observing programmes            12.00 CMCC -EuroGOOS Science Advisory WG (SAWG) White Paper on "Affordable Technologies for Marine Observation: Low-Cost and Cost-Effective Approaches".            12.10 IOCAS -MOSAIC programme</p> <p><b>12.20 Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p><b>Chair: Sophie Seeyave</b></p> <p>Louise Biddle            Katja Matthes            Xingyong Xu            Marco Marcelli            Fan Wang</p>
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>POGO AGM</b>	<b>Chair: Francisco Arias</b>
<b>15:30 -16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	<b>POGO Board Meeting</b>	<b>Chair: Francisco Arias</b>