

NFP Implementation Development Task Team

Progress Report

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Task Team Meetings:

1st Meeting: 2 April 2025 – to develop the questions and answers that NFP Implementation Guidelines should address.

2nd Meeting: 2 September – to refine the answers to the questions.

Progress:

1. Define the questions and answers that the NFP Implementation Guidelines will address
2. Prepare the Proposal for NFP Implementation Guidelines ([link](#))
 - Outlines (drafted)
 - Annex 1: List of other National Focal Points related to GOOS (Complete)
 - Annex 2: GOOS Resources Directory (Complete)
 - Annex 3: NFP Reporting Template (Under development)
 - Collection of National Report Templates ([folder](#)): [Argo](#) (2025) | [SOT](#) (2025) | [DBCP](#) (2024) | [GLOSS](#) (multi-years) | [NODC](#) (2021-2022, a summary)
 - Analyse the existing national report templates ([analysis report](#))

Questions for GOOS Steering Committee:

Q1. Is an annual report required from each NFP? If yes, what should be included that avoids duplication of effort (since countries submit multiple annual reports for ocean observing networks etc.). Should reporting contain information that the IOC-UNESCO country reps would find useful for their annual meeting (keeping them abreast of all ocean obs activity in each country)? Should the reporting template (content) be co-created with the national IOC-UNESCO reps.?

Q2. Would a welcome pack for new joiners be useful to the NFPs?

Q3. What kind of activities are expected to be accomplished by the NFP? What does SC imagine that NFP could do, despite the Terms of Reference? Considering that the ToR could be ambitious for beginners or new NFPs.

Next Steps & Proposed Timelines:

1. Receiving the feedback from GOOS SC (25 September 2025)

2. Further refine the outline and share it to NFP for comments (10 October 2025).
3. Present the progress on NFP implementation Guidelines development and solicit comments from NFP during the 3rd NFP Forum (27 October 2025)
4. Prepare the draft text of the Guidelines (by 31 December 2025)
5. Seek for GOOS SC approval (March 2026)